The Queens Gambit Declined Cambridge Springs Defense (D52) Collection

Chess Notes 2025

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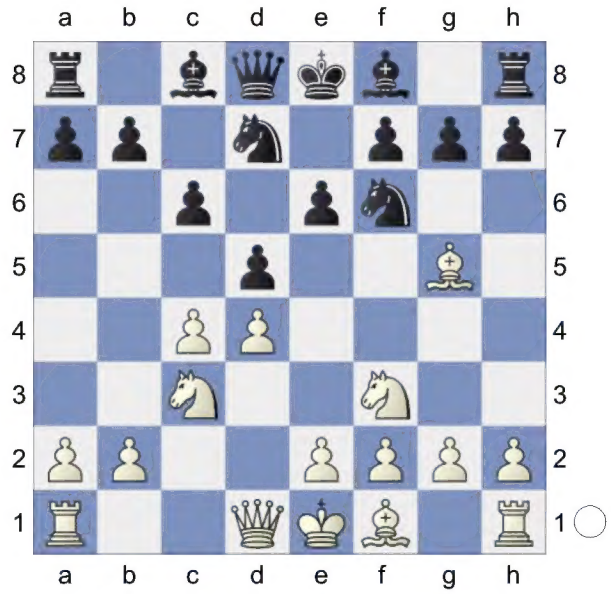
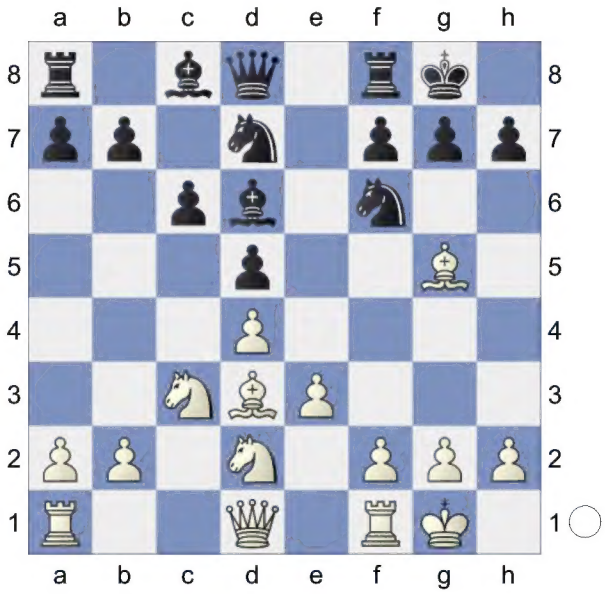
Blitz 3min
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...exd5 8.Nd2N
[8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ Ne6 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]
8...Bd6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Qd8



11.Qc2 White is slightly better. **11...h6 12.Bh4 Re8 13.h3 Qc7 14.Rae1** -0.21/19
[⌓14.e4 0.23/18 dxe4 15.Ndxe4 *(15.Ncxe4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf8=)*]
14...g5= 15.Bg3 Bxg3

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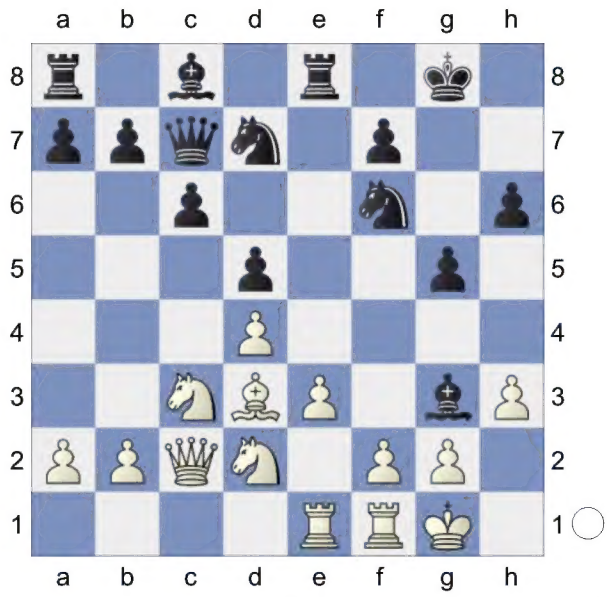
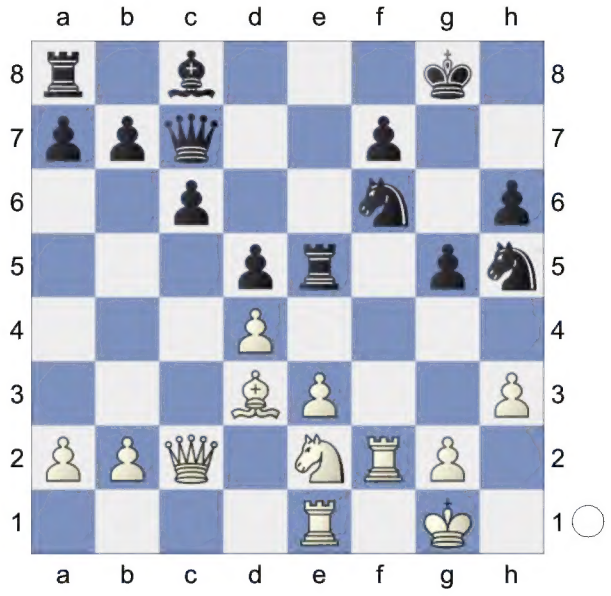


16.fxg3 Qxg3 17.Nf3 Nh5 18.Rf2 Ndf6 0.33/19

[18...a5= -0.19/16]

19.Ne2± Qc7 20.Ne5 Rxe5



21.dxe5 Qxe5 22.Qc3

[22.Ref1 keeps more tension. Be6 23.g4 Qxe3 24.gxh5 Bxh3 25.Qc3]

22...Qxc3 23.bxc3 g4 24.Ref1 h3xg4 is the strong threat. **24...Kg7 25.Bf5 gxh3**

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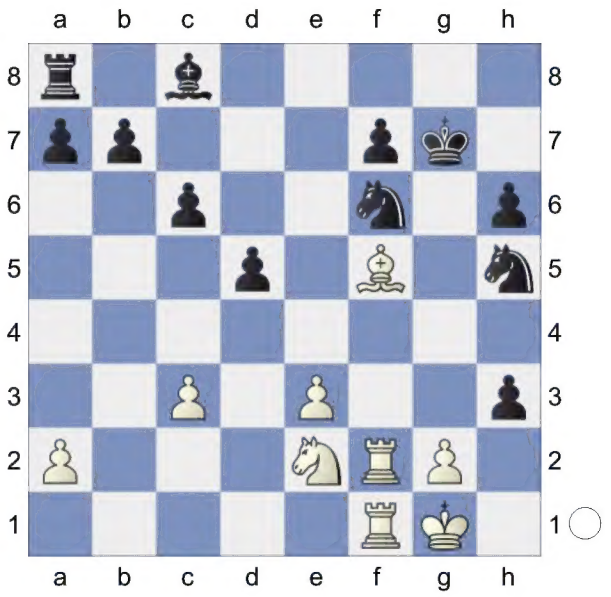
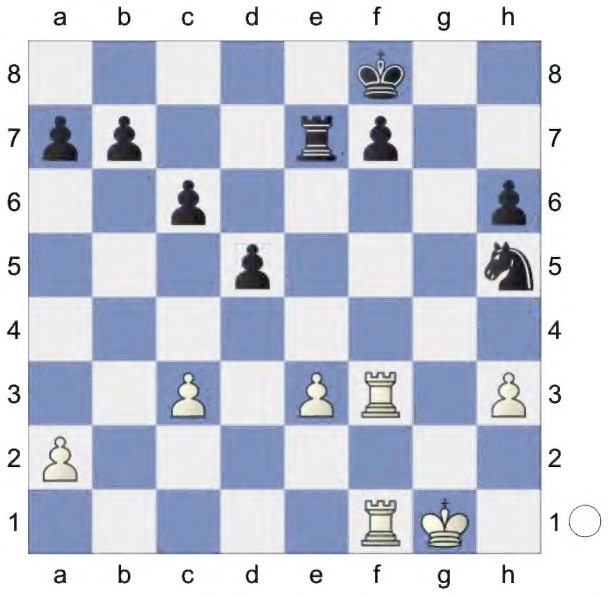


26.gxh3 Bxf5 27.Rxf5 Ne2-f4 would now be deadly. **27...Re8 28.R5f3 Kf8 29.Nf4↑** Black must now prevent Nf4xh5. White has good play.

[29.Rxf6 Nxf6 30.Rxf6 Rxe3=]

29...Re7 30.Nxh5 Nxh5



Endgame. KRR-KRN **31.Kf2 Ng7 32.Rf6** White has compensation. **32...h5 33.Ke2 a6** 0.61/21

[33...Ne8= 0.17/20 34.R6f5 Ng7]

34.Rh6! Re5 35.Kd3 Ne8

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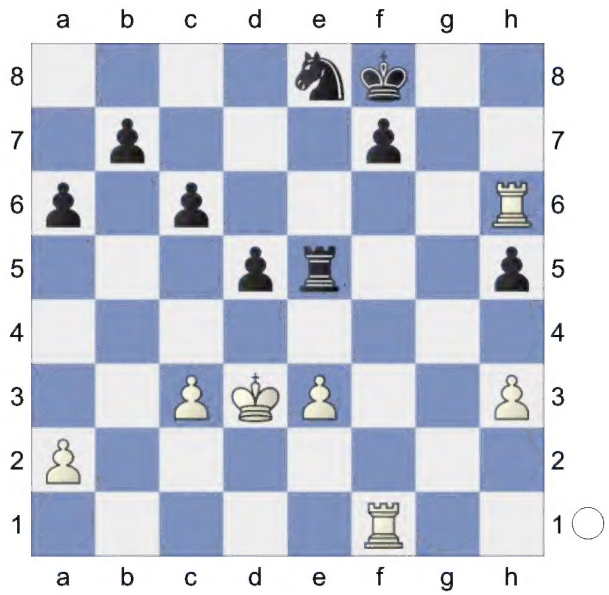


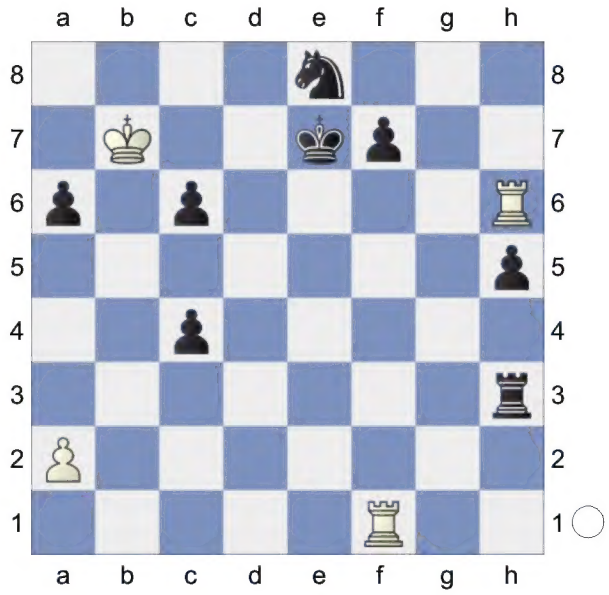
Threatens to win with ...Kf8-g7. **36.Kd4** White is more active. **36...Re4+ 37.Kc5! Ke7 38.Kb6!**

[38.Rxh5? Nf6 *(38...Rxe3 39.Kb6=)* 39.Rxf6 Kxf6-+]

38...Rxe3 39.c4

[39.Kxb7 Rxc3 40.Rxc6 *(40.Rxh5 Nd6+ 41.Kc7 Ne8+ 42.Kb6 Nd6=)* 40...Rxh3=]

39...dxc4 40.Kxb7 Rxh3



41.Kxc6 Re3 Prevents Rf1-e1 **42.Kc5** Discovered Attack **42...Ra3 43.Re1+ Kd7 44.Rd1+**

[44.Kxc4 Rxa2 45.Rd1+ *(45.Rxh5 Rd2±)* 45...Kc7±]

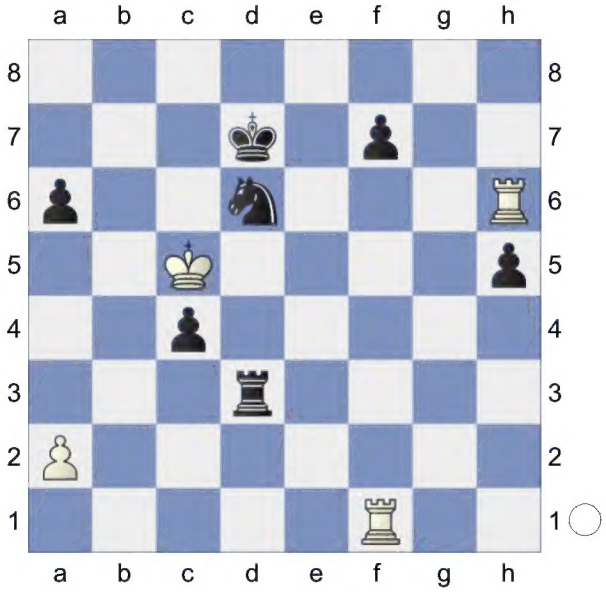
44...Rd3? 2.62/21

[Better is 44...Ke7± 0.37/21]

45.Rf1 1.50/19

[White should try 45.Rxd3++- 2.62/21 cxd3 46.Rxh5 *(46.Rxa6? perishes. d2-+)*]

45...Nd6±



46.Rff6! Deflection **46...Ne4+ 47.Kxc4 Rc3+ 48.Kd4 Nxf6 49.Kxc3+-** KR-KN **49...Ke6 50.Kd2! Ke5** 1.38/23

[⌓50...Kf5 0.90/23]

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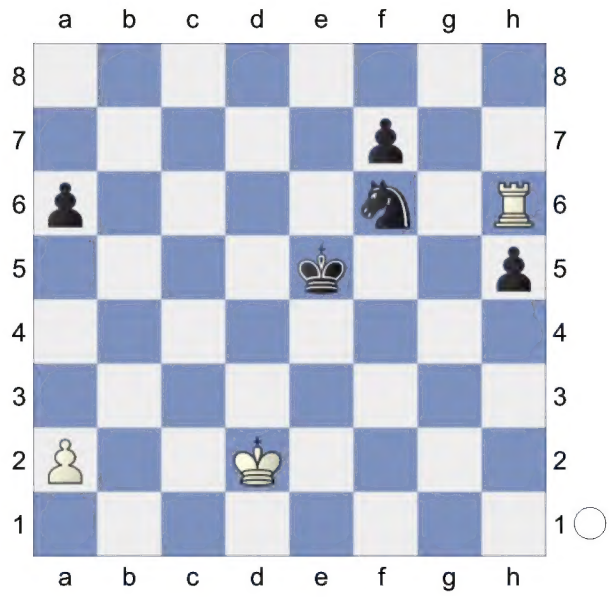

51.Ke1± Kf5 52.Ke2 0.87/23
[⌓52.Rh8 1.59/23]
52...Ke6 1.62/24
[52...Kg5± 0.87/23 53.Rh8 Nd5]
53.Kf2 a5 1.89/22
[53...Kf5± 1.52/22 54.Kf3 Ke5]
54.Kf3+- Ke5 2.94/25
[⌓54...a4 1.94/24 55.Kf4 Ke7]
55.Rh8 aiming for Rh8-a8. **55...Kd4?** 3.01/24
[55...Nd5± 1.21/22 56.Ra8 *(56.Rxh5+ f5±)* 56...Kd4 57.Rxa5 Kc4]

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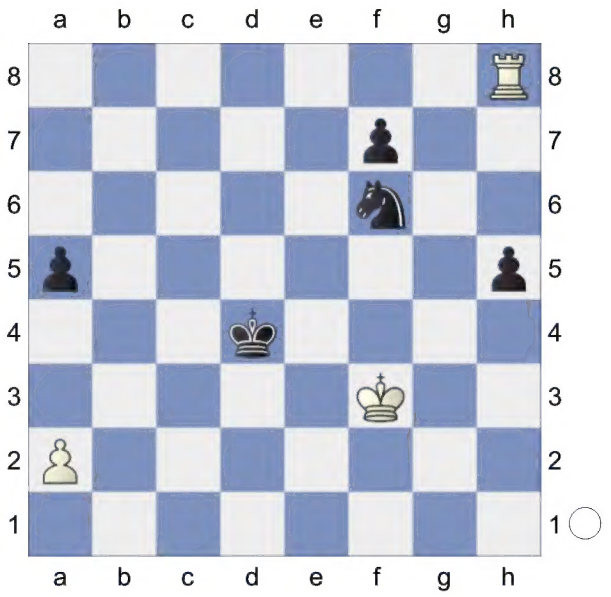
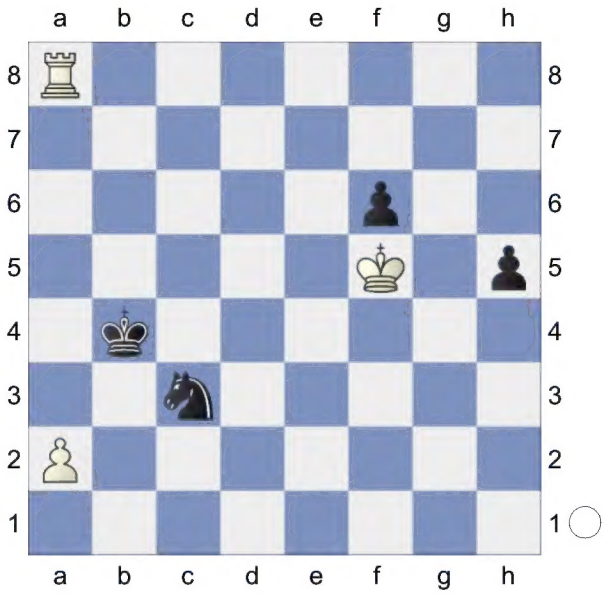


56.Ra8 Kc4 57.Rxa5 Nd5 58.Ra8 Kb4 59.Ke4 Nc3+ 60.Kf5 f6



61.Kxf6 h4 62.Ke5! h3 63.Rb8+ Ka4? 5.45/31
[Black should play 63...Nb5!± 0.48/28]

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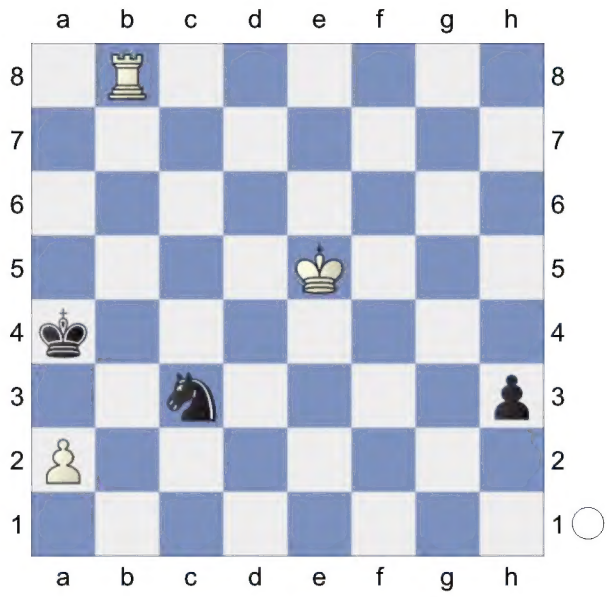
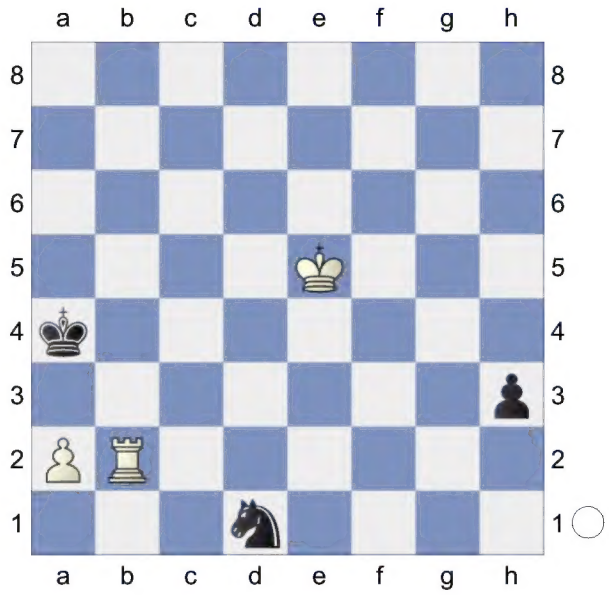


White now steadily converts the win.
64.Rb2! Nd1



65.Rd2! Ne3

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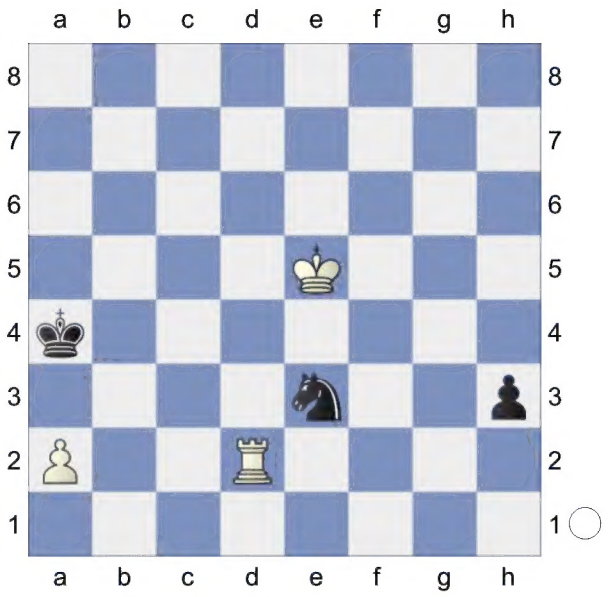
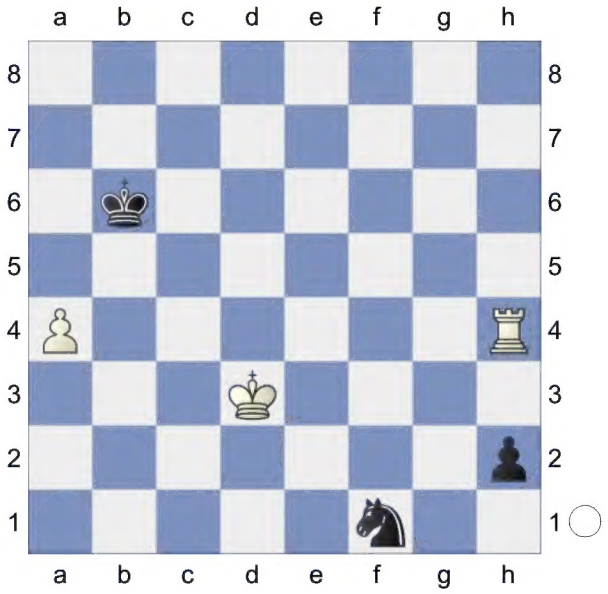


66.Rd4+ Kb5 67.Rh4 h2 68.Ke4
[Stronger than 68.Rxh2 Ng4+ 69.Ke4 Nxh2=]
68...Nf1 69.Kd3 Kc5 70.a4 Kb6



71.Rh5 Ka6 72.a5 Kb7 73.Kc4
Threatening mate with Kc4-b5. **73...Ka6**
74.Kb4 Rh5-h6+ would kill now.
74...Ng3 75.Rxh2 #14/24
[75.Rh6++- 18.72/25 Kb7 76.Rxh2]
75...Nf5

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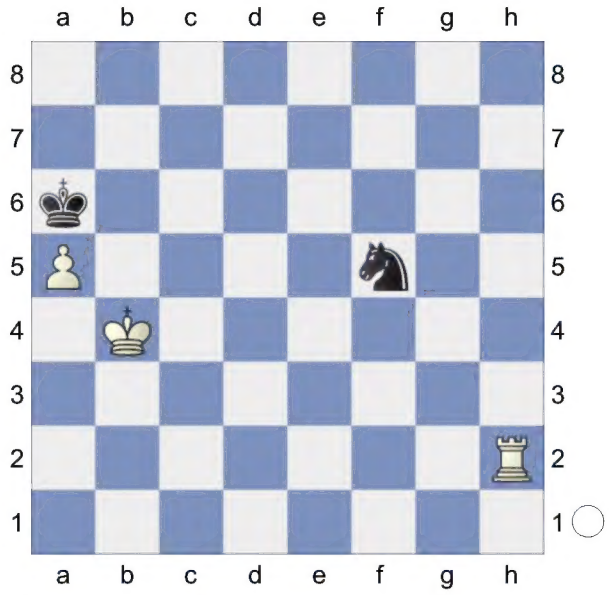
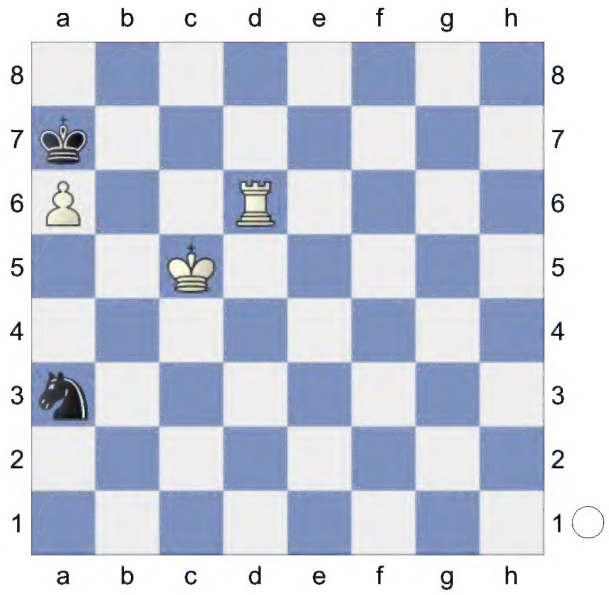


76.Rf2 Nd4 77.Rf6+ Kb7 78.a6+ Ka7 79.Kc5 Nc2 80.Rd6 Na3



81.Rd3 Kxa6 82.Rxa3+ KR-K **82...Kb7 83.Kb5** White wants to mate with Ra3-c3. **83...Kc7 84.Rd3** White threatens Rd3-d5 and mate. **84...Kb7 85.Rc3** White mates. **85...Ka7**

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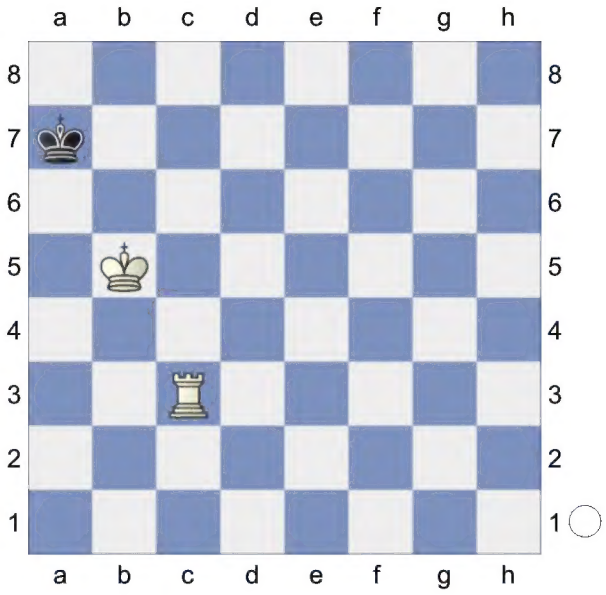
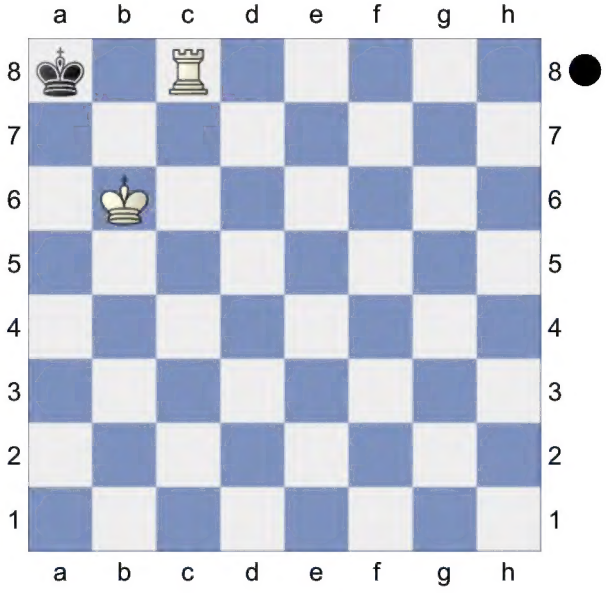


86.Kc6 Kb8 87.Kb6 Ka8 88.Rc8#



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2 **D52**
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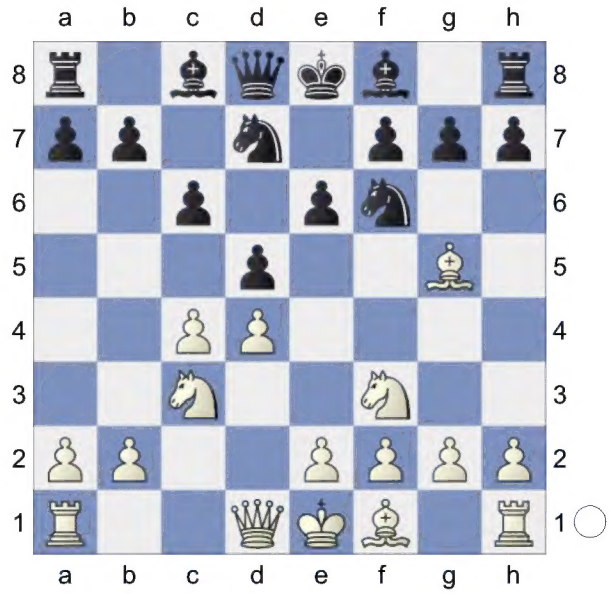
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
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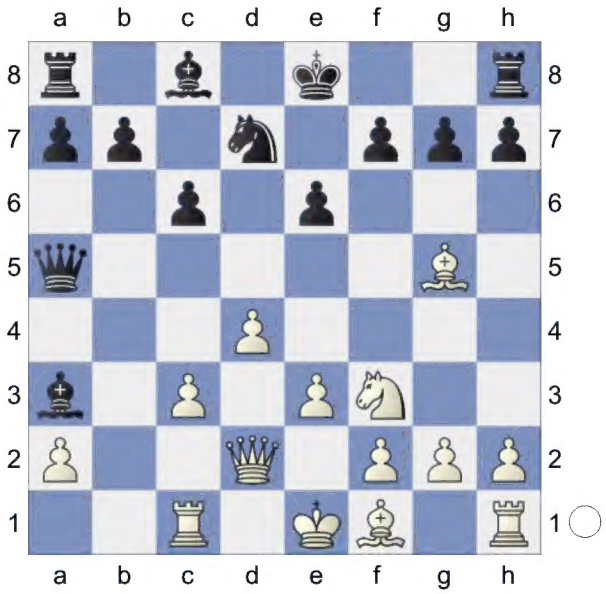
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3



11.Rb1 b6 White is slightly better.
12.Qc2 h6 13.Bf4 Ba6 14.h4 Be7 15.Bxa6 Qxa6

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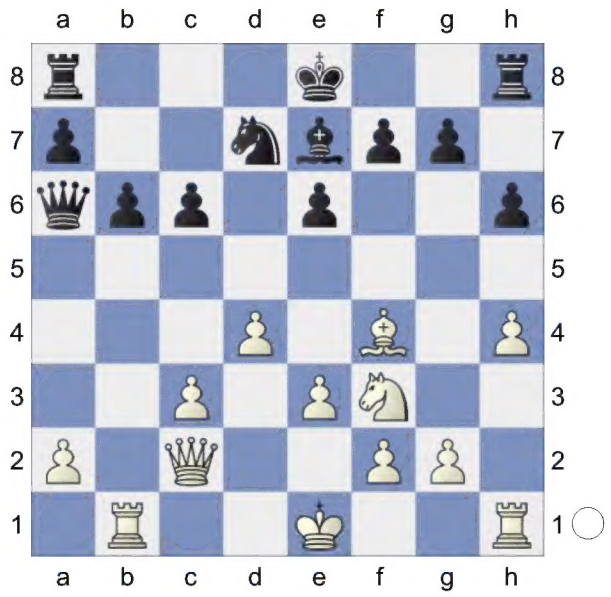
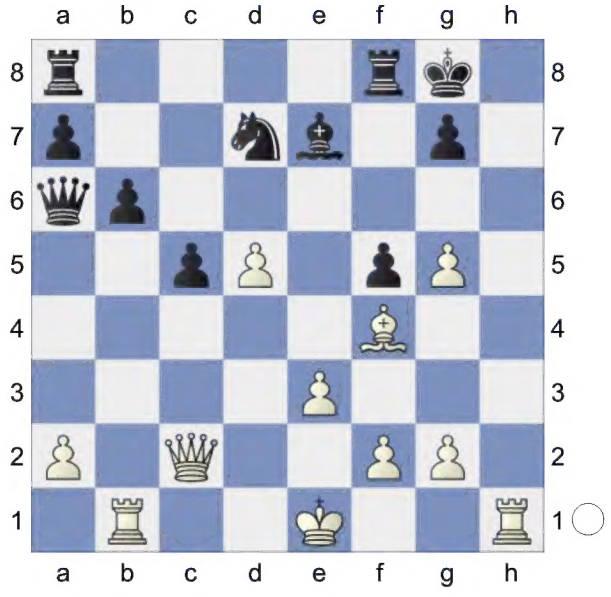


16.c4 c5 17.d5 exd5 18.cxd5 d5-d6 would now be deadly. **18...0-0 19.Ng5 hxg5** 0.91/18
[19...Nf6± 0.51/20]
20.hxg5± f5



21.d6 Bd8 22.a4 Rf7 23.Rc1 0.41/22 White is much more active.
[23.Rb5± 1.20/21 Bxg5 24.Bxg5]
23...Bxg5 0.79/19 **24.Bxg5** White leaves nothing to chance now.
24...Qb7 25.Kf1 Qe4

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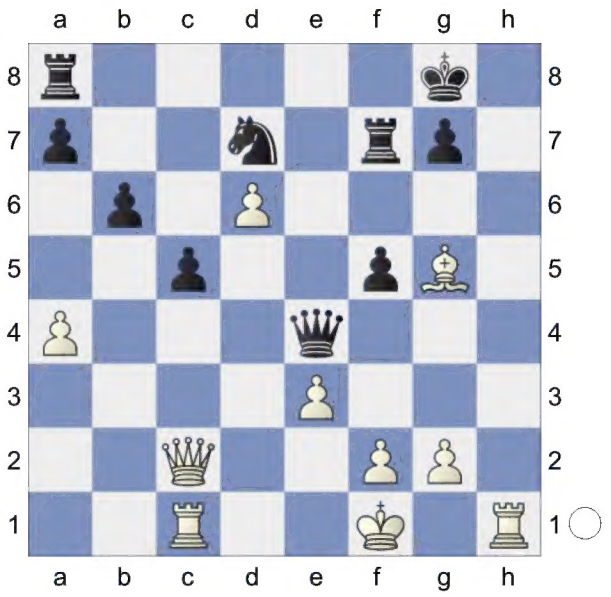
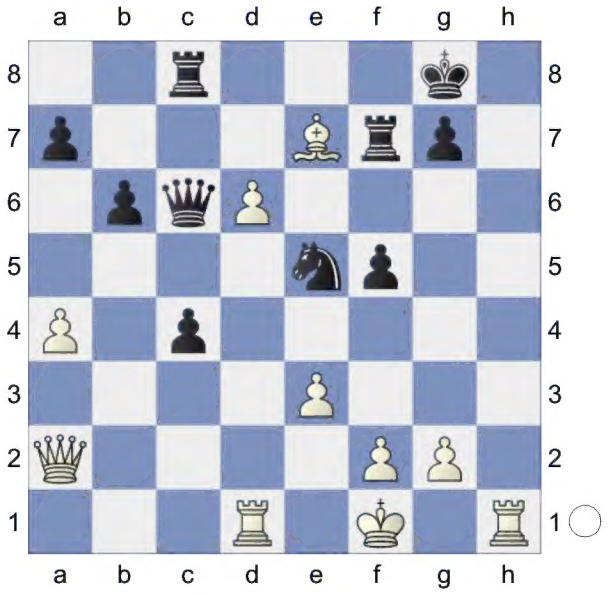


26.Qb3 Ne5 Wards off Rc1-c4 **27.Rd1** Prevents Qe4-d3+. **27...c4 28.Qa2** Hoping for Rd1-d4. **28...Qc6 29.Be7 Rc8** 1.69/23
[29...c3± 1.13/19]



30.Rd4!+- Re8

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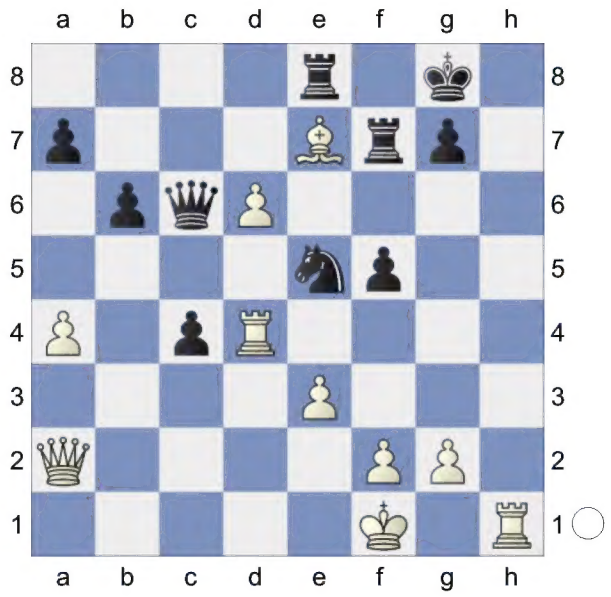
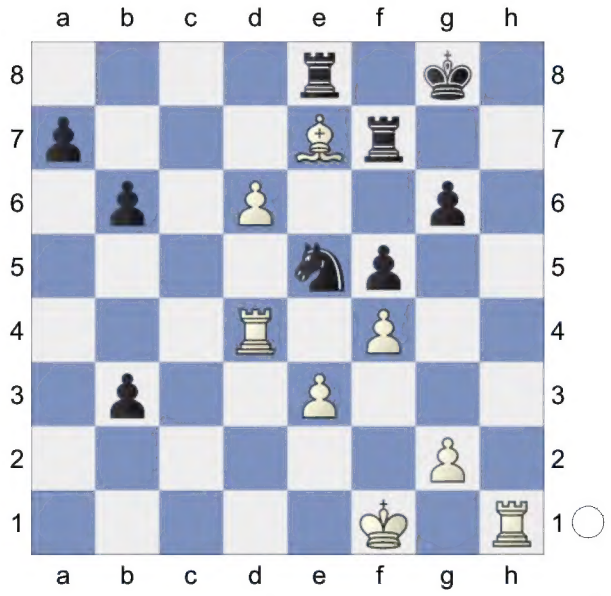


31.Qe2 g6 Prevents Qe2-h5. **32.Qc2→** Black must now prevent Qc2-c3. White goes for the king. **32...Qd7?** 4.35/24
[32...Rfxe7 2.35/21 33.dxe7 Rxe7]
33.Qc3 Strongly threatening Rh1-h8+!
33...Qxa4 6.66/25
[⌓33...Rfxe7 4.50/21 34.dxe7 Qxe7]
34.f4 Qb3 35.Qxb3 cxb3



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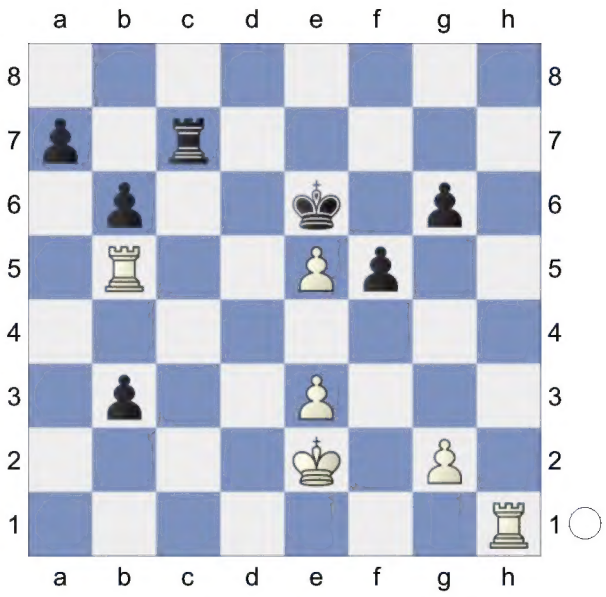

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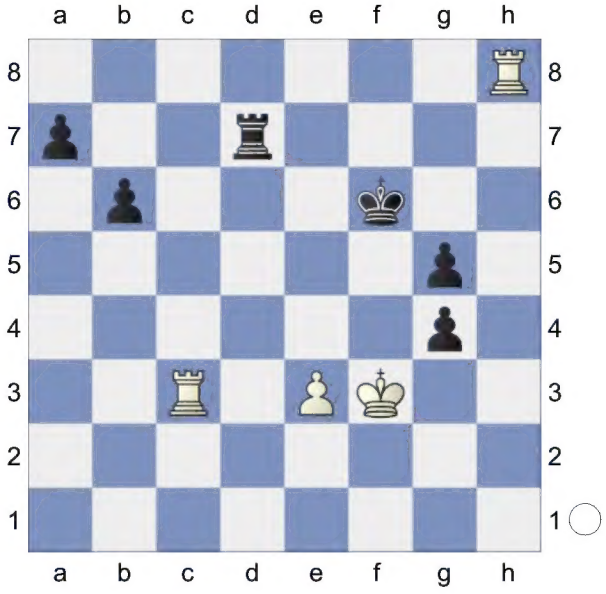

46.Kxg4 Re7 47.Rc6+ Ke5 48.Rcc8 Rb7 49.Rcd8 Threatens to win with Rh8-e8+. **49...Ke6 50.e4** Intending Rh8-h6+ and mate. **50...Rc7**

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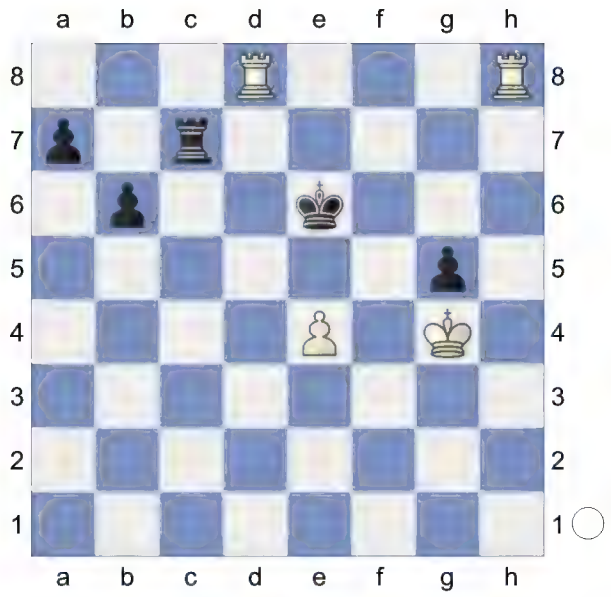

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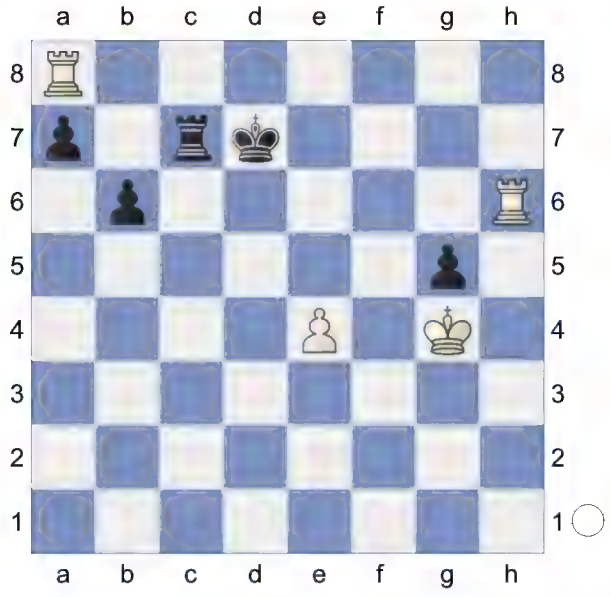

53.Rxa7!! Rxa7 KR-KR **54.Rh7+**
Skewer
[Worse is 54.Rxb6 Ra5=]
[54.Kxg5 Ra2=]
54...Ke6 55.Rxa7 Ke5

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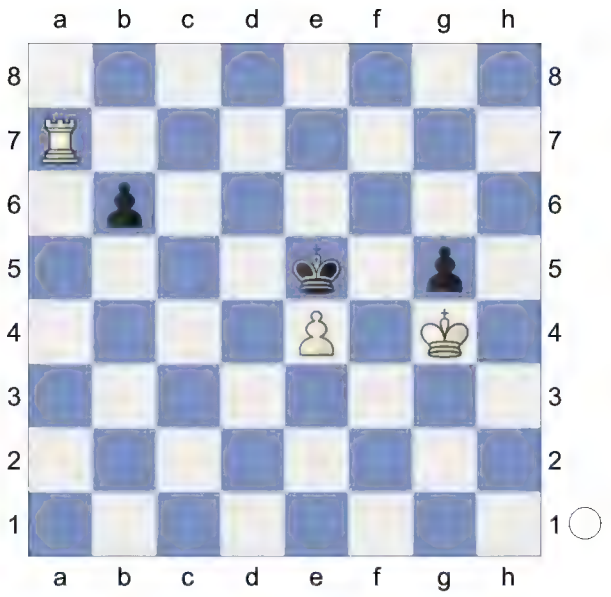
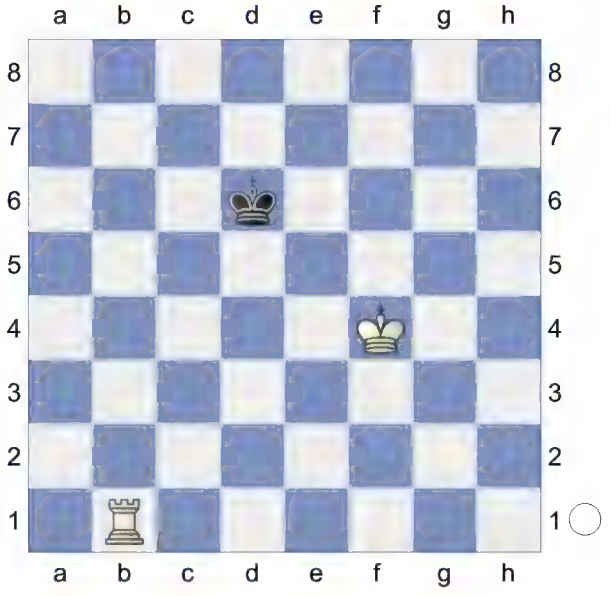


56.Kxg5 Kxe4 KR-KP **57.Rb7 Kd4 58.Rxb6** KR-K **58...Kd5 59.Kf4 Kc5 60.Rb1 Kd6**



61.Ke4 Kc6 62.Ke5 Kc5 63.Rc1+ Kb4 64.Kd5 Kb3 65.Rc4 Ka3

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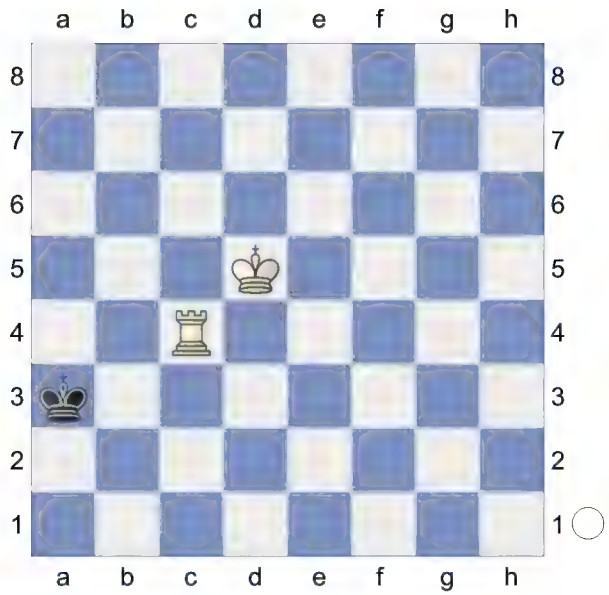
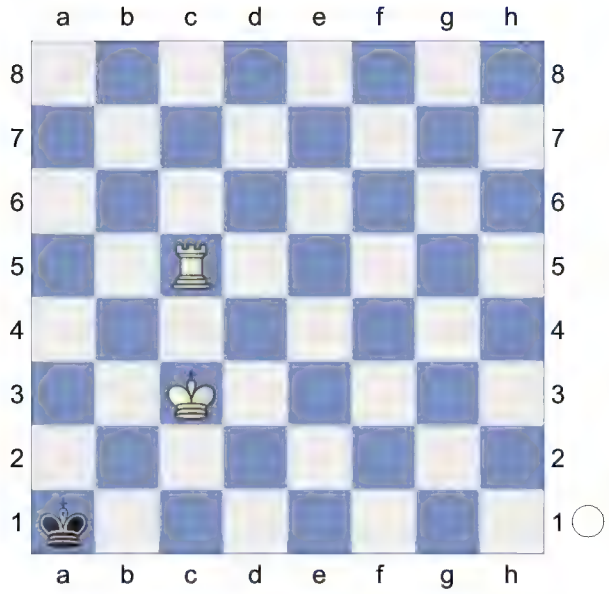


66.Kc5 Kb3 67.Kb5 Ka2 68.Kb4 White threatens Kb4-c3 and mate. **68...Kb2 69.Rc5** White mates. **69...Ka2 70.Kc3 Ka1**



71.Kc2 Ka2 72.Ra5#

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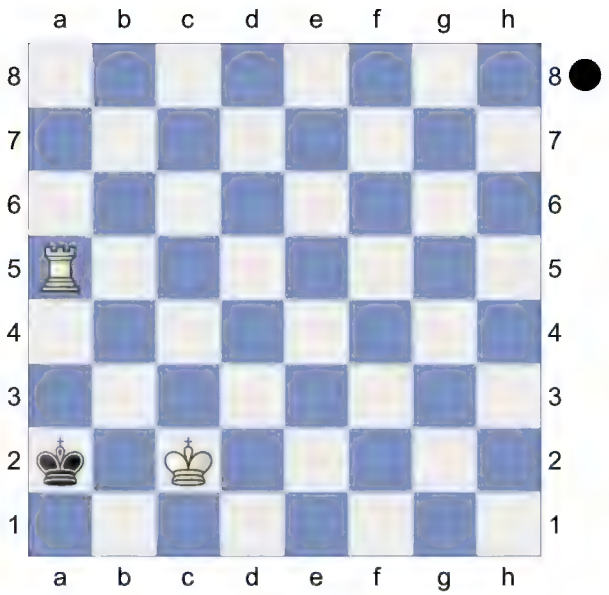

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3 **D52**
□ **Leelamultiposs** **3110**
■ **Bitbybyte** **2779**
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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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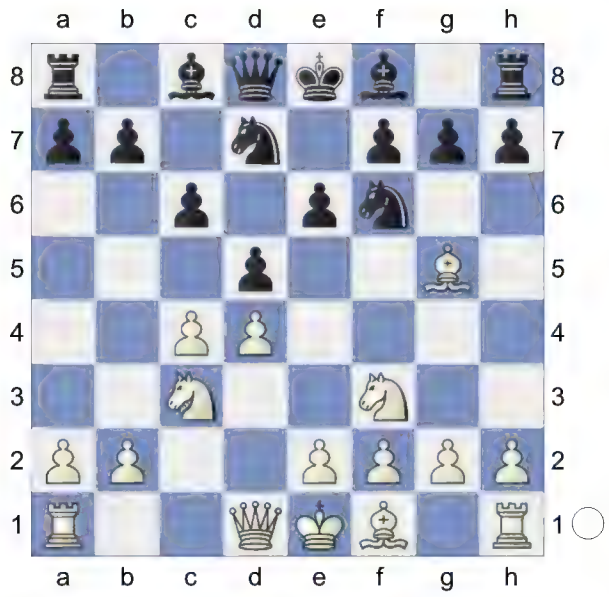


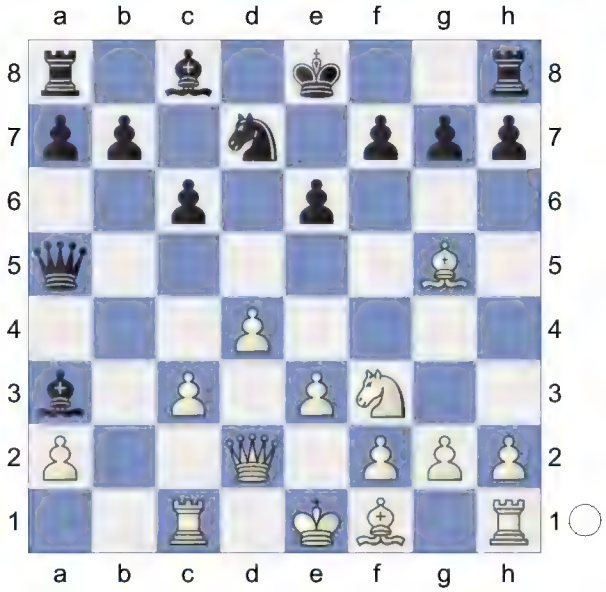
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5

[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

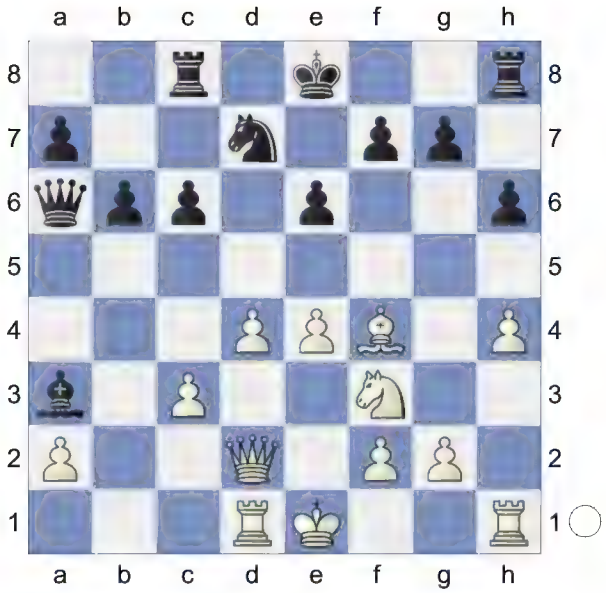
7...Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3



11.Rd1 b6 The position is equal. **12.e4 h6 13.Bf4 Ba6 14.h4 Rc8 15.Bxa6 Qxa6**



16.Qc2 0-0 17.Rh3 Be7 18.Rg3 Kh8 19.e5 Rfd8 20.Qd2 Kh7

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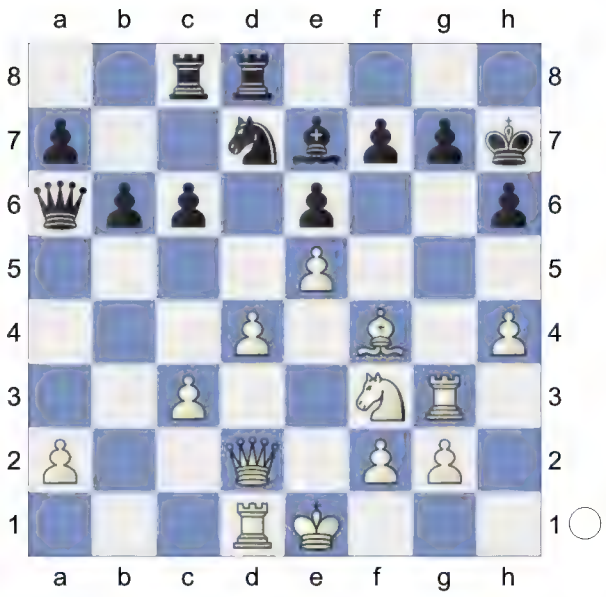
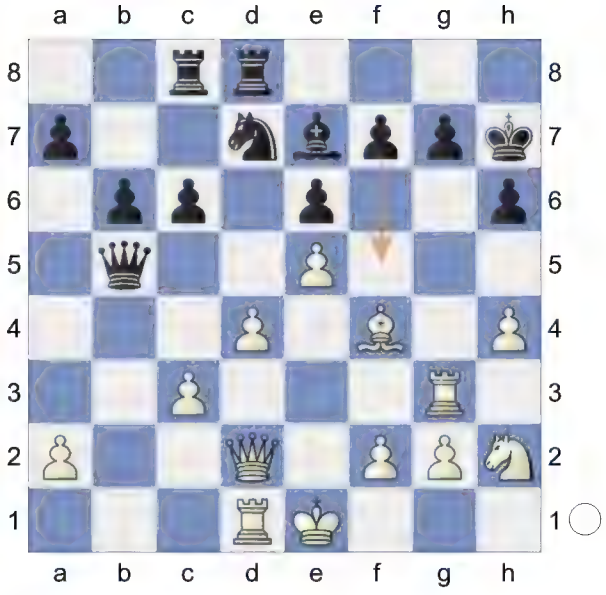


21.Nh2! Bf4xh6! is the strong threat.

21...Qb5

[21...Bxh4? 22.Rh3 Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2+-]



22.a4! Qd5

[22...Qxa4? 23.Bxh6 Rg8 *(23...gxh6? 24.Ng4+-)* 24.Qd3+ Kh8 25.Bg5+-]

23.Qd3+ 0.26/21

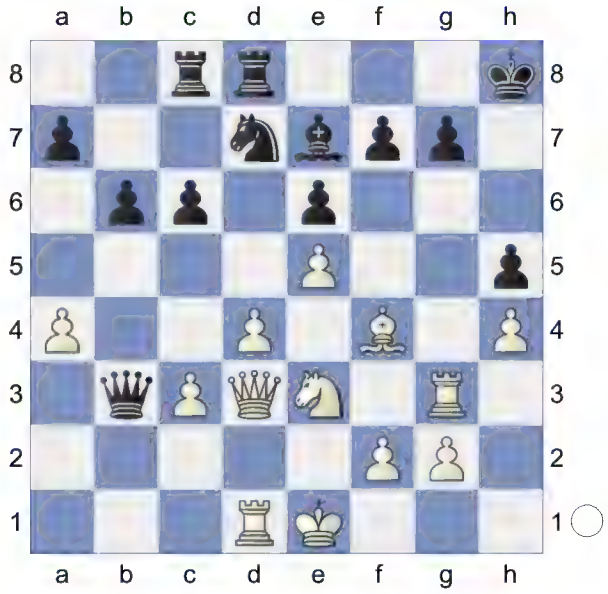
[23.Qe2± 0.62/20 is more appropriate.]

23...Kh8= 24.Ng4 Bf4xh6! would now be deadly.

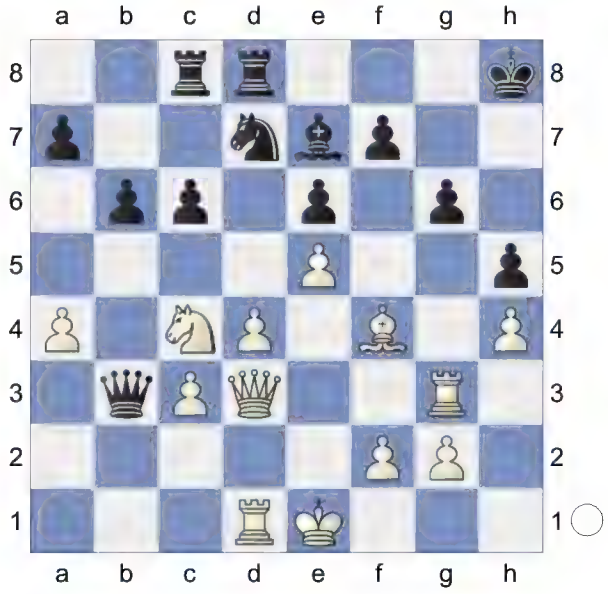
[24.Qe3 simplifies Bf8 25.Qe2 f5 26.exf6 Nxf6 27.Be5]

24...h5 25.Ne3 Qb3 0.82/21

[25...Qa2= 0.18/22 keeps the balance.]



26.Nc4!± g6

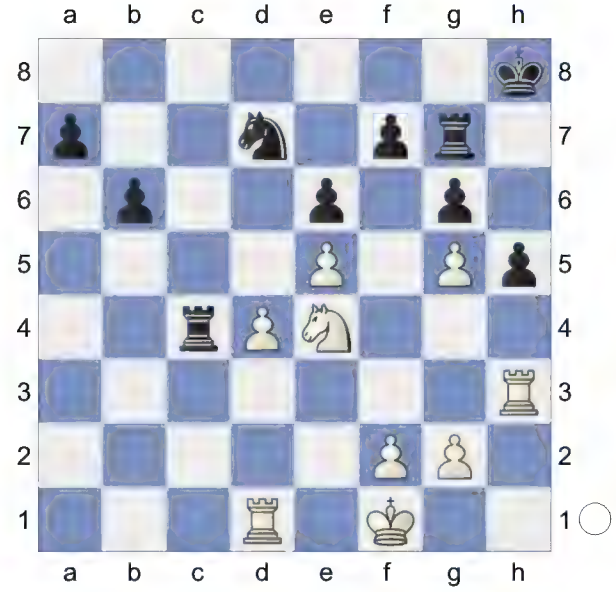


27.Nd2 0.24/22

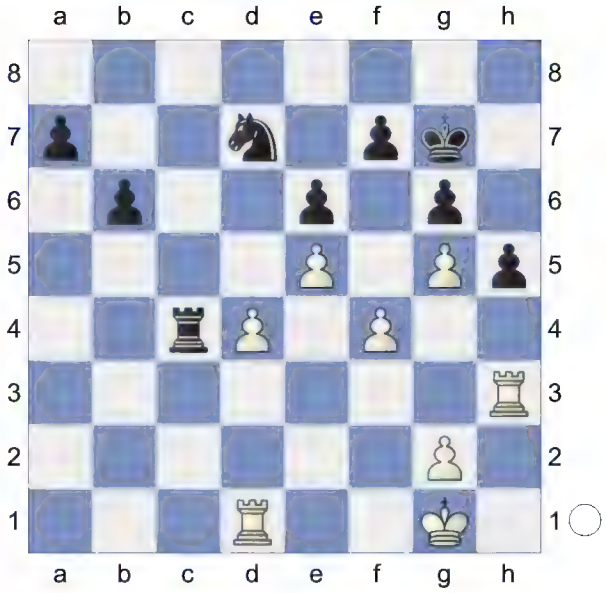
[27.Bg5!± 0.93/20 Nc5 Pin 28.Qb1 Qxb1 *(28...Qxc4? perishes. 29.Bxe7 Nd7 30.Bxd8+-)* 29.Rxb1 Bxg5 30.hxg5]

27...Qxa4= 28.Ne4 Rg8 0.39/21
[28...c5!= -0.01/20]
29.Rf3 Rg7 30.Bg5 Bxg5

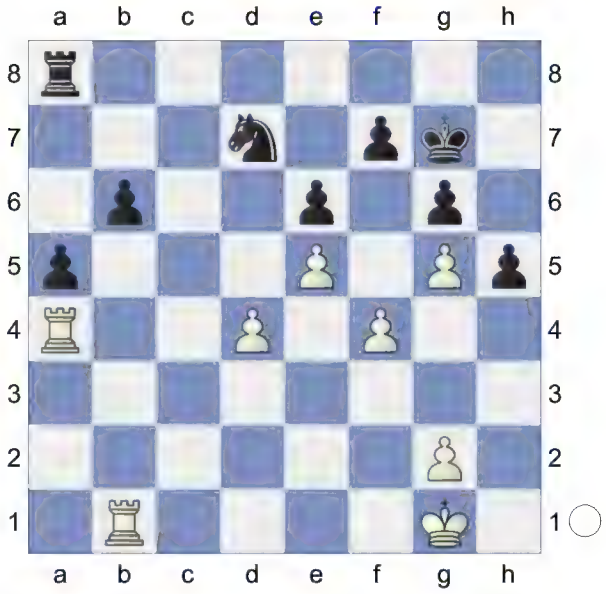
31.hxg5 c5 32.Rh3 cxd4
[32...Rh7 is more complex. 33.Nd6 Rf8 34.Qe4 Kg7]
33.cxd4 Qb4+ 0.86/22
[33...Rd8± 0.39/20 might be stronger.]
34.Kf1± Qc4 35.Qxc4 Rxc4



36.Nd6 Rc6 37.f4 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. White stays focused until the end. **37...Rh7** 1.05/22
[37...a5± 0.63/20]
38.Ne8 Rc4 39.Kg1 Rg7 40.Nxg7 Kxg7



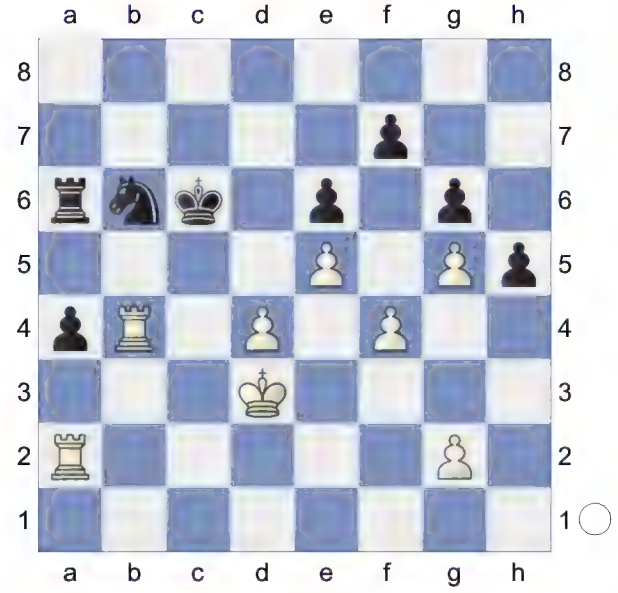
Endgame. K R R - K R N **41.Ra3** aiming for d4-d5! **41...a5** 2.16/23
[⌓41...Rc7 1.63/24 42.Kh2 a5]
42.Raa1+- And now Ra1-c1 would win.
42...Rc7 43.Rdc1 Ra7 44.Rcb1 Ra6 1.94/21
[44...Rc7± 1.26/23 45.Rc1 Ra7]
45.Ra4 Ra8



46.Rc4! Repels Ra8-c8 **46...Ra7**

Prevents Rc4-c7 **47.Kf2 a4 48.Rc2 Kf8 49.Rb5 Ke7 50.Ra2** Threatens to win with Rb5-b4. **50...Ra6**

51.Ke3 Kd8 52.Kd3 Kc7 53.Rb4 b5 54.Rxb5 Kc6 55.Rb4 Intending Ra2-c2+ and mate. **55...Nb6**



56.g3 Kd7 57.Kc2 Ke7 58.Kb2 Nd5 3.58/22

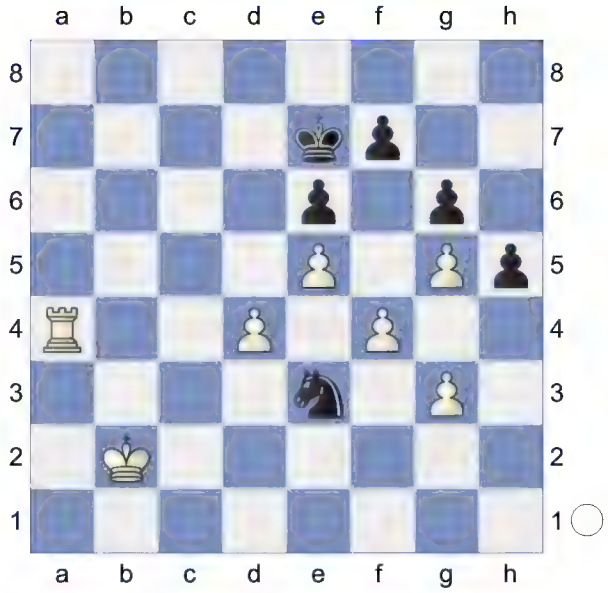
[58...Kf8 2.55/23 keeps fighting. 59.Ka3 Nd5 60.Rb8+ *(60.Rxa4 Rc6+-)* 60...Kg7]

59.Rbxa4 Rxa4 4.80/22

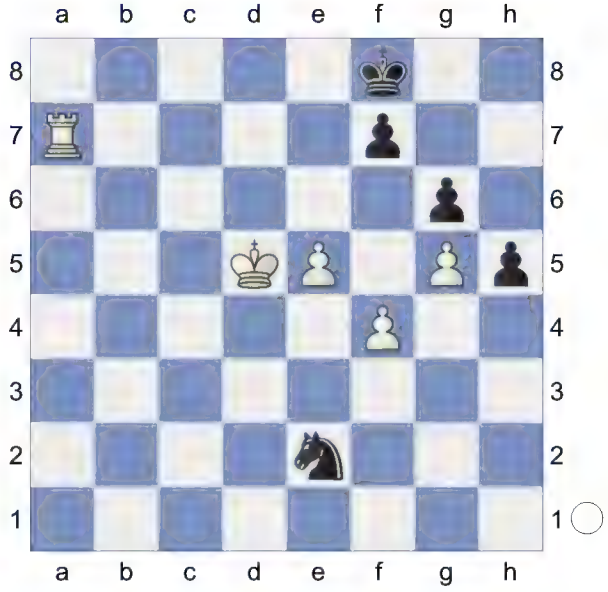
[59...Rb6+ 3.37/25 was worth a try. 60.Kc1 Rb7]

60.Rxa4 KR-KN **60...Ne3** 7.32/28

[⌓60...h4 4.97/27 61.gxh4 Ne3]



61.Kc3 Nf5 62.Kc4 Nxg3 63.d5 exd5+ 64.Kxd5 Ne2 White must now prevent ...Ne2-c3+. **65.Ra7+ Kf8**



66.f5! Nc3+

[66...gxf5 67.e6]

67.Kc4 f5-f6 would kill now. **67...Ne4 68.f6 Kg8**

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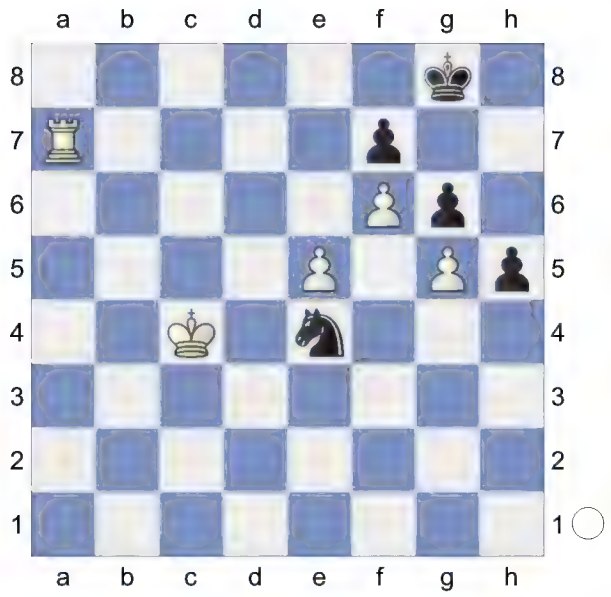
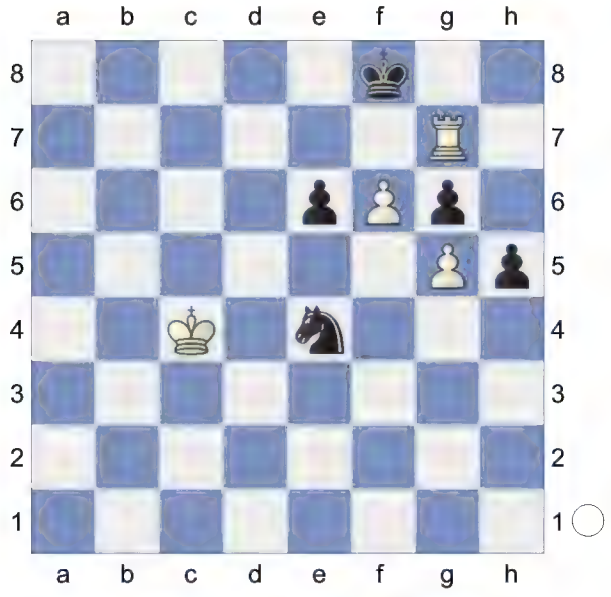


69.e6! fxe6 70.Rg7+ Kf8



71.Rxg6 Nf2 72.Rg7 White threatens Kc4-c5 and mate. **72...Ng4 73.Kc5** White mates. **73...Nf2 74.Kd6 Ne4+ 75.Kxe6 Nc5+**

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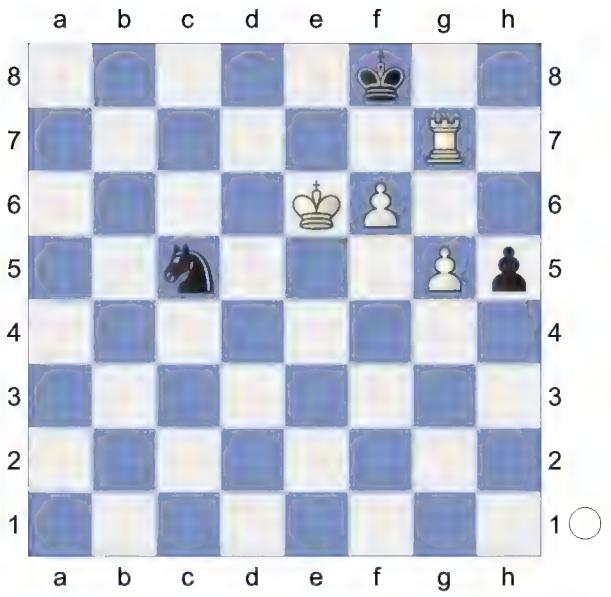
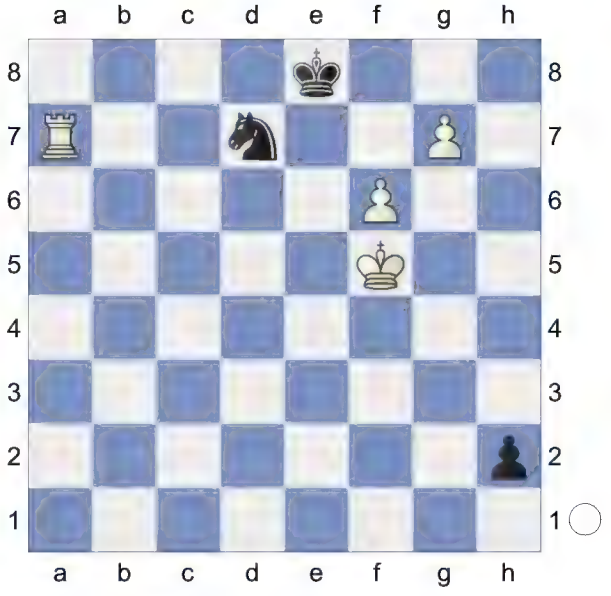


76.Ke5 h4 77.g6 Ke8 78.Ra7 h3 79.g7 Nd7+ 80.Kf5 h2



81.g8Q+ Nf8 82.f7+ Kd8 83.Qxf8#

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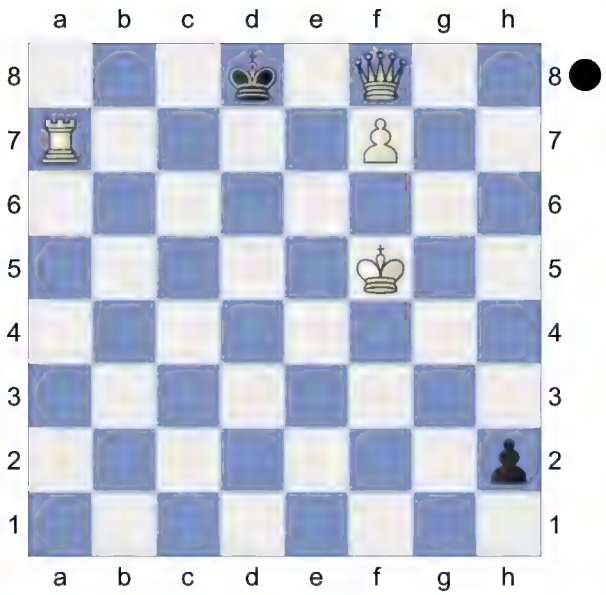

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4 **D52**
□ **Leelamultiposs** **3109**
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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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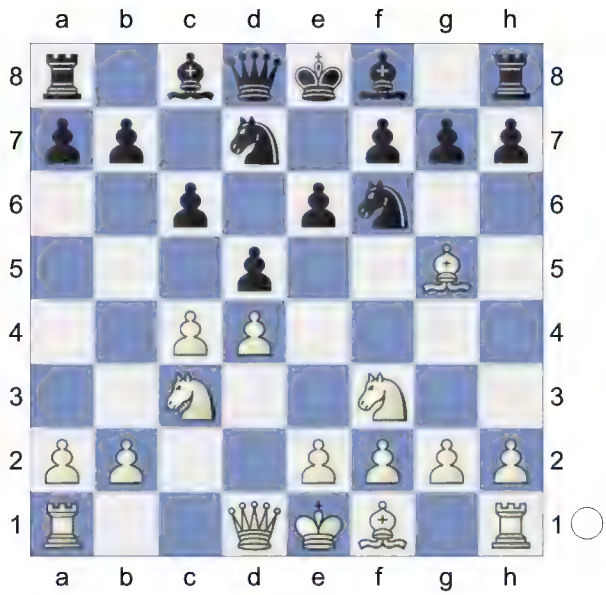
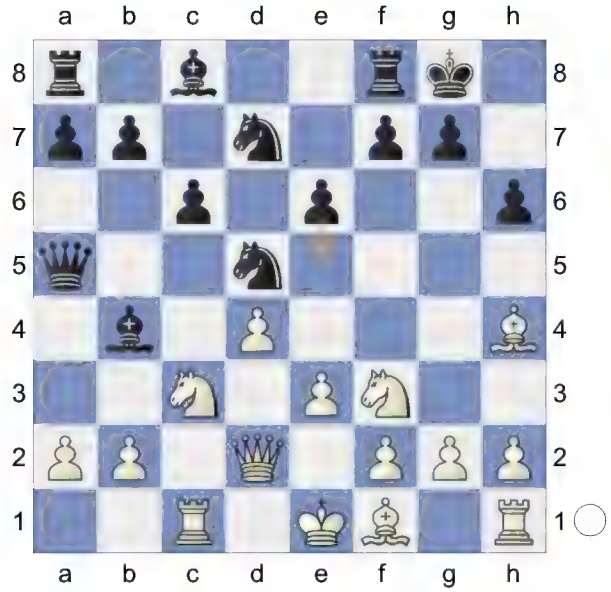
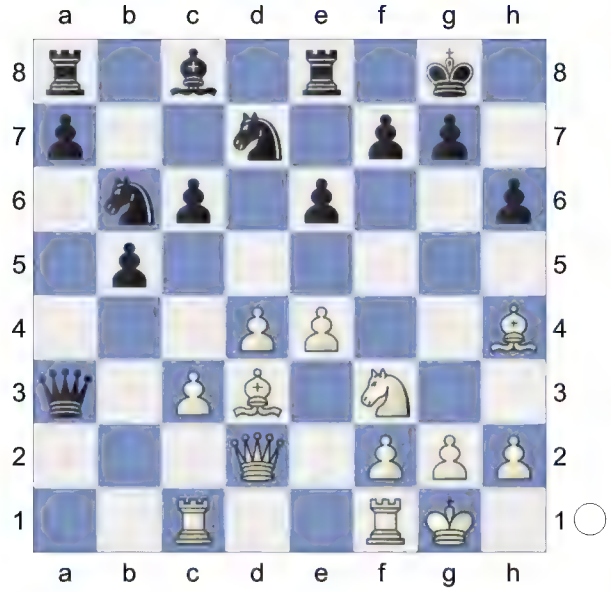


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

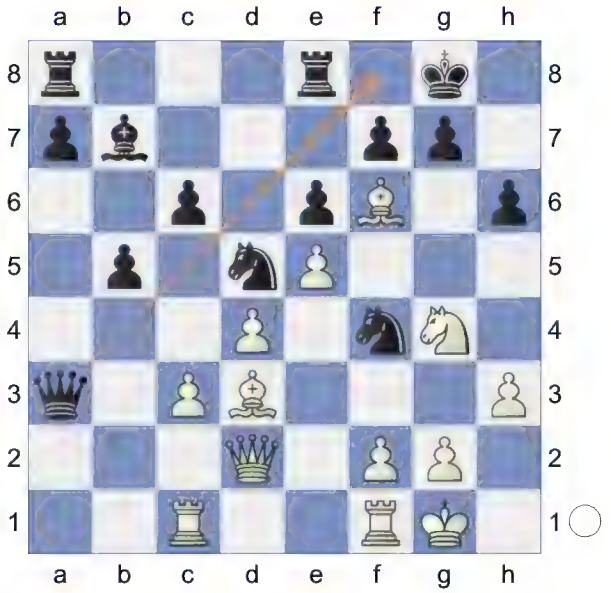
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0



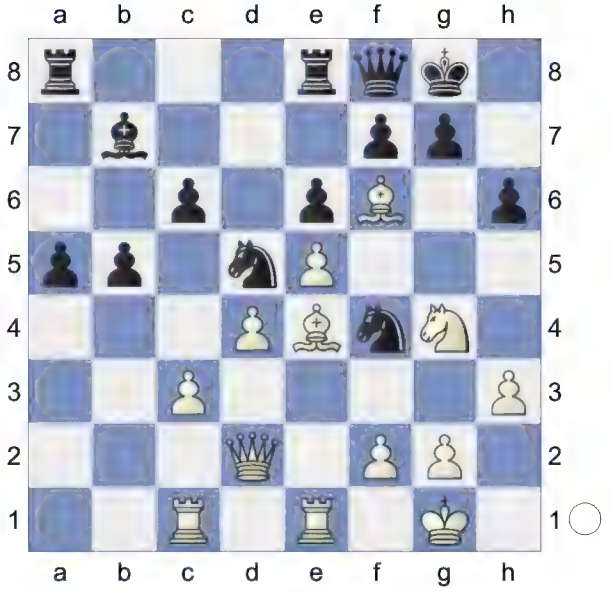
11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3 The position is equal. **13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 N5b6 15.e4** White has compensation. **15...Re8**



16.e5 -0.50/19
[16.Ra1= -0.06/18 Qf8 17.Bg3]
16...Bb7 0.01/18
[Black should play 16...Nd5∓ -0.50/19]
17.h3 -0.45/17
[17.Qf4= 0.01/18 is superior.]
17...Nd5∓ 18.Nh2 Nf8 -0.01/19
[18...a5∓ -0.41/19 should be considered.]
19.Ng4= And now Ng4xh6+! would win.
19...Ng6 20.Bf6P Black must now prevent Bf6xg7! Deflection. White has counterplay **20...Ngf4**



21.Be4! Hoping for Be4xd5. **21...Qf8**
22.Rfe1 -0.99/16 **a5?** 1.01/19
[22...h5∓ -0.99/16 and life is bright. 23.Bg5 hxg4 24.Bxf4 gxh3]



23.c4!± bxc4

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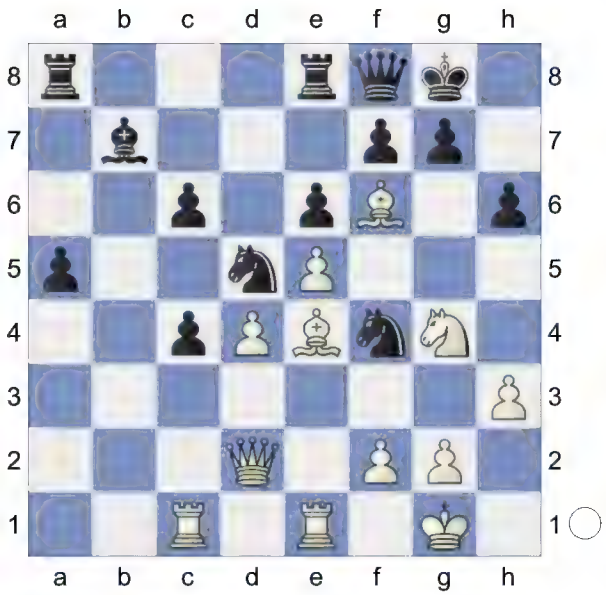
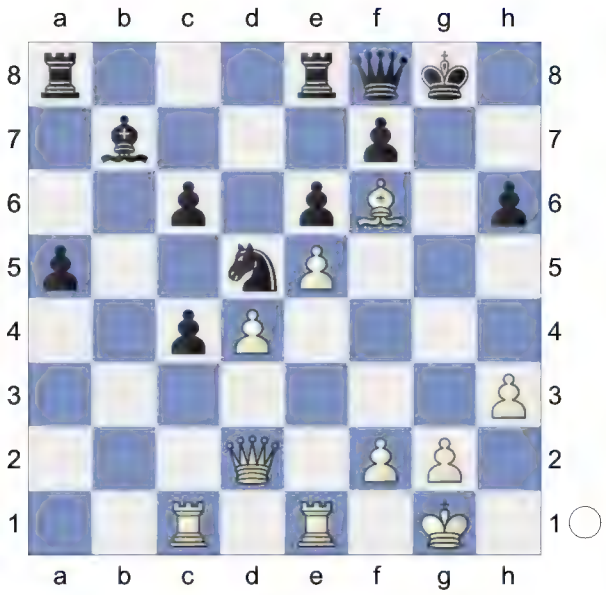
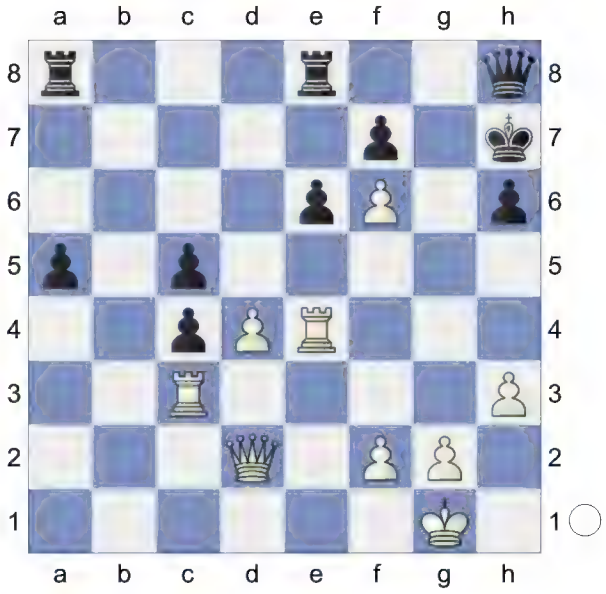


Threatens to win with ...h6-h5. **24.Nxh6+ gxh6 25.Bxd5 Nxd5**



26.Re4! Nxf6 1.60/21
[26...Ne7= 0.01/21]
27.exf6 c5? 4.39/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[27...a4± 1.39/21]
28.Rh4+- Kh7 29.Rc3 Intending Rc3-g3 and mate. **29...Be4**
[29...cxd4 30.Rg3]
30.Rxe4 Qh8 6.99/20
[⌓30...cxd4 4.33/18 31.Rg3 *(31.Rxc4 a4+-; 31.Rxd4 Qc5+-; 31.Qxd4 Red8=)* 31...c3]



31.Qc2
[31.Rxc4 Qxf6 32.dxc5 Rac8+-]
31...Rg8 32.Rg3 Rxg3 33.fxg3
Endgame. KQR-KQR **33...h5 34.Re5+**
[34.Qxc4 cxd4 35.Re5 *(35.Qxd4 Rd8=)* 35...Qxf6 36.Qxd4 Qg6±]
[34.Rxe6+ Kg8 35.Rd6 *(35.Qe4 Rf8+-)* 35...Qh6+-]
34...Kg8 35.Rg5+
[35.dxc5 Qxf6 36.Rxh5 c3+- *(36...Qg6 37.Qe2±)*]
35...Kf8

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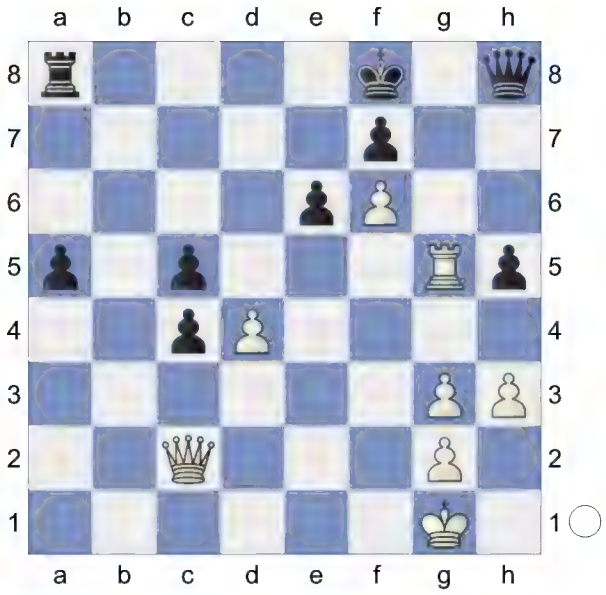


36.Qe4 Rd8 37.Qe5

[37.Rxc5 Qxf6 38.Rxc4 Kg7=]

37...Ke8 38.Qc7 Rd7 39.Qc8+ Rd8 40.Qc6+

[And not 40.Qxc5 Qxf6 41.Kh1 h4= *(41...Rxd4? too greedy. 42.Rg8+ Kd7 43.Rc8+-)*]

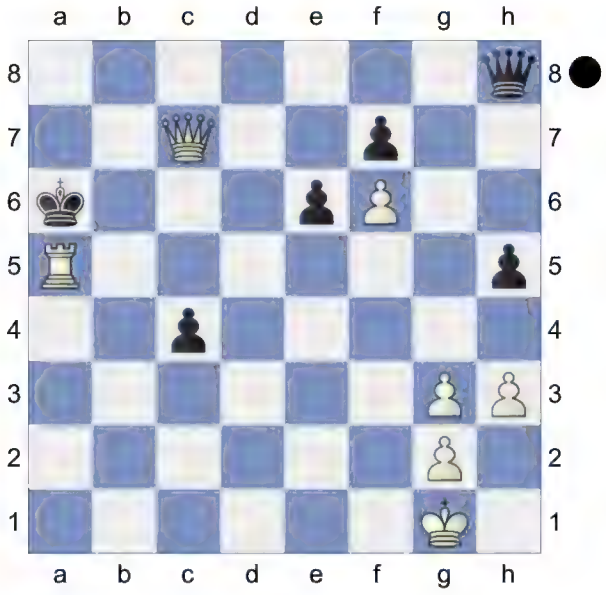
40...Rd7

41.d5 Kd8 42.d6 Rxd6 43.Qxd6+

White mates. **43...Kc8 44.Rxc5+ Kb7 45.Qc7+ Ka6**

(Diagram)

46.Rxa5#



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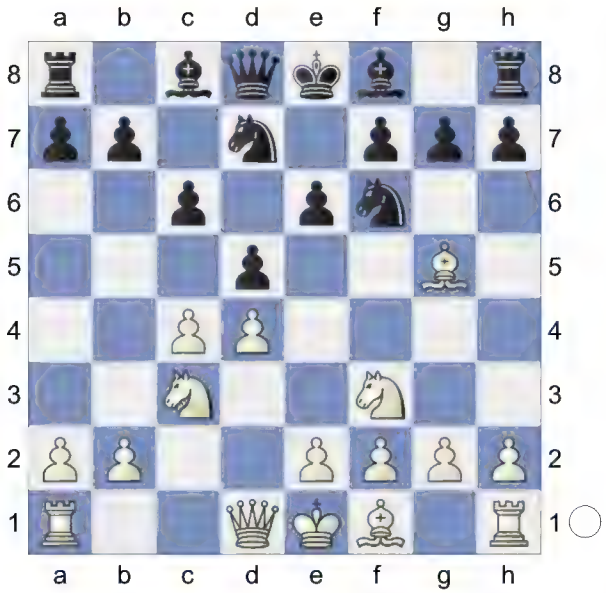
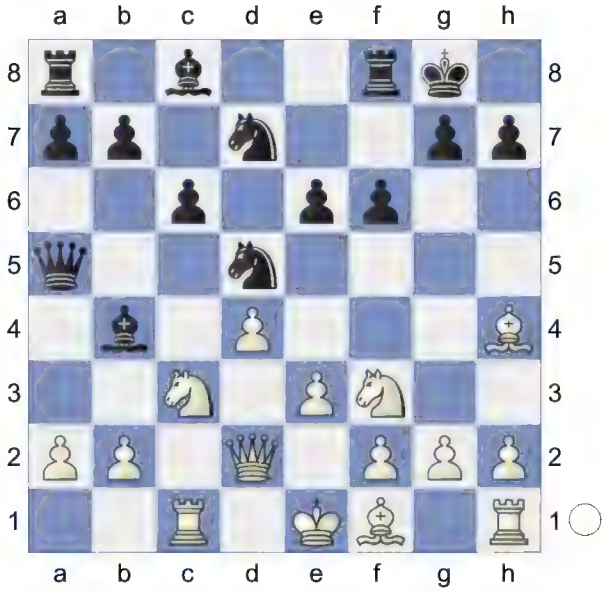
5 **D52**
□ **Proteussf Turbo** **3103**
■ **Admete** **2408**
Rapid 15.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

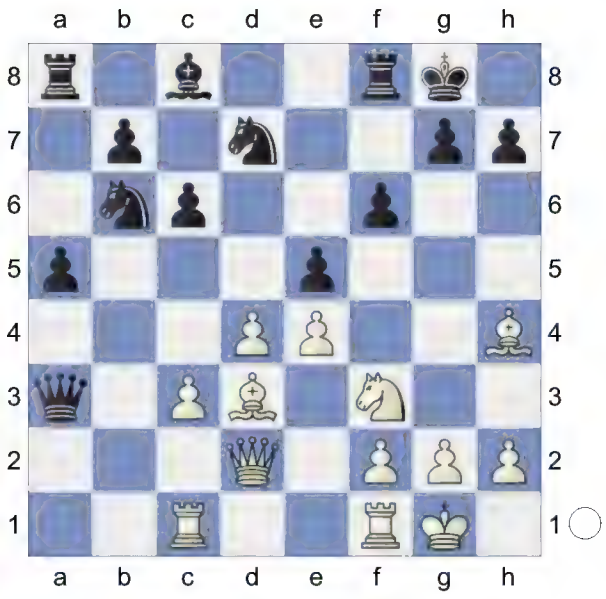


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 f6 10.Bh4 0-0

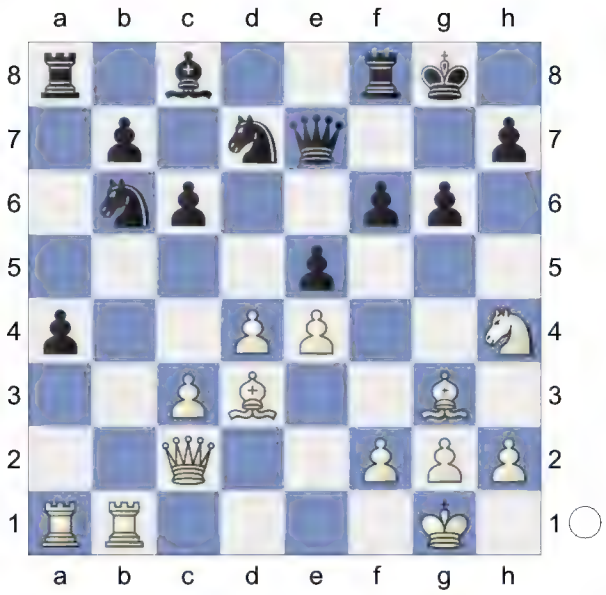


11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 White is slightly better. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...a5 15.0-0 e5**

(Diagram)

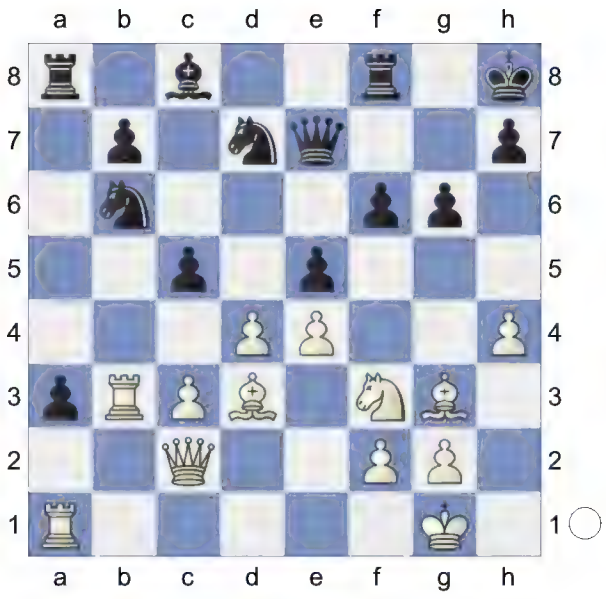


16.Ra1 Qe7 17.Qc2 a4 18.Rfb1 Qd6 19.Bg3 Qe7 20.Nh4 g6



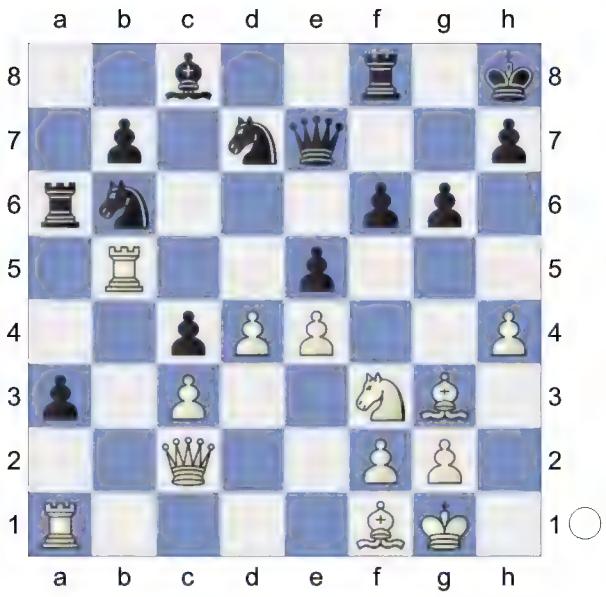
Inhibits Nh4-f5. **21.Nf3 Kh8 22.h4 a3** 1.01/20
[22...Re8± 0.53/15]
23.Rb3± c5

(Diagram)

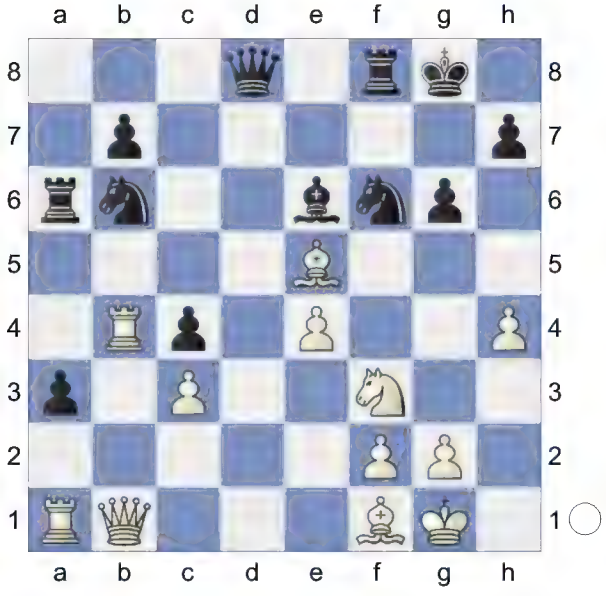


Strongly threatening ...c5-c4. **24.Rb5** 0.49/20 White has more active pieces.
[24.Rbxa3 Rxa3 25.Rxa3 c4-+]
[24.Raxa3? c4 *(24...Rxa3? 25.Rxa3 c4* Discovered Attack *26.Ra5-+)* 25.Bxc4 *(25.Rxa8? cxb3 26.Qxb3 Nxa8-+; 25.Rxb6? cxd3 26.Qxd3 Rxa3-+)* 25...Rxa3-+]
[White should play 24.Bf1± 1.07/21]
24...c4 1.08/18
[24...Ra6± 0.49/20]
25.Bf1 Ra6 1.47/17
[⌓25...f5 0.96/18]

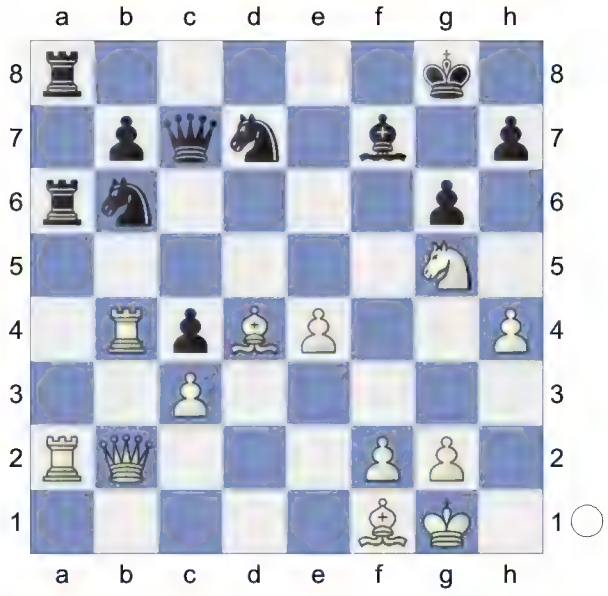
(Diagram)



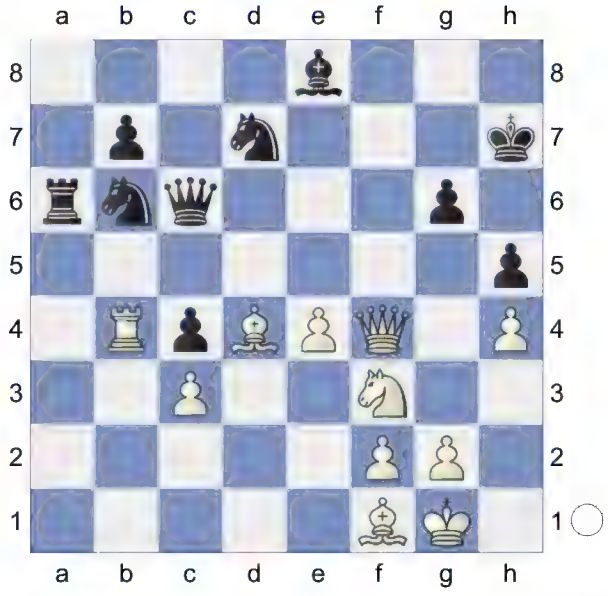
26.dxe5 Kg8 27.exf6 Nxf6 2.49/20
[⌓27...Rxf6 1.83/20 28.Nd4 Rf8]
28.Qb1+- Qd8 29.Be5 Black is weak on the dark squares **29...Bd7 30.Rb4** Be5-d4! would now be deadly. **30...Be6?** 4.56/23
[30...Bc6 2.70/19 was worth a try. 31.Rxc4 *(31.Bxc4+ Nxc4 32.Rxc4 b5+-)* 31...Ra5]



31.Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **31...Nfd7 32.Ng5 Bf7 33.Qc1 a2** 5.38/22
[⌓33...Qa8 3.64/20 34.h5 Qe8 35.Rxa3 Rxa3 36.Qxa3 Qe7 37.Nxf7 *(37.Bxb6 Qxg5 38.Be3* Discovered Attack *Qg4+-)* 37...Rxf7]
34.Qb2 Qc7 35.Rxa2 Rfa8



36.Rxa6 Rxa6 37.Qc1 h5 38.Nf3 Kh7 Inhibits Qc1-h6+. **39.Qe3 Qc6 40.Qf4 Be8**



41.Rb1 Kg8 42.Qh6 Nf6 43.Ng5 Nbd7 44.e5 b5 45.exf6 Nxf6

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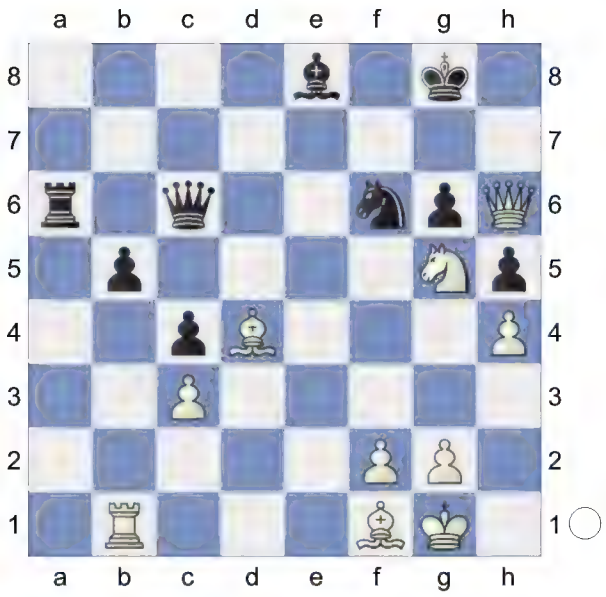
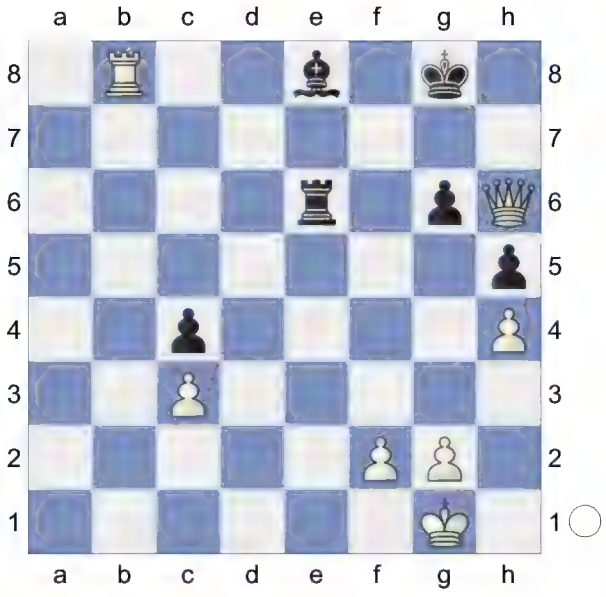


46.Nh7! White wants to mate with Rb1-e1! **46...Qd6**

[46...Qc7 47.Nxf6+]

47.Bxc4+ White mates. **47...bxc4 48.Nxf6+ Qxf6 49.Bxf6 Rxf6 50.Rb8 Re6**



51.Rb7 Bf7 52.Qf4 Be8 53.Qc7 Bd7 54.Qxd7 Re1+ 55.Kh2 Re7

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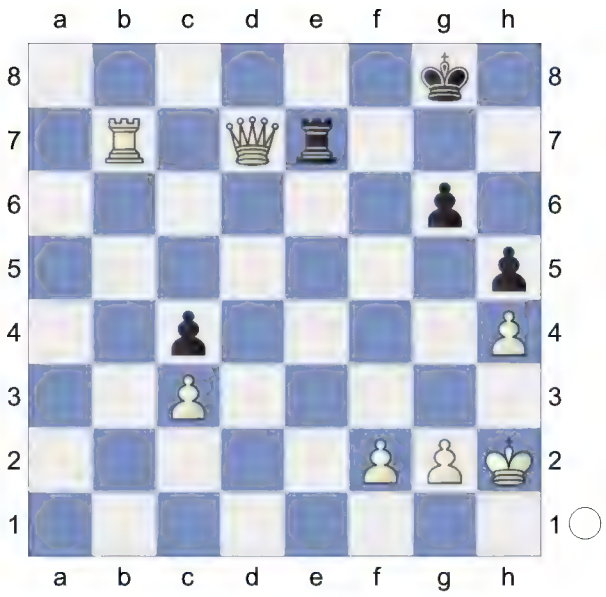
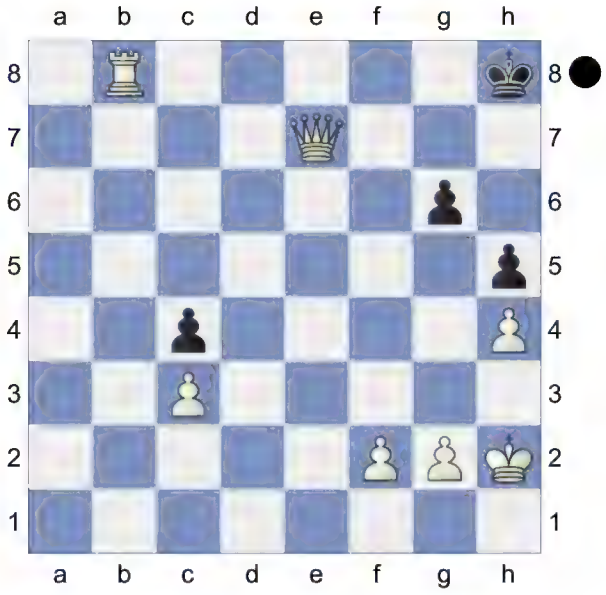


56.Qxe7 Kh8 57.Rb8#



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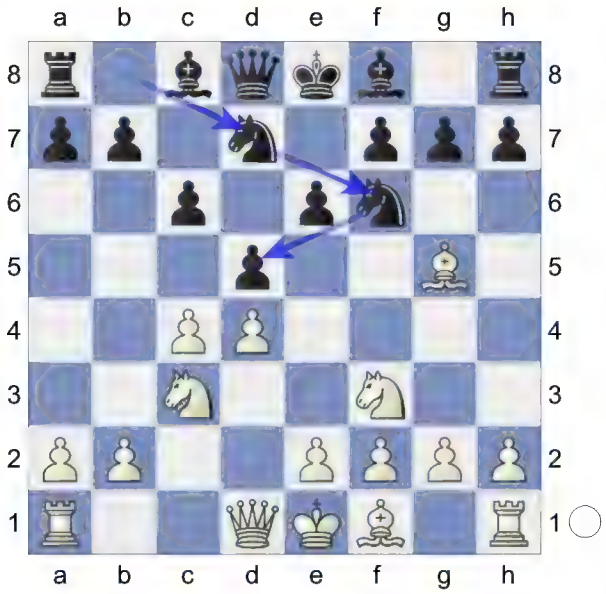
6 **D52**
□ **ProteusSF** **3094**
■ **Admete** **2339**
Rapid 22.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

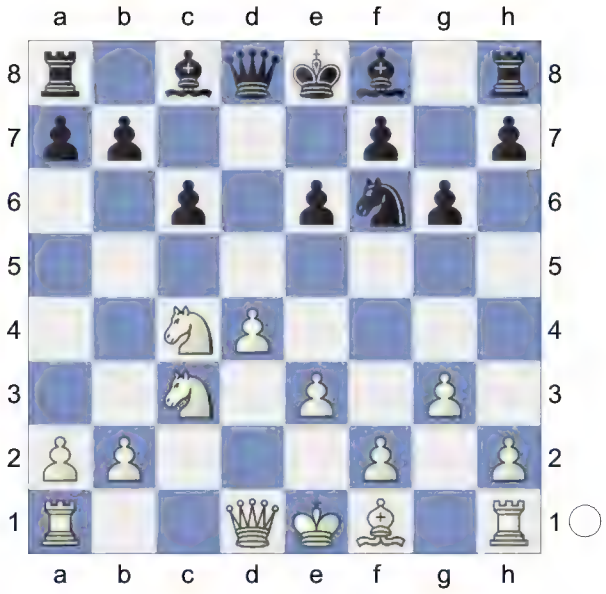
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



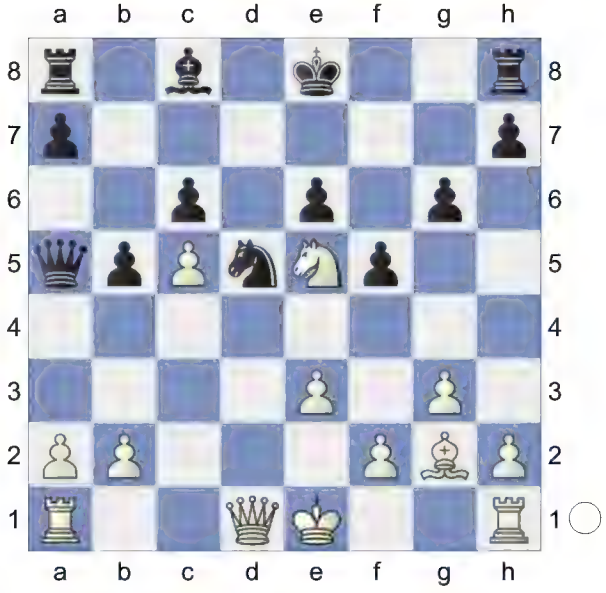
6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qd8N

[9...Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4 b5 *(14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 15.Ne3 b4 *(15...Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Nb4 19.Rd2 Nxa2 20.Ng4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 16.Ne2 e5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 exd4 19.dxc6 Bf5 20.Nxd4 Bf6 21.Nxf5 Rxd1 22.Rfxd1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

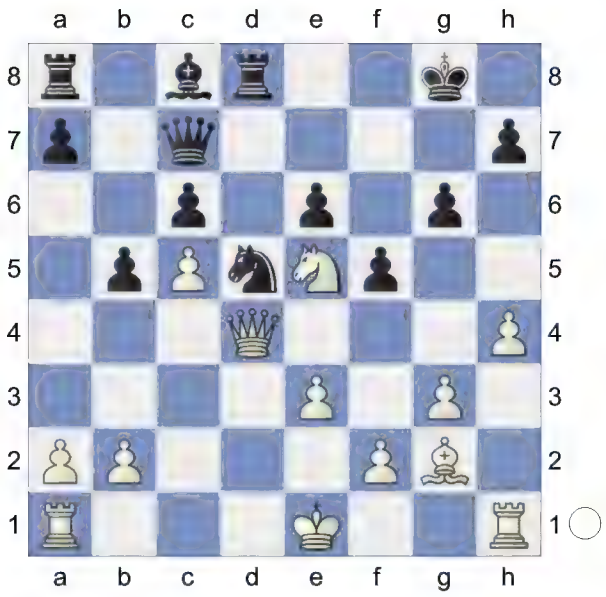
10.g3 g6



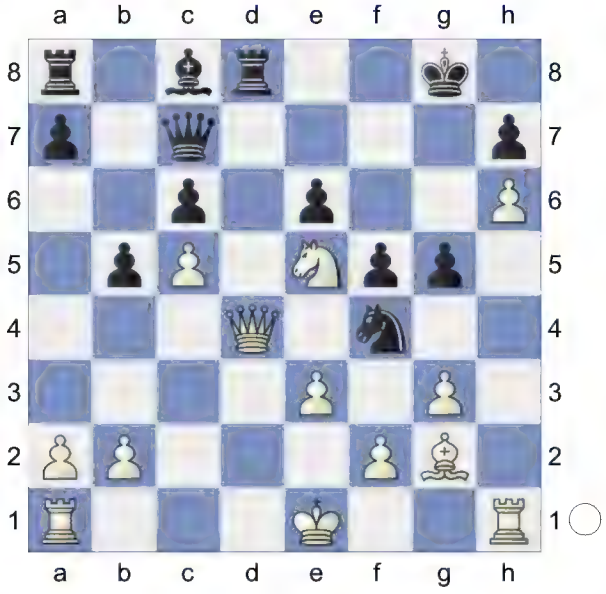
11.Bg2 Nd5 12.Ne4 White is slightly better. **12...f5 13.Nc5 b5** 1.32/22
[Better is 13...e5 0.78/20]
14.Ne5± Bxc5 15.dxc5 Qa5+



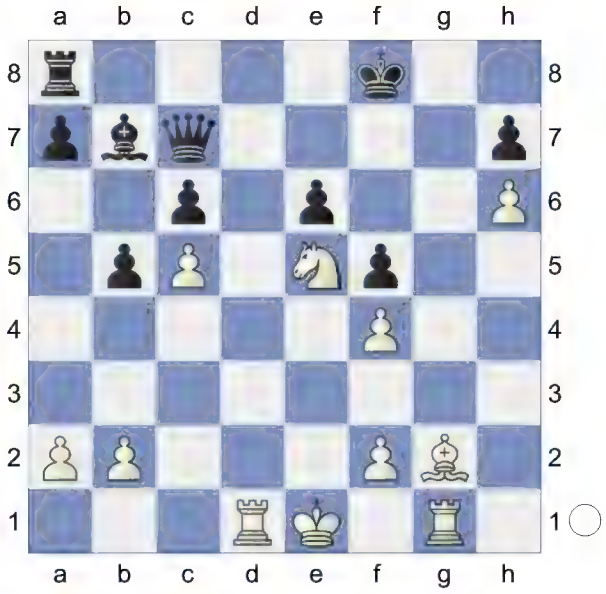
16.Qd2 Qc7 1.57/22
[⌓16...Qxd2+ 1.18/21 17.Kxd2 Bd7]
17.Qd4 aiming for Ne5xc6! **17...0-0 18.h4 Rd8**



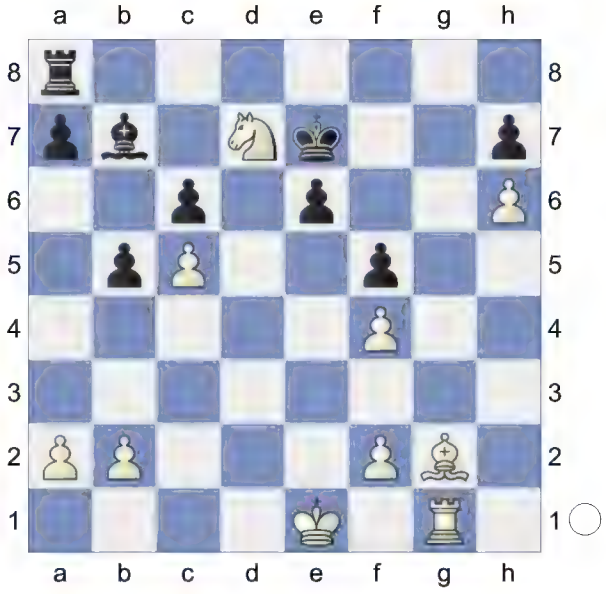
19.h5! g5 Strongly threatening ...Nd5-f6.
20.h6 Nf4



21.Qxd8+!! Qxd8 22.gxf4 Active counter play! **22...gxf4 23.Rd1→** Black is in trouble. **23...Qc7** 9.02/23
[23...Qa5+ 2.52/24 24.Ke2 fxe3 *(24...Qxa2 25.Rd8#)*]
24.exf4+- Black is weak on the dark squares **24...Kf8 25.Rg1**
[25.Nxc6 Bb7 *(25...Qxf4 26.Rd8+ Kf7 27.0-0=)* 26.Nd4 *(26.Rd6? Bxc6 27.Rxc6 Qxf4-+)* 26...Kf7∓ *(26...Bxg2? 27.Nxe6+ Ke7 28.Nxc7+-)*]
25...Bb7



26.Rd7 Qxd7 27.Nxd7+ Ke7



28.Bf3! Kxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[28...e5 29.Rg7+]
29.Rg7+ Skewer, Double Attack
29...Ke8 30.Rxh7 Kf8

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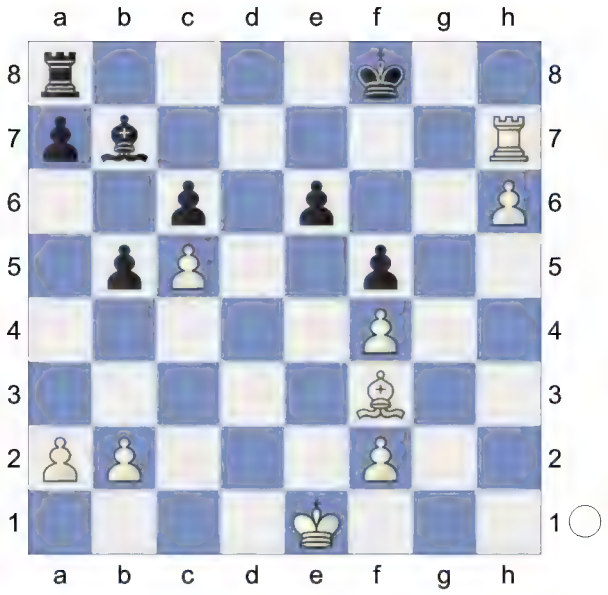
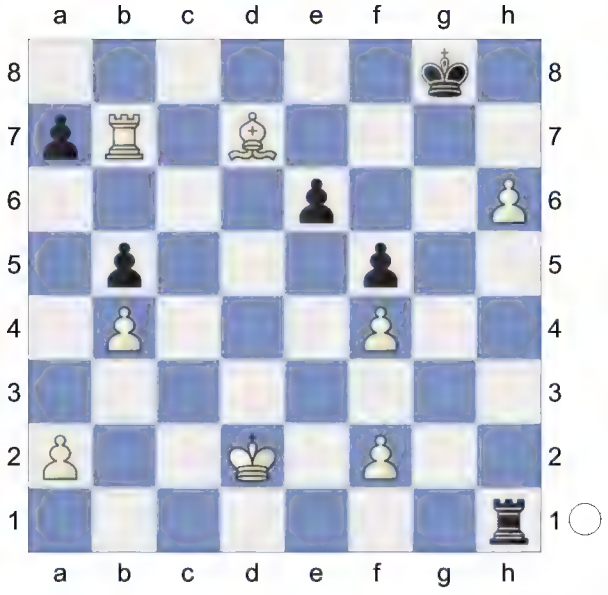


31.Rxb7 White threatens h6-h7! and mate. KRB-KR **31...Kg8 32.Bxc6** Intending Rb7-g7+ and mate. **32...Rc8 33.Bd7 Rxc5 34.b4 Rc1+ 35.Kd2 Rh1**



36.Bxe6+ Kf8 37.h7 a6 38.Bxf5 Ke8 39.Rb8+ Ke7 40.Be4 Rh6

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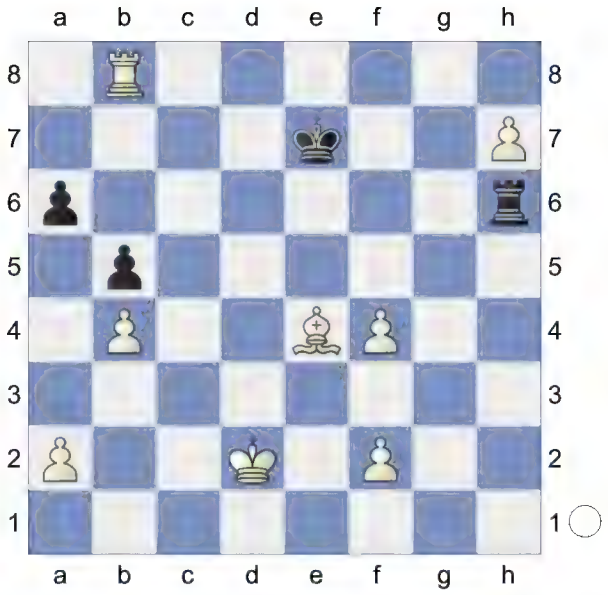
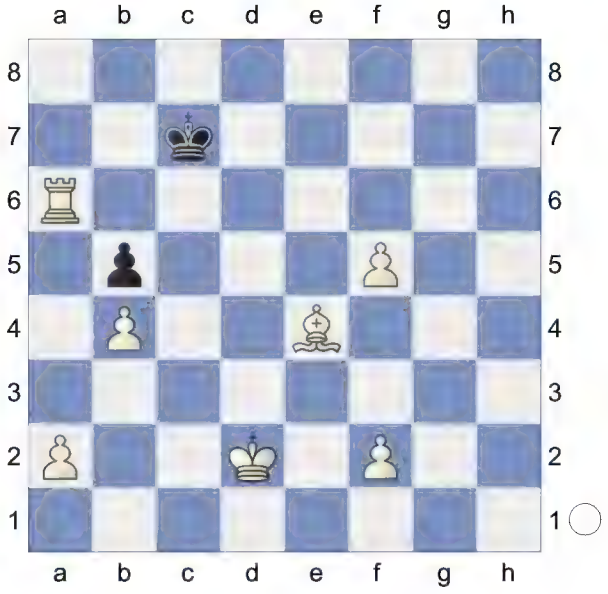
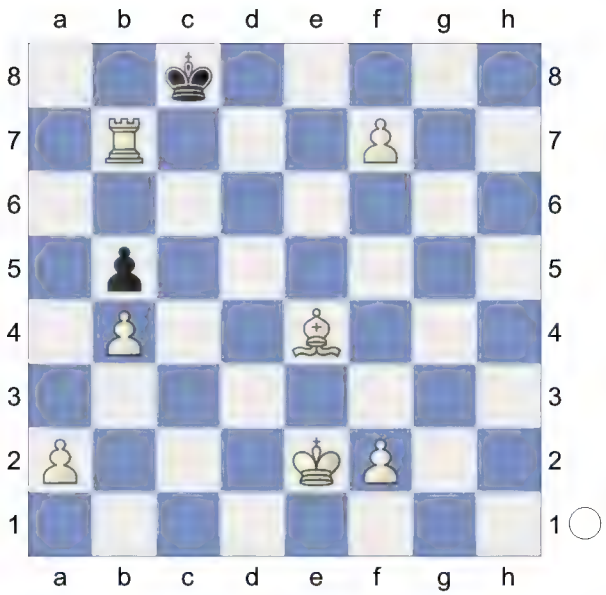


41.h8R Rxh8 42.Rxh8 Ke6 43.Rh6+ Ke7 44.Rxa6 Kd7 45.f5 Kc7



46.f6 Kd7 47.Ke2 15.90/5
[⌓47.f7 #5/12 Ke7 48.Bd5 *(48.Ra7+ Kf8 49.Bd5 Kg7 50.Ra6 Kf8 51.Rf6 Ke7 52.f8Q+ Kd7 53.Rf7#)* 48...Kd7 49.f8Q *(49.f8R Ke7 50.Rf7+ Ke8 51.Ra8#; 49.Ra7+ Kd6 50.f8Q+ Kxd5 51.Qf5+* Skewer *Kd4 52.Rd7+ Kc4 53.Qg4#)* 49...Kc7 50.Qg7+ Kd8 51.Ra8#]
47...Kd8 48.Ra7 White mates. **48...Kc8 49.Rb7 Kd8 50.f7 Kc8**



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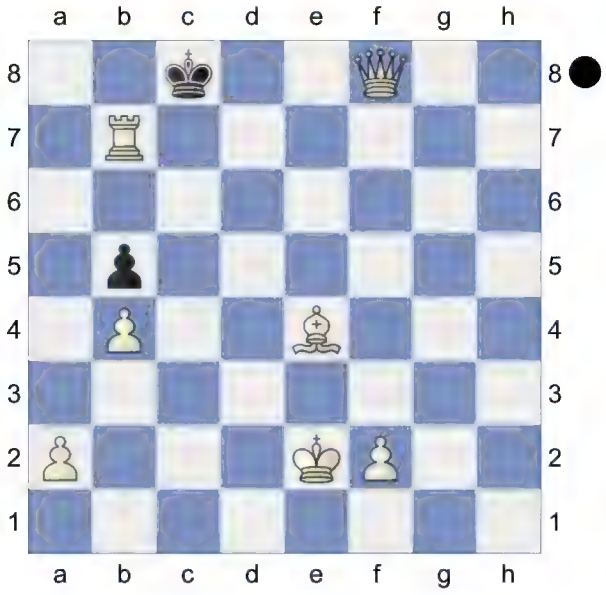

White took control after the opening.
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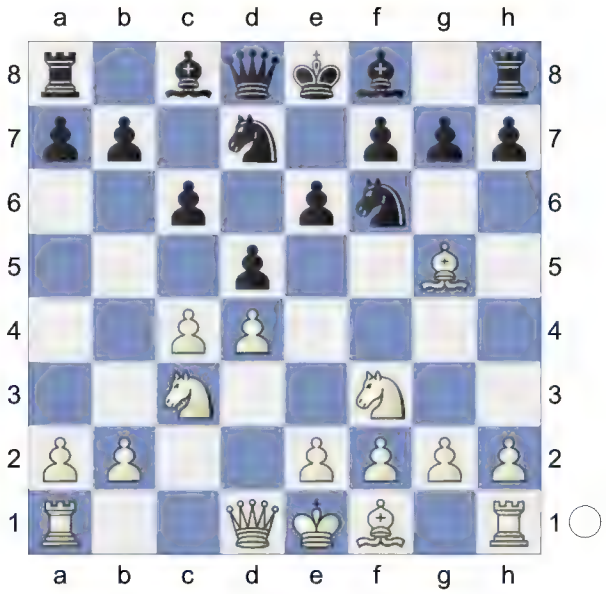
7 **D52**
□ **Leelamultiposs** **3093**
■ **Bitbybyte** **2793**
Blitz 18.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

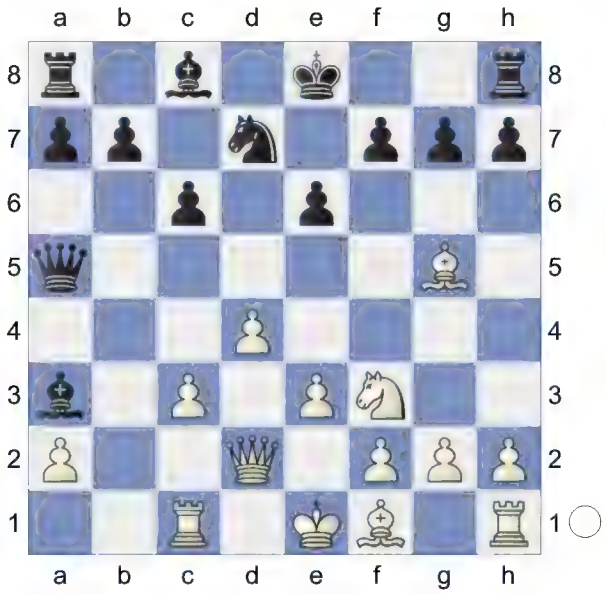
Blitz 2min+2sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8

27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3



11.Rb1 b6 White has an edge. **12.Qd3 0-0 13.Be2 Re8 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Qc2 Be7**

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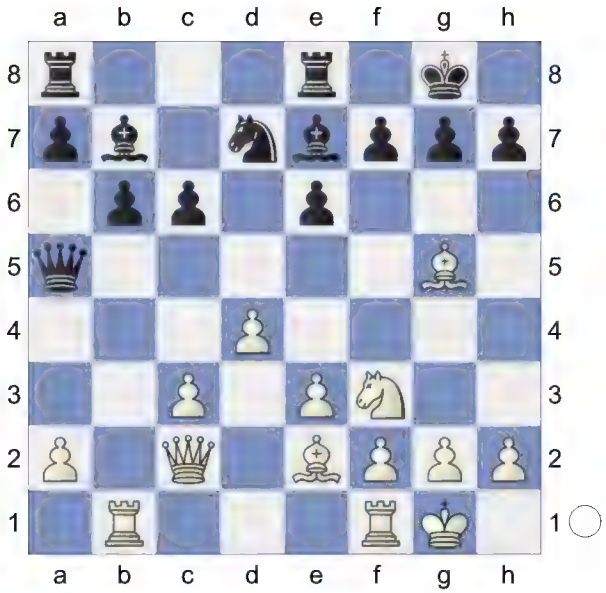
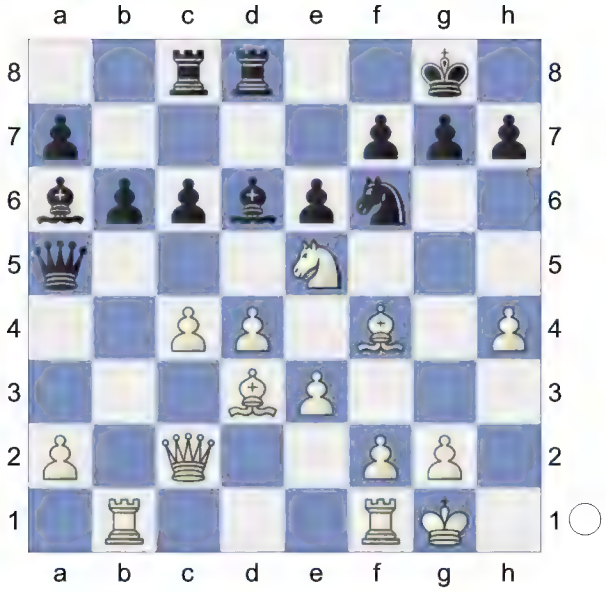


16.Bf4 Nf6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.h4 Red8 19.Bd3 Ba6!

[19...c5? 20.Nc4 Qa6 21.Nxb6 Qxb6 22.Rxb6 axb6 23.Qb2+-]

20.c4 Bd6



21.Rfd1 h6 22.a4

[22.a3!?]

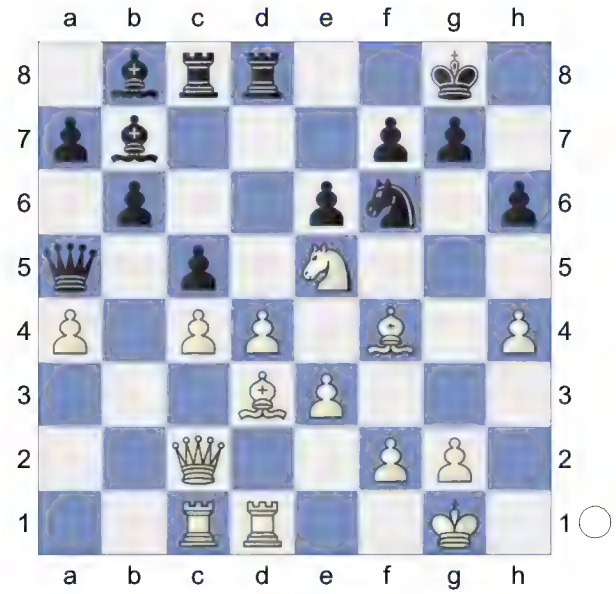
22...Bb8 0.57/19

[22...c5= 0.12/19 is more appropriate.]

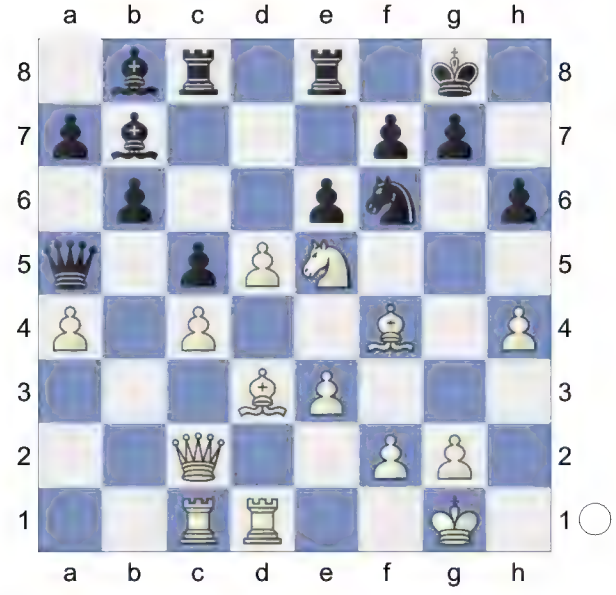
23.Ra1± Bb7

[23...c5 24.d5 Bb7 *(24...exd5 25.Bf5+-)* 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.f3]

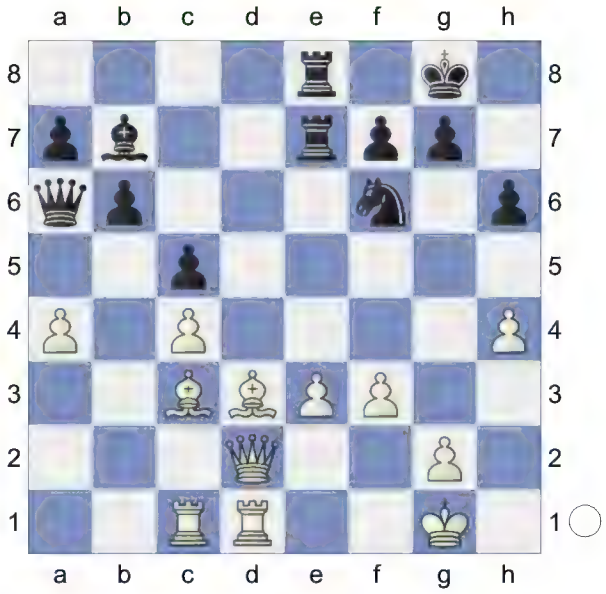
24.Rac1 -0.21/20
[24.c5± 0.80/19 Bxe5 25.Bxe5]
24...c5=



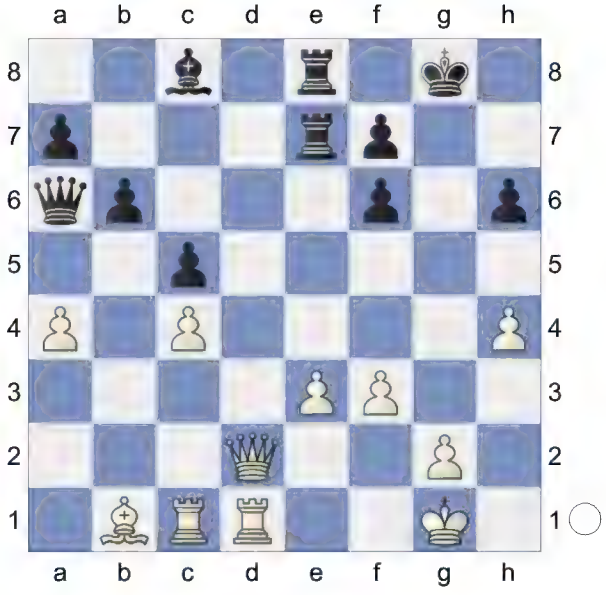
25.d5 Re8
[25...exd5 26.Bf5]



26.dxe6
[26.Nxf7 is more complex. Bxf4 27.Bg6 Bc7 28.Nxh6+ gxh6 29.Bxe8 Nxe8 30.d6]
26...Bxe5
[26...Rxe6? 27.Bf5+-]
27.Bxe5 Rxe6 28.Bc3 A strong pair of Bishops. **28...Qa6 29.f3** And now Bd3-f5 would win. **29...Rce8 30.Qd2 R6e7** 1.08/19
[Black should play 30...Bc6± 0.57/20]



31.Bxf6± gxf6 32.Bb1!
[32.e4?! Kg7±]
32...Bc8



33.Qd3! f5 34.Qd6 Qxa4 35.Qxh6 Re6

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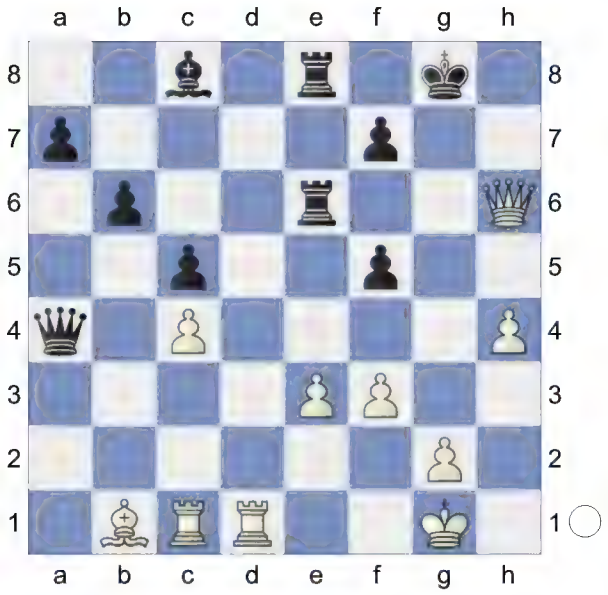
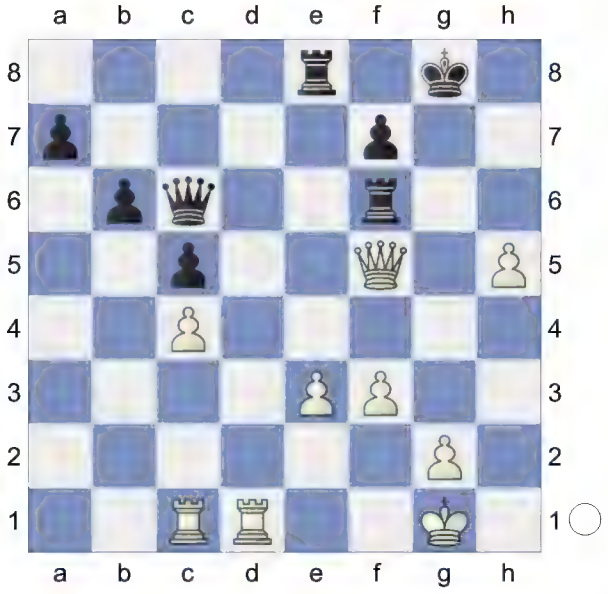


Inhibits h4-h5. **36.Qg5+ Rg6 37.Qf4 Qc6** Prevents e3-e4 **38.h5 Rh6 39.Bxf5 Bxf5 40.Qxf5 Rf6**



41.Qg5+ Kh7 42.Kf2 Rg8 43.Qd5 White is more active. **43...Qc7 44.f4 Kh8 45.Qf3 Re8**

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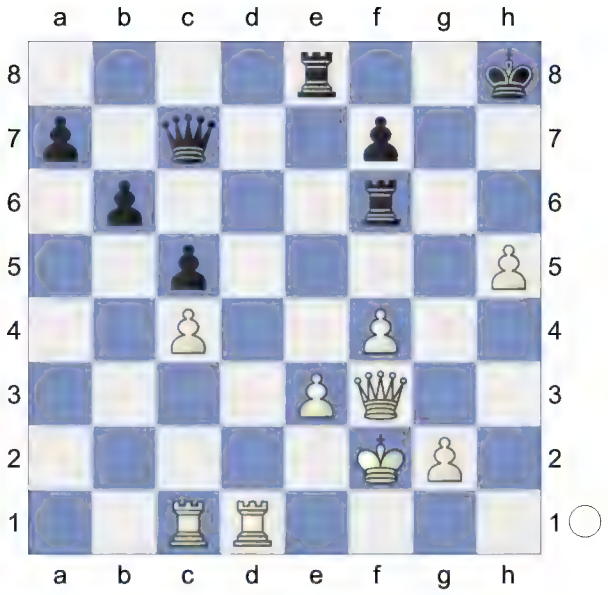
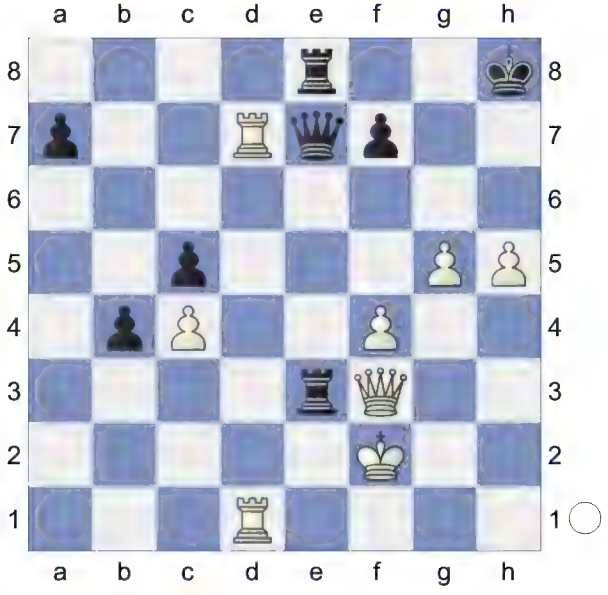


46.g4 Rfe6 2.13/21
[⌓46...a6 1.75/20 47.g5 Rfe6]
47.Rd3 b5 48.g5 b4 1.91/18
[48...a6± 1.54/18 49.cxb5 axb5]
49.Rcd1+- Threatens to win with Rd3-d7. **49...Qe7** 2.46/19
[49...R6e7 1.62/17 was worth a try. 50.Qd5 Qb6]
50.Rd7 Rxe3



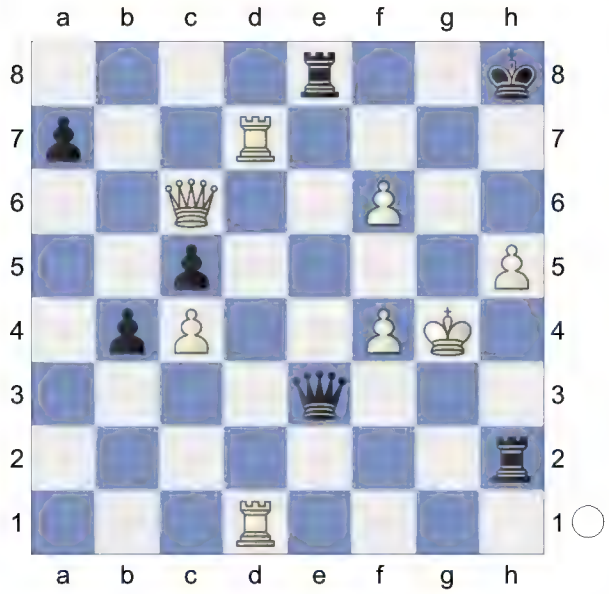
51.Qc6↑ White is on the roll.
[51.Rxe7 Rxf3+ 52.Kxf3 Rxe7±]
51...Re2+ 3.57/24 A mistake that costs the game.

[51...Qf8± 1.55/20 52.Qf6+ *(52.Rxa7 R3e6±)* 52...Qg7 53.Rxf7 Pin *(53.Qxf7 Re2+ 54.Kf1 Qxf7±)* 53...Qxf6 54.gxf6 *(54.Rxf6 R3e7+-)* 54...Rh3]

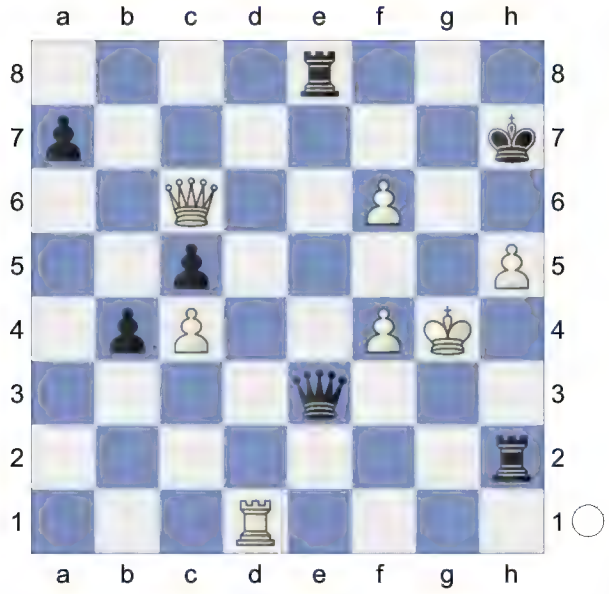
52.Kg3 Qe3+ 53.Kg4 Intending Qc6-f6+ and mate. **53...f5+?** 5.85/5

[53...Kg8 2.98/19 54.Qd5 *(54.Rxa7? perishes. Rf2-+)* 54...Qe6+ 55.Qxe6 R2xe6 56.Rxa7 Rf8]

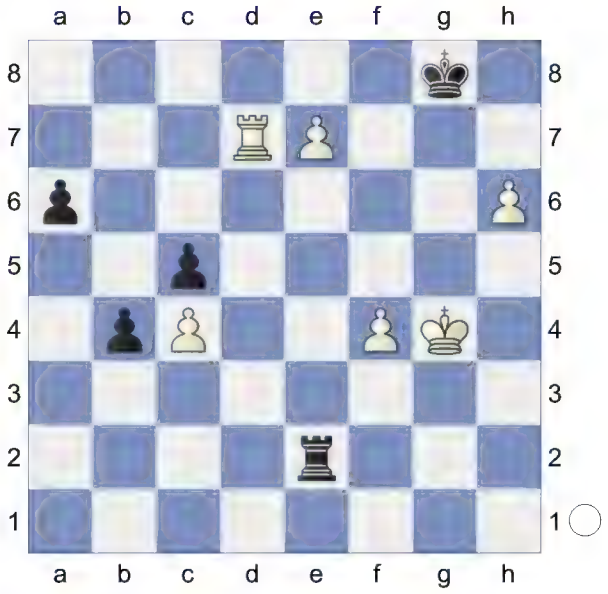
54.gxf6 Rh2



55.Rh7+!! Decoy, Clearance **55...Kxh7**



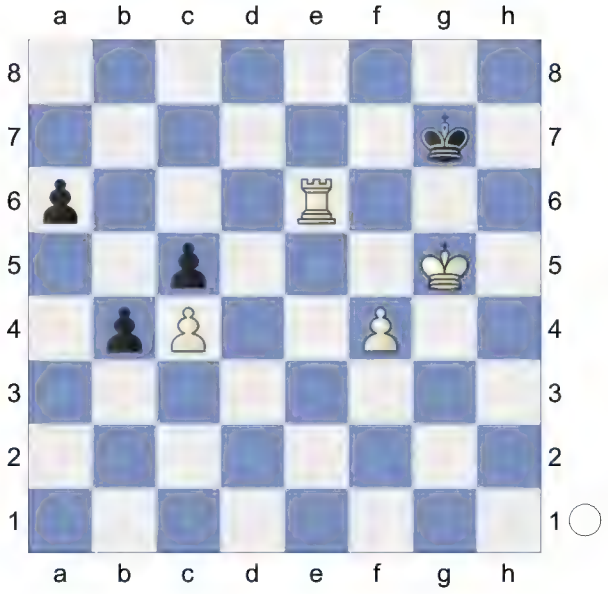
56.Qd7+ Re7 57.Qxe7+ Qxe7 58.fxe7 KR-KR **58...Re2 59.Rd7 Kg8 60.h6** Rd7-d8+ would kill now. **60...a6**



61.Rd8+ Kh7 62.e8Q 9.95/5

[⌓62.e8R #14/22 Rxe8 63.Rxe8 Kxh6 64.Re6+ Kg7 65.Rxa6 Kf8 66.f5 Ke8 67.f6]

62...Rxe8 63.Rxe8 Kxh6 KR-K3P **64.Re6+ Kh7 65.Kg5 Kg7**



66.f5 b3 67.f6+ Kf7 68.Re7+ Kf8 69.Kg6 b2 70.Rb7 b1Q+

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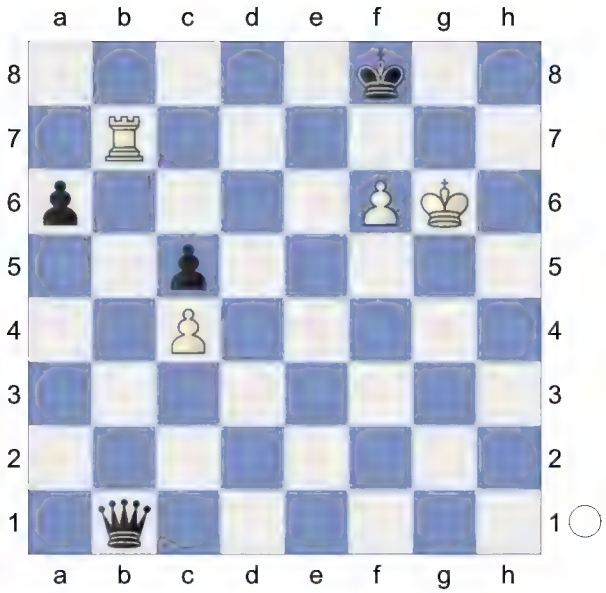
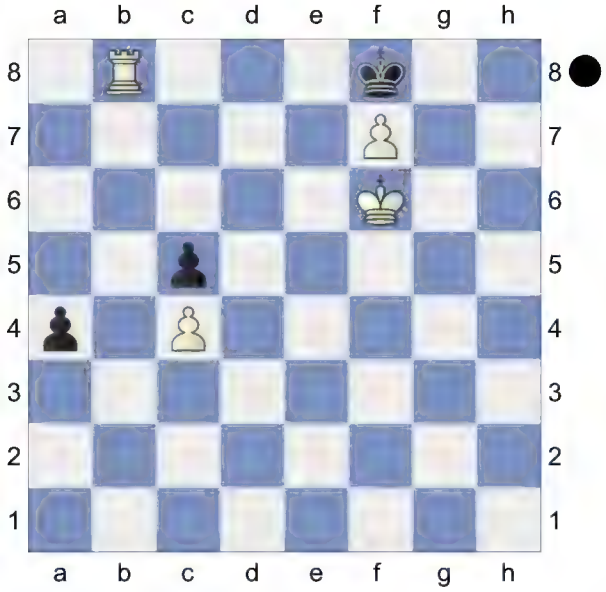


71.Rxb1 Ke8 72.Rb7 White mates.
72...a5 73.f7+ Kf8 74.Kf6 a4 75.Rb8#



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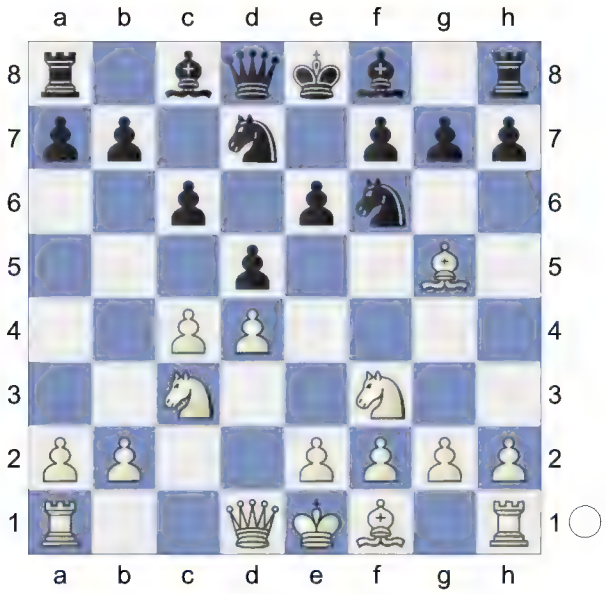
8 **D52**
□ **Proteussf Turbo** **3092**
■ **Admete** **2415**
Rapid 14.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

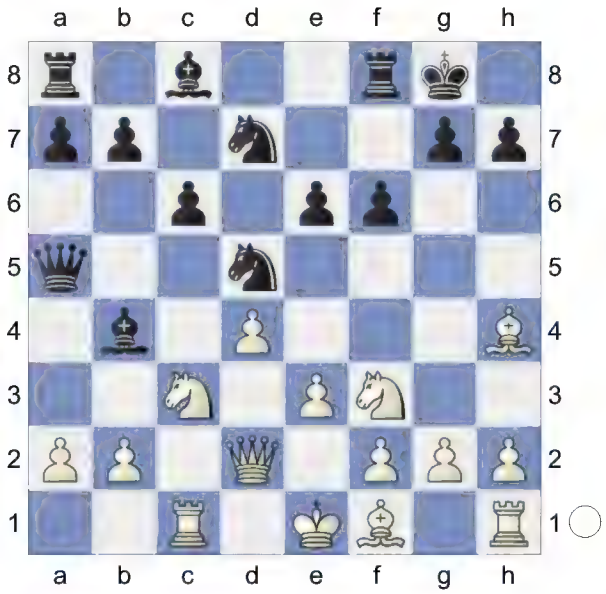
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8

27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 f6 10.Bh4 0-0



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 White has an edge. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...a5 15.0-0 e5**

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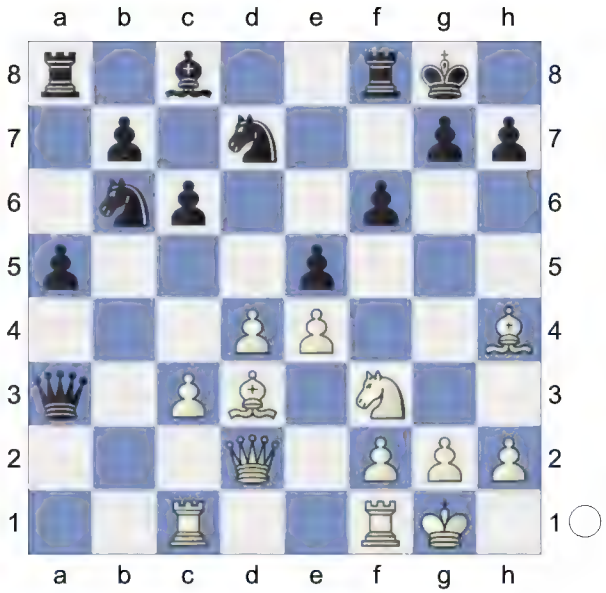
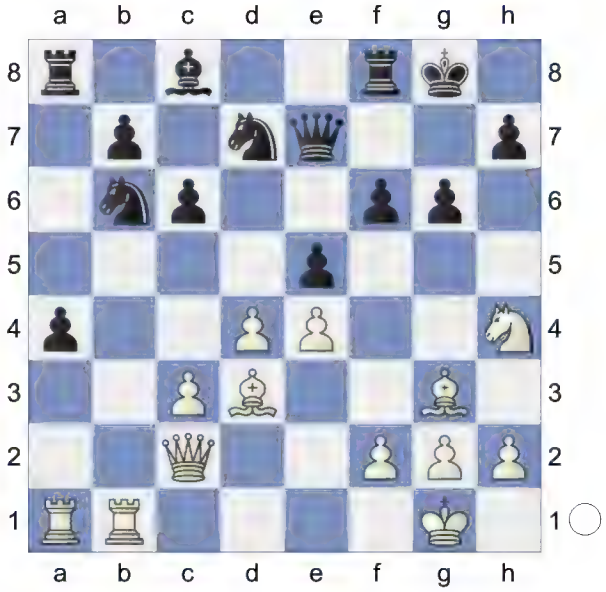


16.Ra1 Qe7 17.Qc2 a4 18.Rfb1 Strongly threatening Nf3xe5! **18...Qd6 19.Bg3 Qe7 20.Nh4 g6**



Wards off Nh4-f5 **21.Nf3** White is more active. **21...Kh8 22.h3 Rg8 23.Bf1 Re8 24.Nd2 a3 25.f3 f5**

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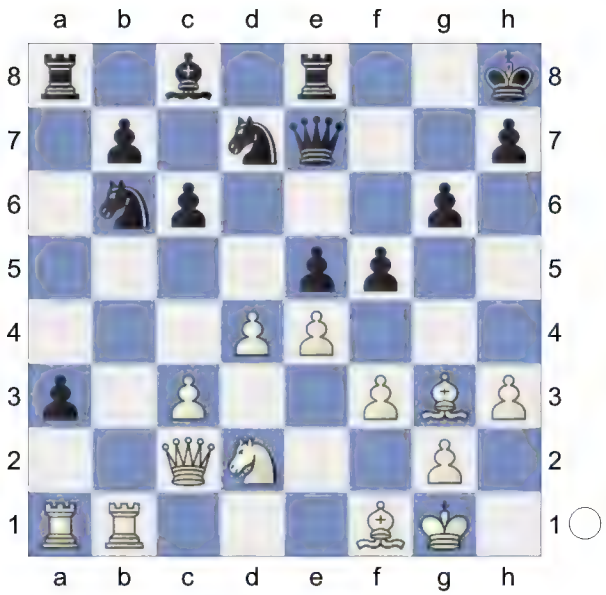


26.dxe5

[26.exf5 gxf5 27.dxe5 *(27.Qxf5 Qg7±)* 27...Nd5±]

26...Na4 1.87/19

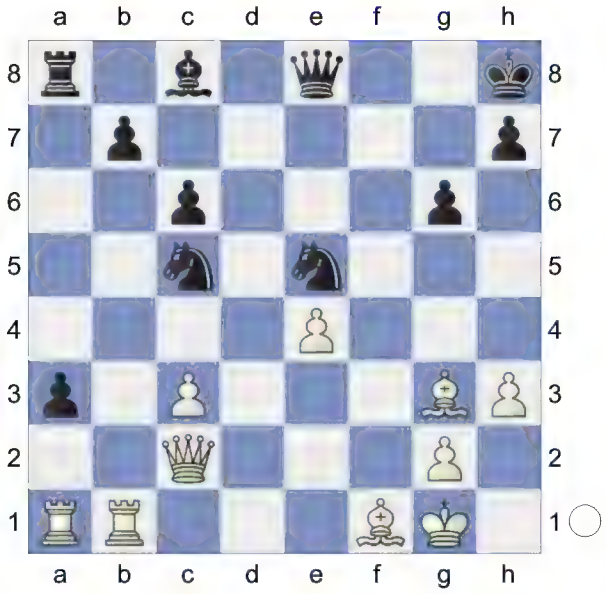
[26...f4± 1.32/16 27.Bxf4 Na4]

27.Nc4+- fxe4 28.Nd6

[28.fxe4?! Nac5]

28...Nac5 29.Nxe8 Qxe8 30.fxe4 Nxe5? 3.39/22

[30...Qe7 1.88/20 was necessary. 31.c4 Qg5]

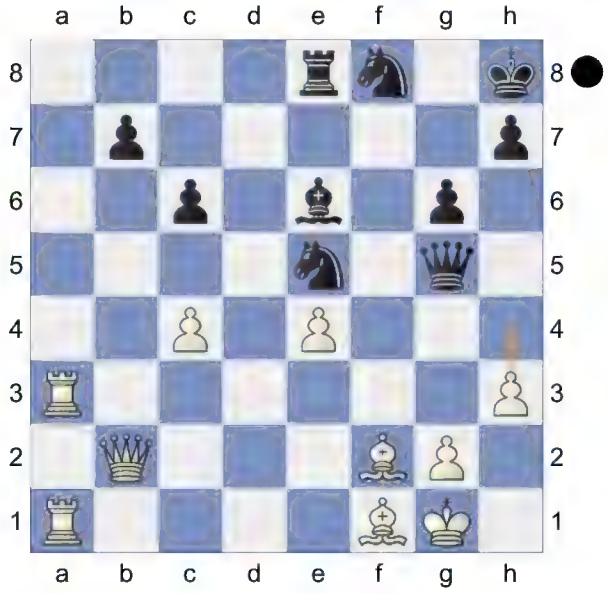


31.Qf2 Ncd7 32.Rb3 Qe7 33.Qa2 Qg5 34.Bf2

[Worse is 34.Rxa3 Qxg3 35.Kh1 *(35.Rxa8? gets mated. Nf3+ 36.Kh1 Qh2#)* 35...Rb8∓ *(35...Rxa3 36.Qxa3 Kg7 37.Qe7+ Kh6 38.Qd8∓)*]

34...Nf8 35.Rxa3 Be6

36.c4 Re8 37.Qb2



aiming for h3-h4! **37...Nfd7 38.Qxb7 Qf4 39.Qb4 Rf8 40.Bg3 c5**

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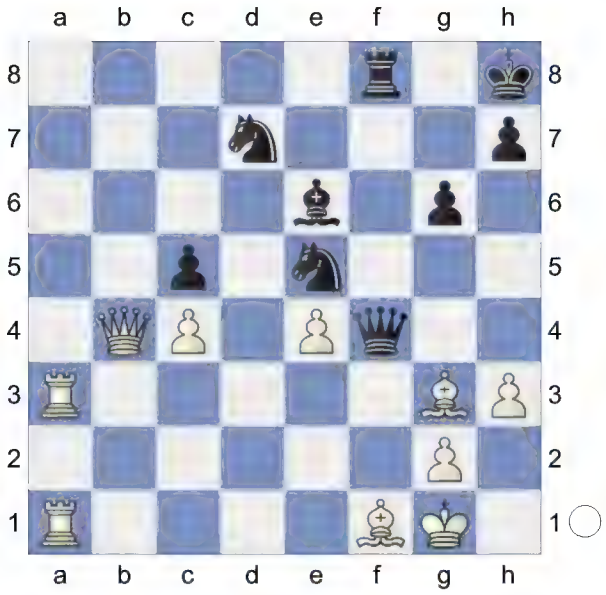
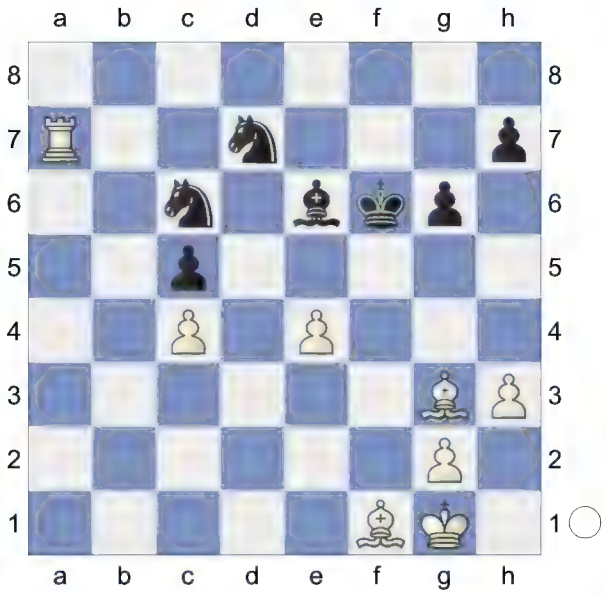


41.Qc3 Qf6 42.Ra8 Rxa8 43.Rxa8+ Kg7 44.Ra7 Nc6 45.Qxf6+ Kxf6



46.Rc7 Nd4 47.Bd6 Nb3 48.Bd3 h5 49.Bc2 Na5 50.Bxc5 Nxc4

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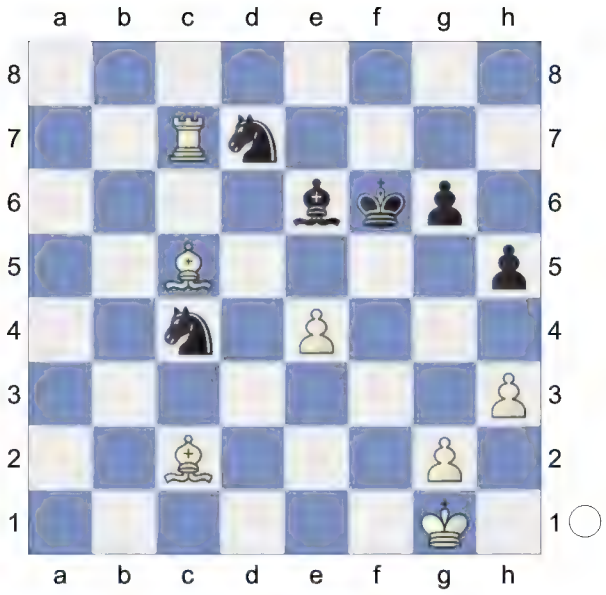
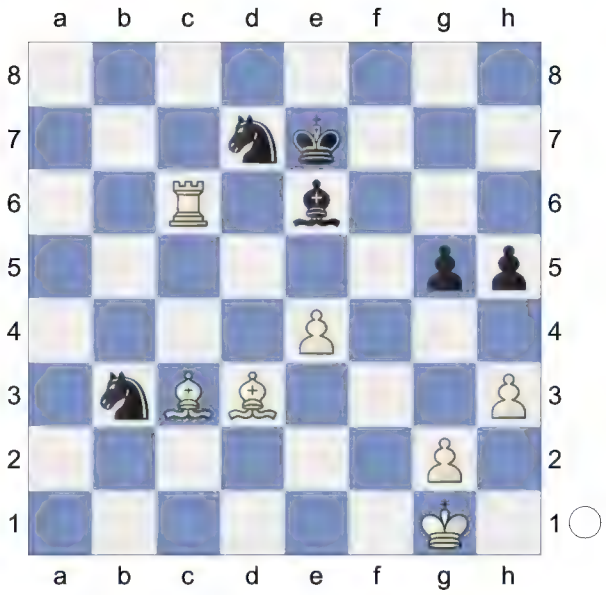


51.Bd4+ Ke7 52.Bd3 Na5 53.Bc3 Nb3 54.Rc6 g5



55.Rxe6+! Remove Defender, Decoy

55...Kxe6

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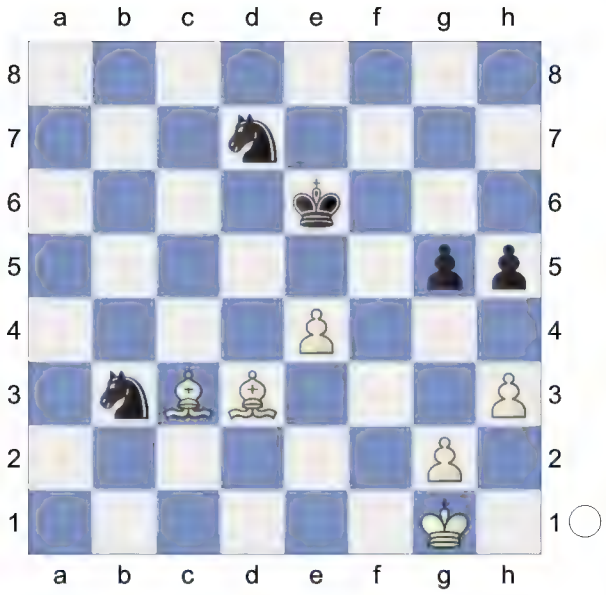
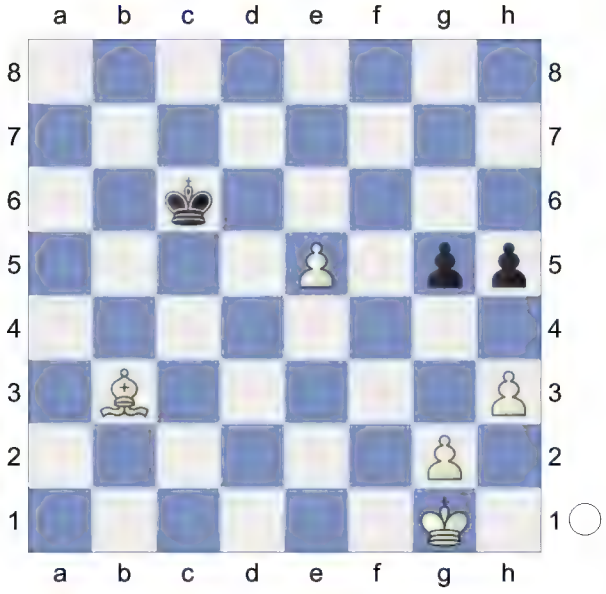


Endgame. KBB-KNN **56.Bc4+ Kd6 57.Bxb3 Nc5 58.Bb4 Kc6 59.Bxc5 Kxc5** KB-KPP **60.e5 Kc6**



61.g4 hxg4 62.hxg4 KB-KP **62...Kd7 63.Kf2 Ke7 64.Ke3 Kd7 65.Ke4 Kc6**

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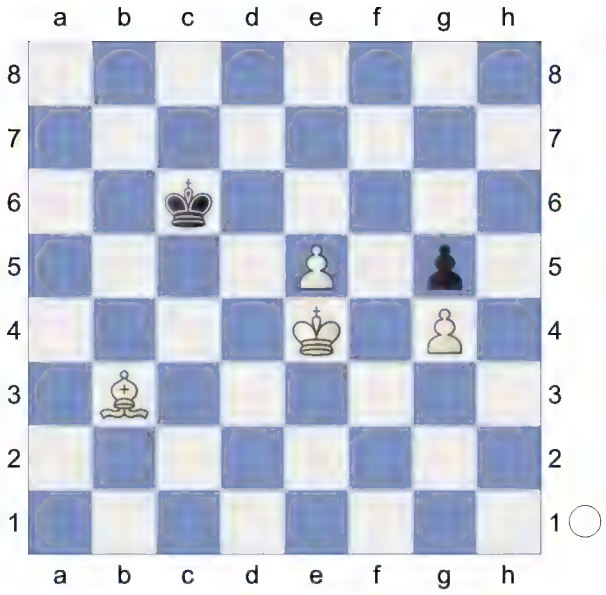

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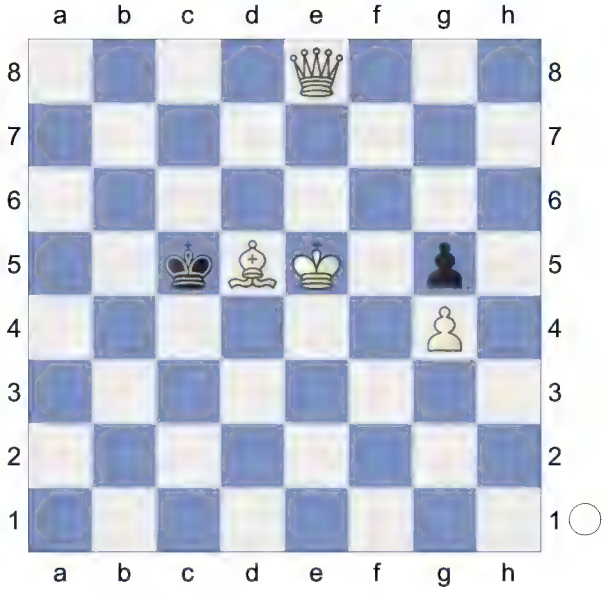

71.Qc6+ Kb4 72.Kd4 Intending Qc6-b6+ and mate. **72...Ka5 73.Bb3 Kb4 74.Qa4#**

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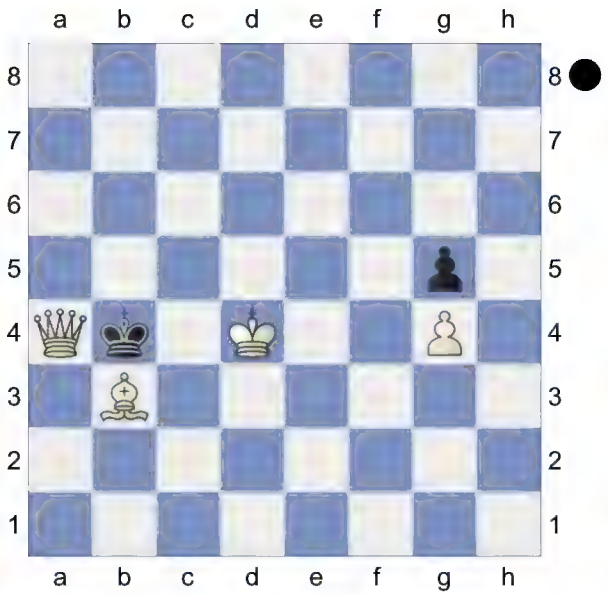

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9 **D52**
☐ **Proteussf Lite** **3085**
■ **Admete** **2375**
Rapid 20.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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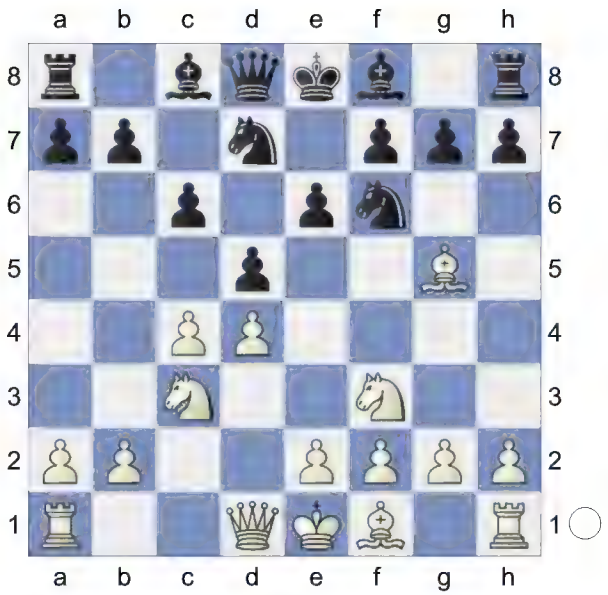
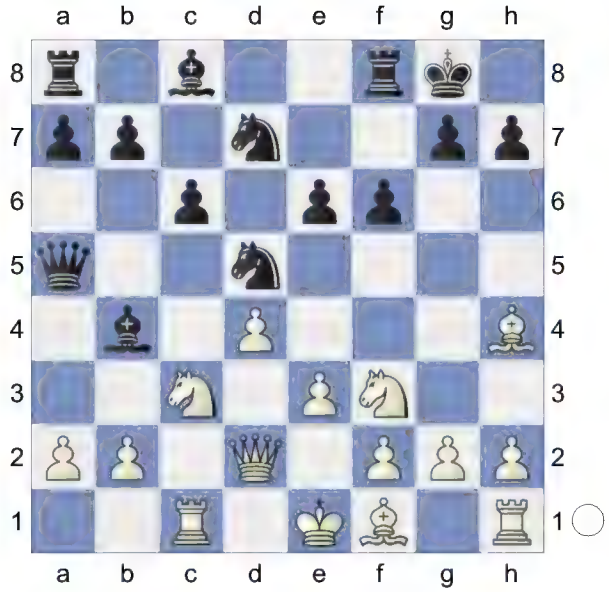
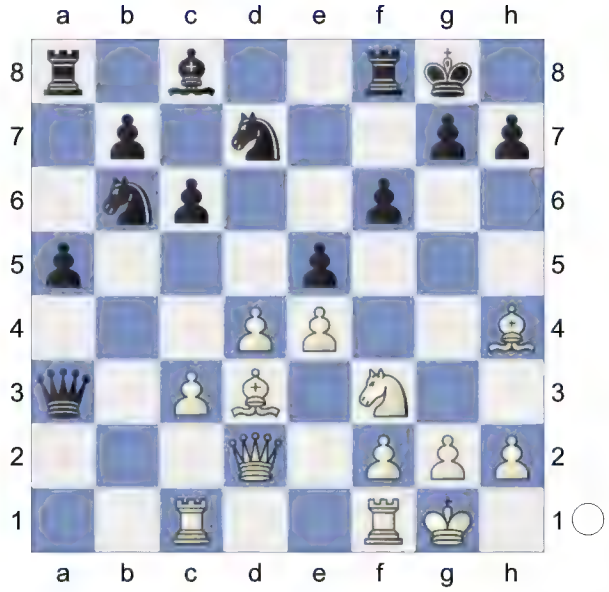


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 f6 10.Bh4 0-0



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 White is slightly better. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...a5 15.0-0 e5**



16.Ra1 Qe7 17.Qc2 a4 18.Rfb1 Threatens to win with d4xe5. **18...Qd6 19.Bg3 Qe7 20.Nh4 g6**

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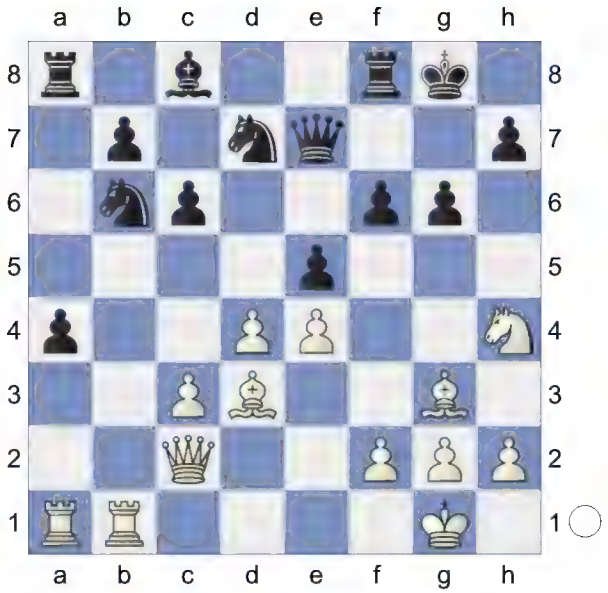
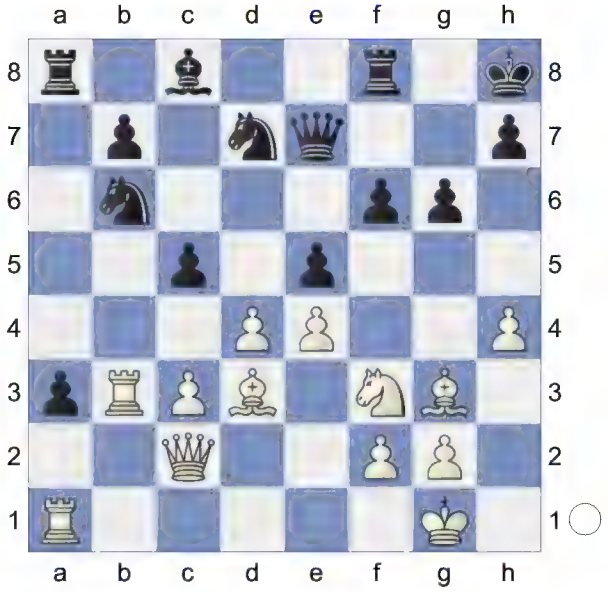


Wards off Nh4-f5 **21.Nf3 Kh8 22.h4 a3** 1.18/19

[22...Re8± 0.41/15]

23.Rb3± c5



...c5-c4 would now be deadly. **24.Rb5** 0.56/18 White has more active pieces.

[24.Rbxa3 Rxa3 25.Rxa3 c4∓]

[24.Raxa3? c4 *(24...Rxa3 25.Rxa3 c4* Discovered Attack *26.Ra1-+)* 25.Rxa8 *(25.Rxb6? cxd3 26.Qxd3 Rxa3-+)* 25...cxb3 26.Qxb3 Nxa8-+]

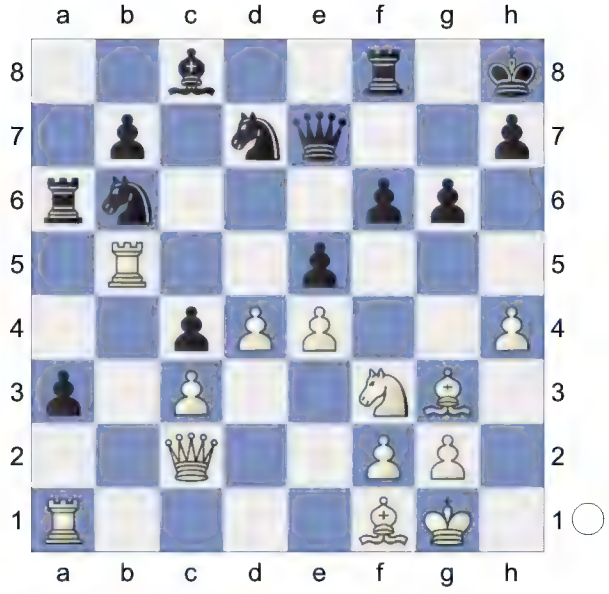
[24.Bf1± 1.17/19]

24...c4 1.10/19

[24...Ra6± 0.56/18]

25.Bf1 Ra6 1.49/18

[Better is 25...Kg8 1.09/17 26.h5 *(26.dxe5 f5±)* 26...Rf7 27.dxe5 fxe5 28.Nxe5 Nxe5]



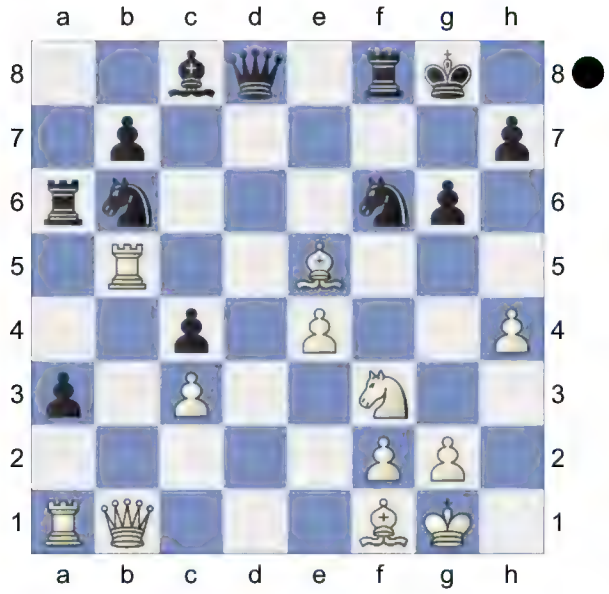
26.dxe5 Kg8 2.04/19

[26...Re8± 0.92/17 was necessary. 27.exf6 Qxf6]

27.exf6 Nxf6 2.23/18

[27...Rxf6 1.77/19 might work better. 28.h5 Qe8]

28.Qb1+- Qd8 29.Be5

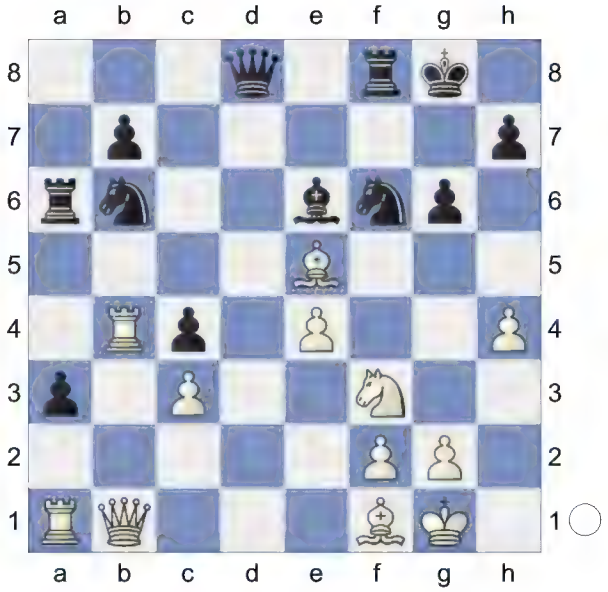


Be5-d4 is the strong threat. Black is weak on the dark squares **29...Bd7** 2.80/20

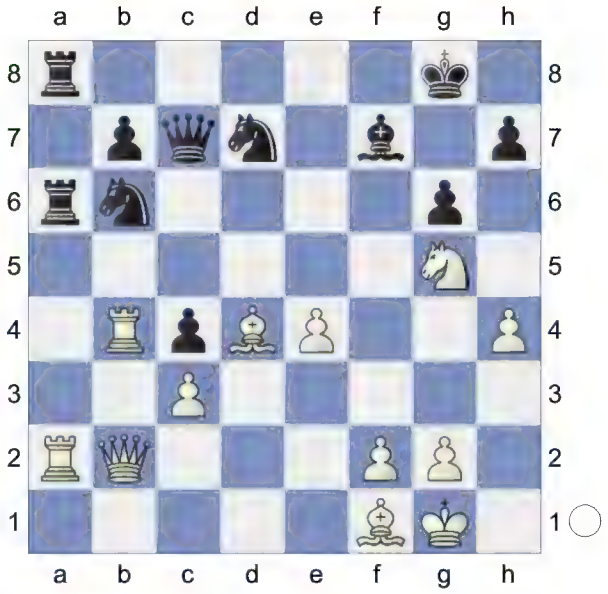
[⌓29...Bg4 1.91/18 30.Bd4 Nfd7]

30.Rb4 Be6? 4.46/21

[30...Bg4 2.71/18 keeps fighting. 31.Bd4 *(31.Bxc4+ Nxc4 32.Rxc4 a2±)* 31...Nfd7]

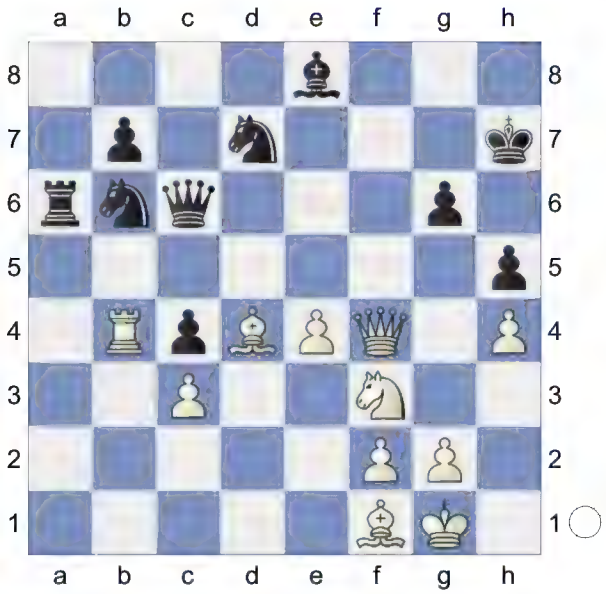


31.Ng5 Bf7 32.Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **32...Nfd7 33.Qc1 a2 34.Qb2 Qc7 35.Rxa2 Rfa8**

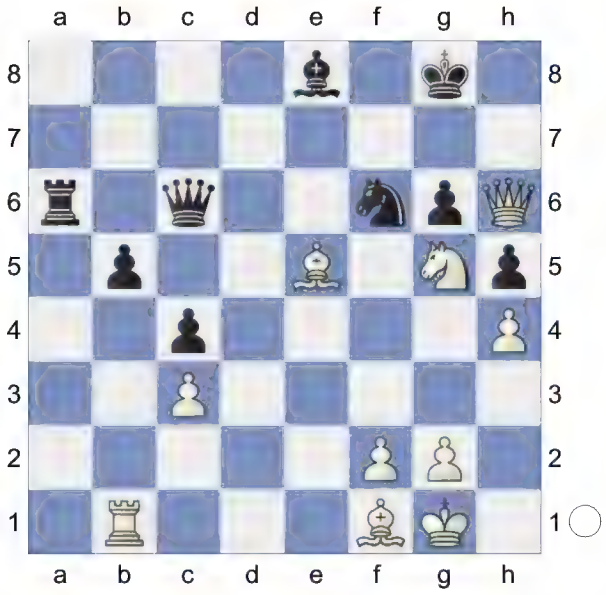


36.Rxa6 Rxa6 37.Qc1 h5 7.10/20

[⌓37...Qc6 4.79/20 38.Nxf7 Kxf7]
38.Nf3 Kh7 Inhibits Qc1-h6+. **39.Qe3 Qc6 40.Qf4 Be8**



41.Rb1 Kg8 42.Qh6 Nf6 43.Ng5 White threatens e4-e5 and mate. **43...Nbd7 44.e5 Nxe5 45.Bxe5 b5**



46.Rd1 Rd1-d8 would kill now. **46...Qb7 47.Rd8 Qg7 48.Rxe8+ Nxe8 49.Bxg7 Nxg7 50.g3 Rd6**

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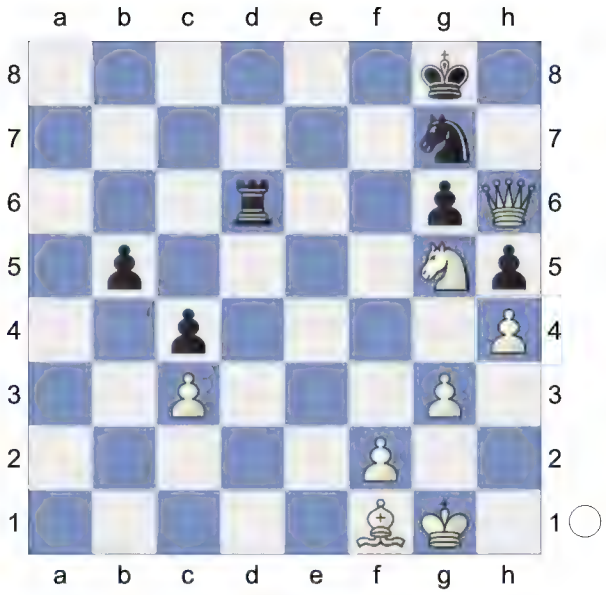
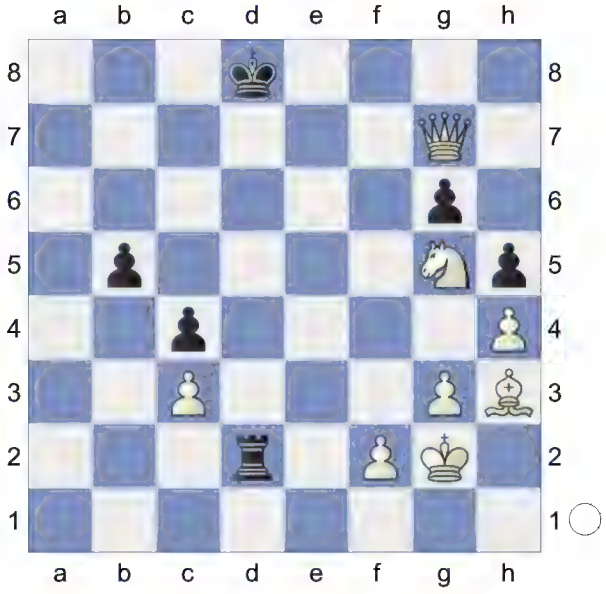


51.Qh7+ Kf8 52.Qh8+ Ke7 53.Qxg7+ White mates. **53...Kd8 54.Bh3 Rd1+ 55.Kg2 Rd2**



56.Qf7 Rd6 57.Ne6+ Rxe6 58.Bxe6 b4 59.Qd7#

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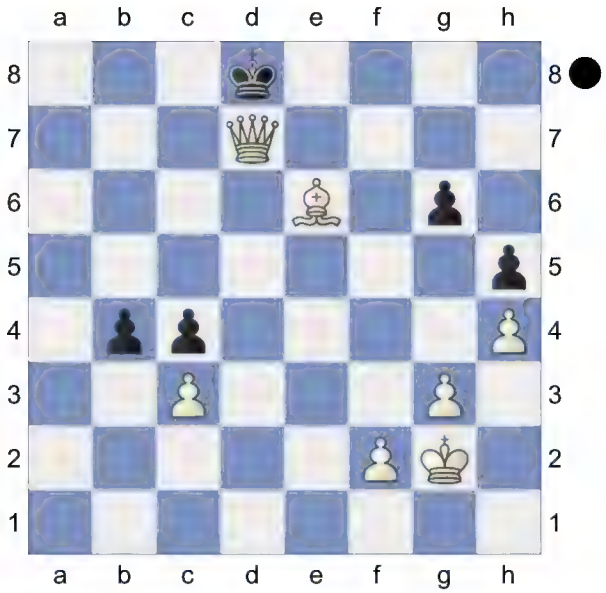

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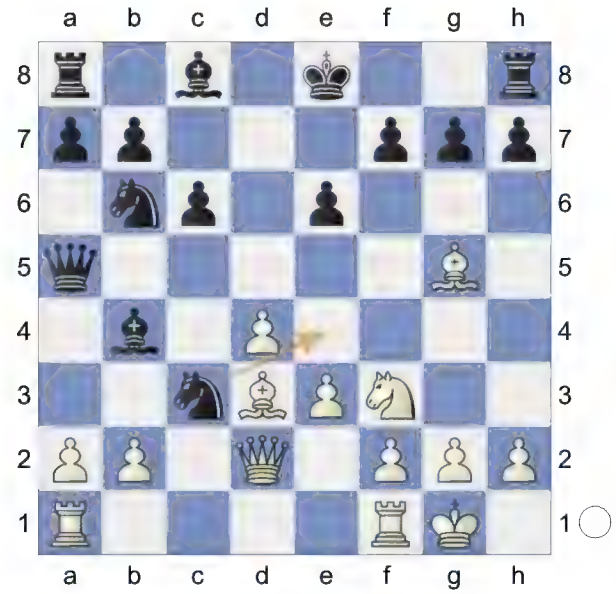
10 **D52**
□ **Leelamultiposs** **3085**
■ **Integralbot** **2942**
Blitz 15.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)

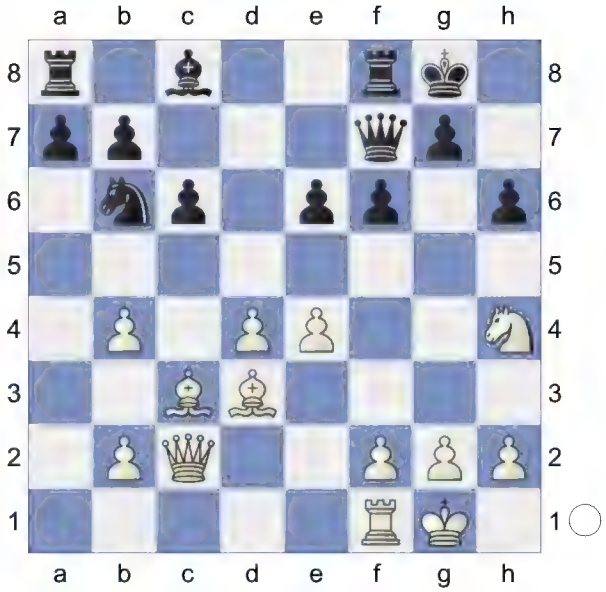
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.0-0
[10.Qxc3? Bb4 11.0-0 Bxc3-+]
10...Bb4

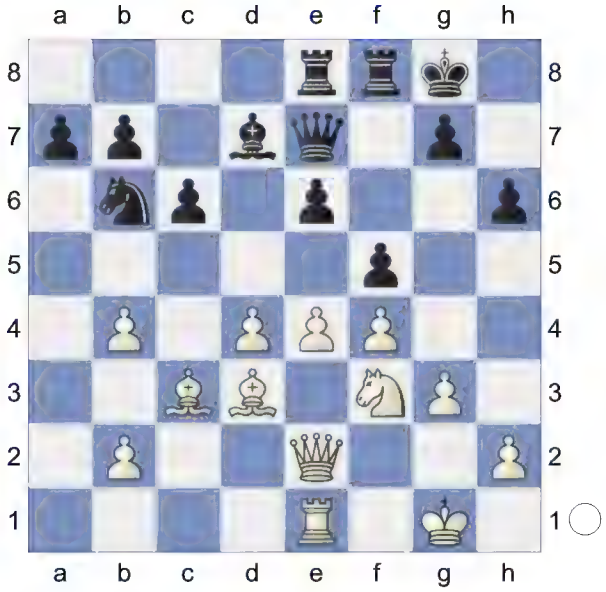


Strongly threatening ...Nc3-e4! **11.a3**
[11.bxc3 Bxc3 12.Qc2 Bxa1 13.Rxa1 h6-+]
11...Ne4 White is slightly better. **12.axb4**
[12.Qxb4 simplifies Qxb4 13.axb4 Nxg5 14.Nxg5 Nd5 15.b5]
12...Qxa1 13.Bxe4 Qa4 14.Bc2 Qb5 15.Bd3 White has compensation.
15...Qd5

16.Qc2 h6 17.e4 Qd7 18.Bd2 f6
19.Nh4 0-0 20.Bc3 Qf7



21.f4 f5 22.g3 Bd7 23.Re1 Rad8 24.Qe2 Rde8 25.Nf3 Qe7 0.14/18
[25...Ra8∓ -0.31/17]



26.Bc2 Qd8 27.h4 -0.18/19
[⌓27.Ne5 0.24/18]
27...Na8 28.Ne5 Rf6 29.h5 Nc7 30.g4 fxg4

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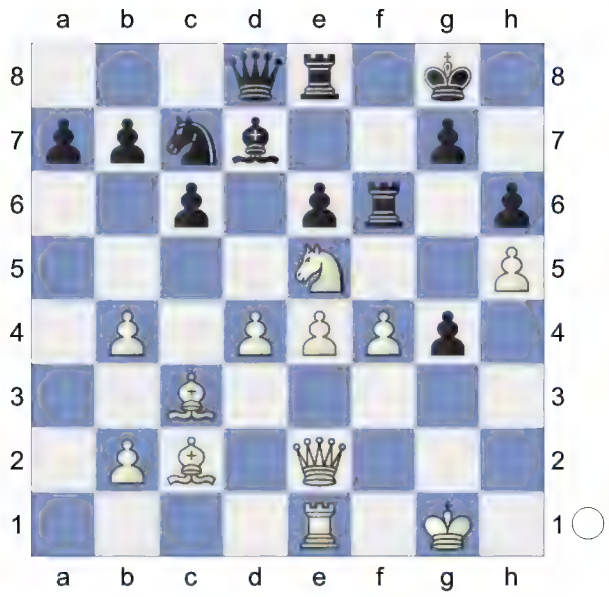
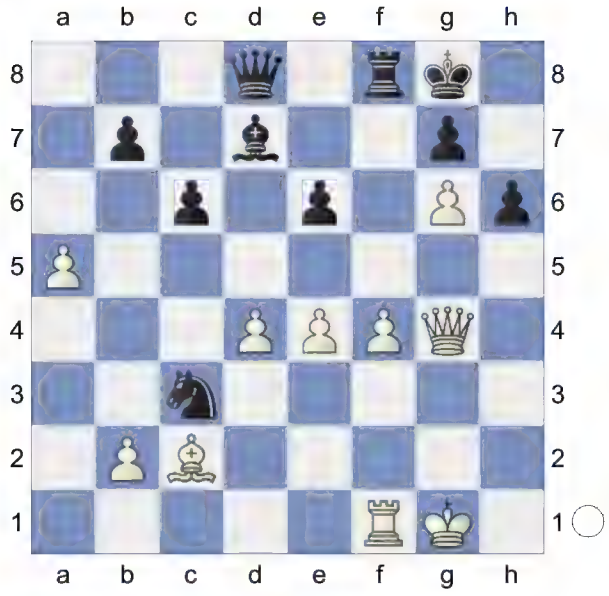


31.Qxg4 Ref8 0.45/21
[31...Nb5= 0.01/19]
32.Ng6± Rxg6 33.hxg6 Nb5 34.Rf1 a5 35.bxa5 Nxc3



36.bxc3 Qxa5 37.Qh3 b5 38.e5 Qa3 39.Kh2 c5 40.d5 Qa2

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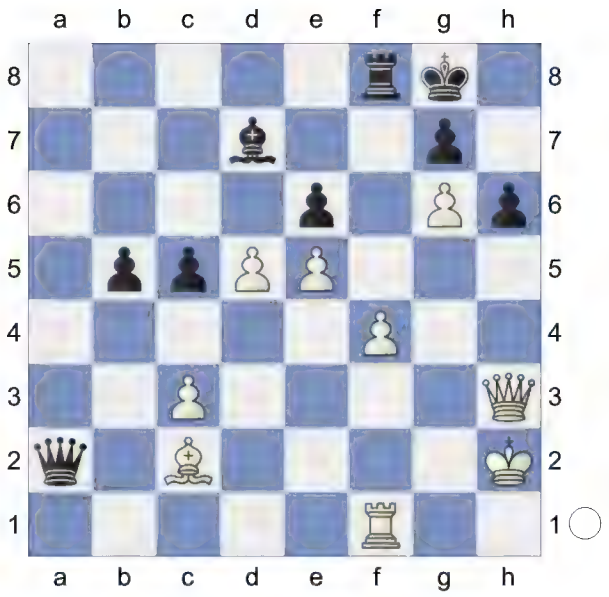
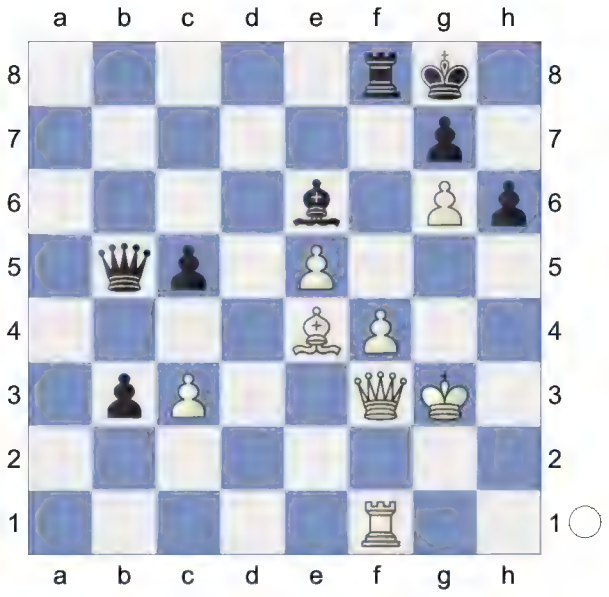
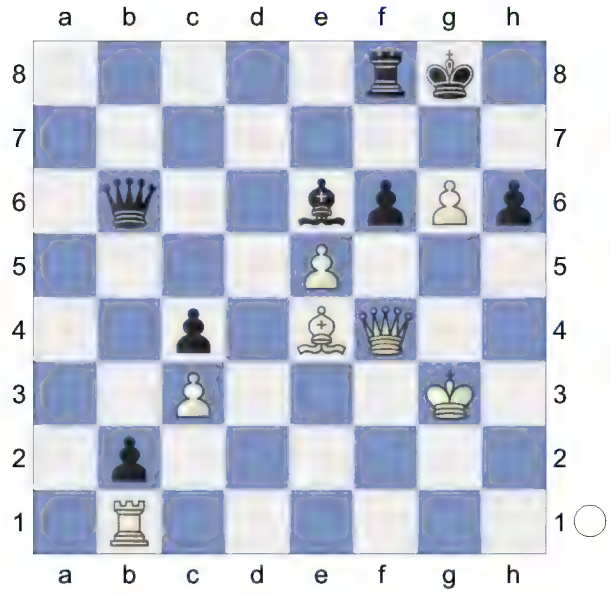


41.Qg2 Qc4 42.Qf3
[42.dxe6 simplifies Bxe6 43.Qf3 Bf5 44.Bxf5 Rxf5 45.Rd1]
42...b4 0.46/18
[42...Qxd5= 0.08/19 was preferrable. 43.Be4 Qa2+ 44.Rf2 Qa7]
43.dxe6! Bxe6 44.Kg3 b3
[44...Qxc3 45.Qxc3 bxc3 46.f5+- *(46.Rf3 Bd5±)*]
45.Be4 Qb5



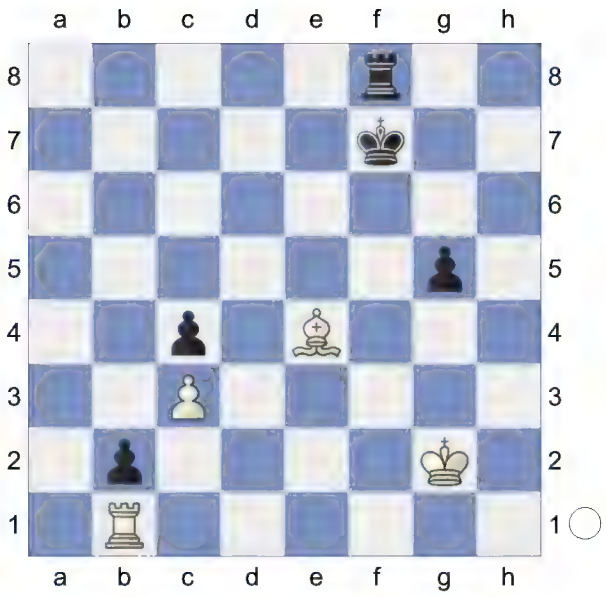
46.Rd1 b2 47.f5 Qb8 0.01/20
[47...Qb3± 0.37/19 is superior.]
48.Qf4= c4 1.40/20

[48...Ba2= -0.01/18]
49.Rb1± White is more active. **49...Qb6**
50.f6 f6-f7+ would now be deadly.
50...gxf6 4.81/24
[50...Rb8± 1.26/20 is tougher.]

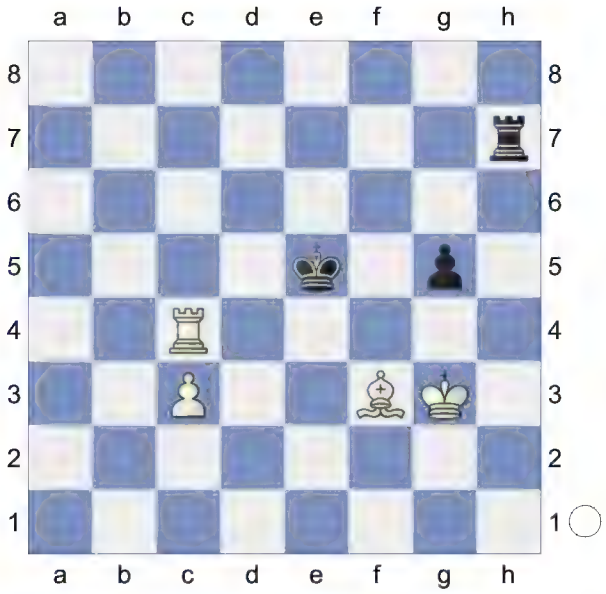


A mistake that costs the game.
51.exf6+-
[Weaker is 51.Qxh6 Qc7=]
51...Qa5 52.Kg2 Qg5+
[52...Qxc3? perishes. 53.Qxh6]
53.Qxg5 hxg5 54.f7+
[54.Rxb2 Rxf6 55.Rb5 Rf4±]
54...Bxf7 55.gxf7+ Kxf7

(Diagram)

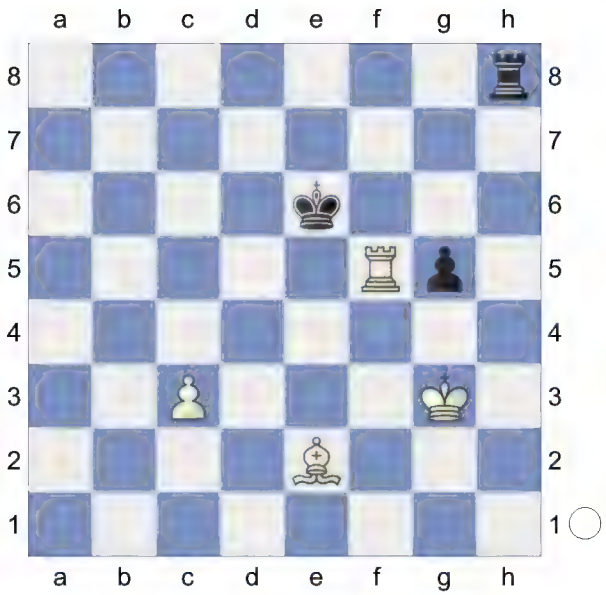


56.Rxb2 Endgame. Rb2-f2+ is the strong threat. KRB-KR **56...Ke7 57.Rb4 Kd6 58.Rxc4 Ke5 59.Bf3 Rf7 60.Kg3 Rh7**

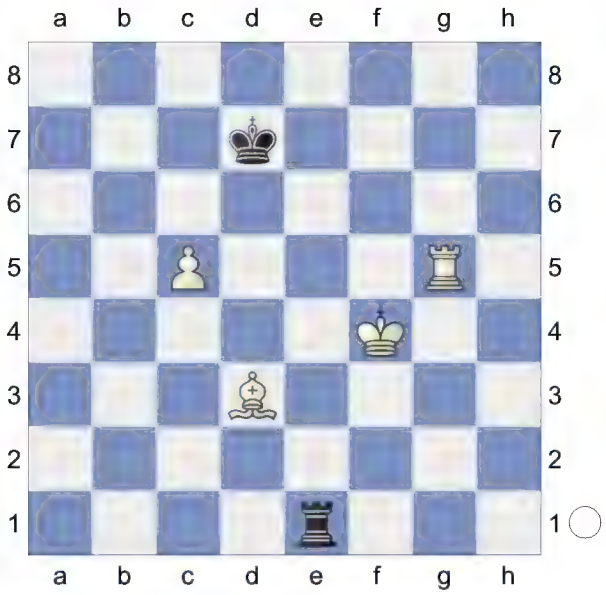


61.Rc5+ Kf6 62.Be4 Rh4 63.Rf5+ Ke6 64.Bd3
[And not 64.Rxg5 Rxe4 65.Kf2 Re5=]
64...Rh5 65.Be2 Rh8

(Diagram)



66.Rxg5 Kd6 67.Kf4 Re8 68.Bd3 Re7 69.c4 Re1 70.c5+ Kd7



71.Be4 Intending Kf4-e5 and mate.
71...Rc1 72.c6+ Ke6 73.Rg6+ Kf7 74.Rh6 Kg7 75.Rh1 Rc4

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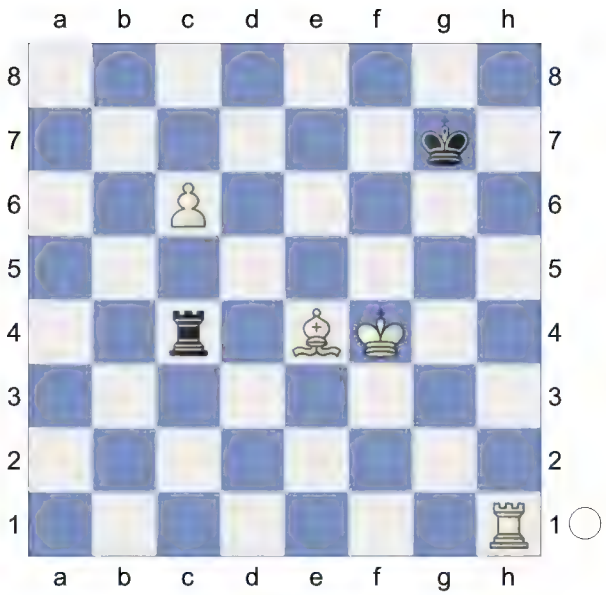
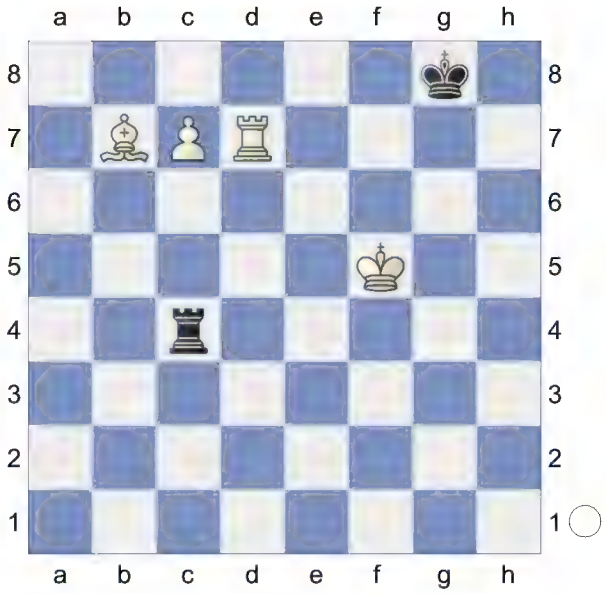


76.c7! Kg8
[76...Rc5 77.Rh7+]
77.Rh7 Rc5 78.Rd7 Kf8 79.Bb7 Rc4+ 80.Kf5 Kg8



81.c8R+ 8.17/5
[⌓81.Bd5+ #5/12 Kh8 82.c8Q+ Rxc8 83.Kg6 Rg8+ 84.Bxg8 Kxg8 85.Rd8#]
81...Rxc8 82.Bxc8 White mates.
82...Kf8 83.Kg6 Ke8 84.Kf6 Kf8 85.Rd8#

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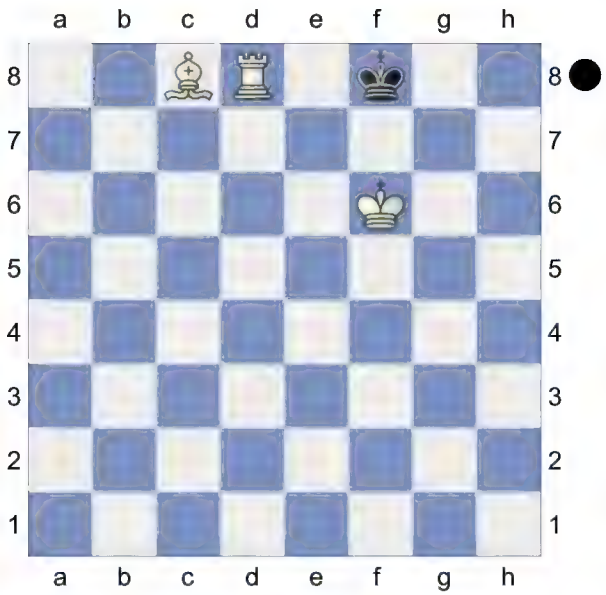

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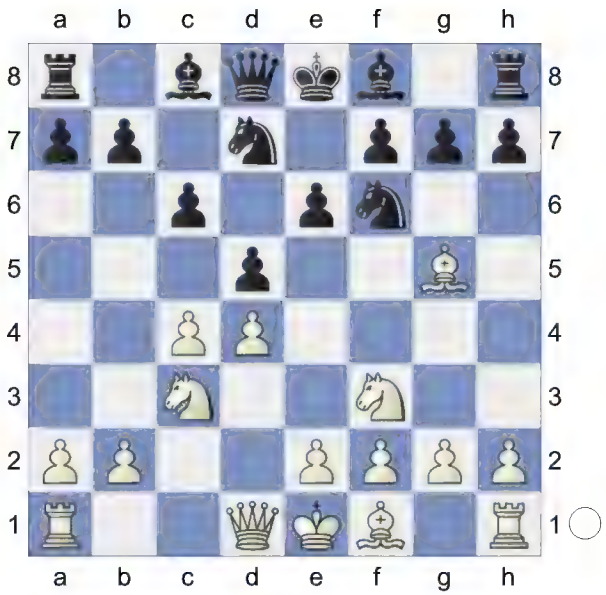
11 **D52**
☐ **Proteussf Lite** **3081**
■ **Admete** **2384**
Rapid 20.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

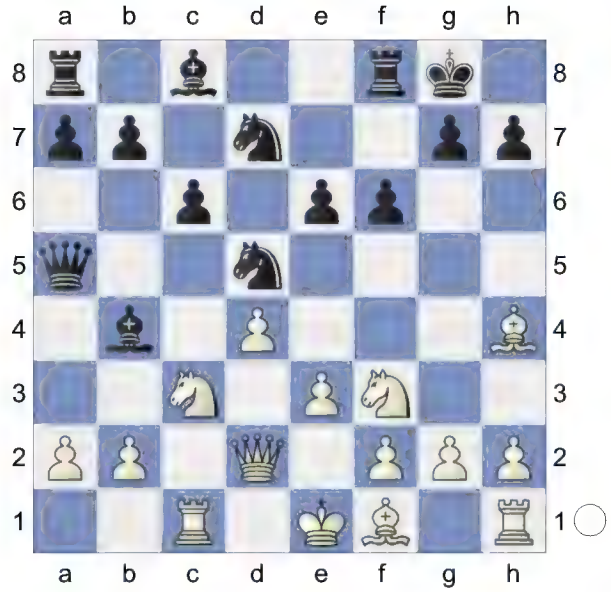
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)

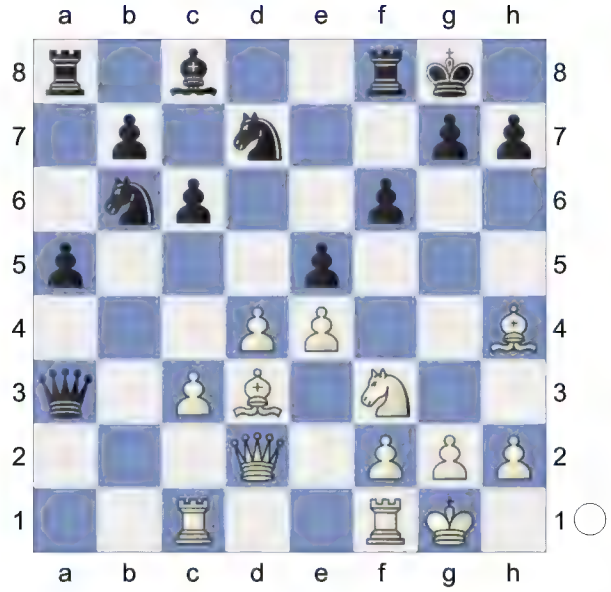


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 f6 10.Bh4 0-0



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 White has an edge. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...a5 15.0-0 e5**



16.Ra1 Qe7 17.Qc2 a4 18.Rfb1 Threatens to win with d4xe5. **18...Qd6 19.Bg3 Qe7 20.Nh4 g6**

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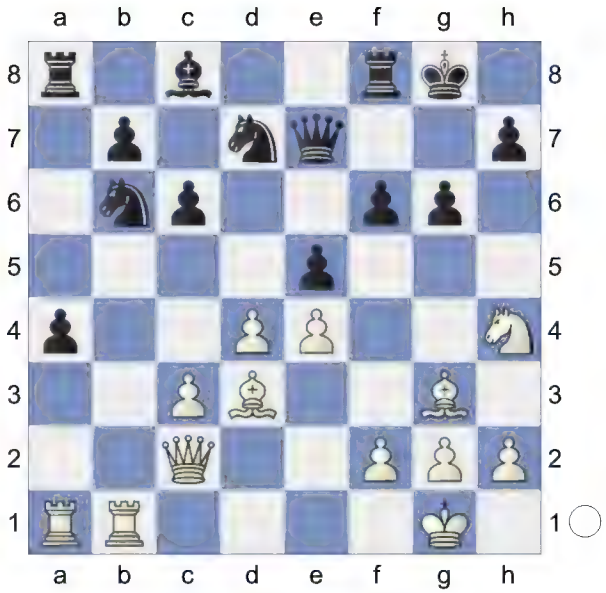
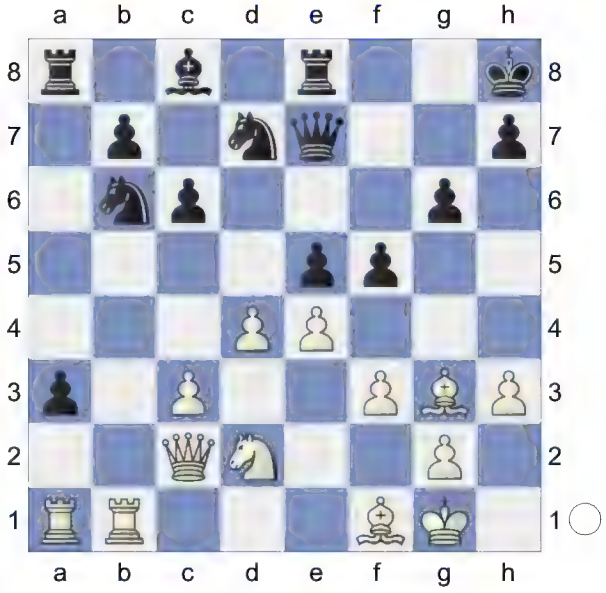


Inhibits Nh4-f5. **21.Nf3** White is more active. **21...Kh8 22.h3 Rg8** White stays focused until the end. **23.Bf1 Re8 24.Nd2 a3** 1.31/19

[⌓24...h5 0.81/17 25.f4 exd4]

25.f3± f5



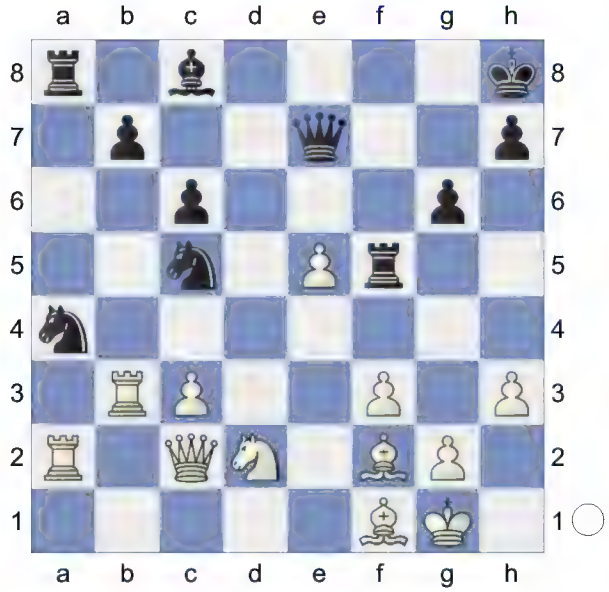
26.dxe5

[26.exf5 gxf5 27.dxe5 *(27.Qxf5 Nd5±)* 27...f4±]

26...Rf8 2.00/17

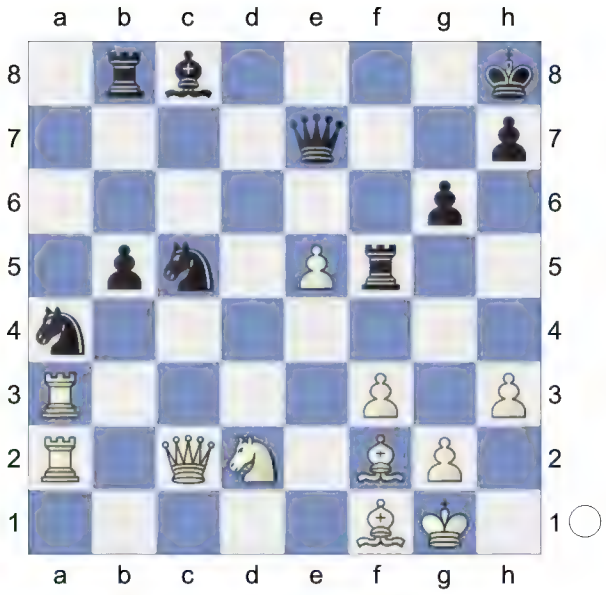
[26...f4± 1.42/17 was worth a try. 27.Bf2 *(27.Bxf4 Nxe5 28.c4 Qc5+ 29.Kh2 Nbd7=)* 27...Na4]

27.Bf2 Na4 2.46/20
[27...fxe4 1.95/17 keeps fighting. 28.Nxe4 *(28.Bxb6 Nxb6 29.Nxe4 Nd7∓; 28.Rxb6 exf3 29.Rb4 fxg2±)* 28...Nd5]
28.exf5+- Rxf5 29.Rb3 a2 30.Rxa2 Ndc5 4.47/19
[30...Nxe5 3.10/19 might work better. 31.c4 Rf8]

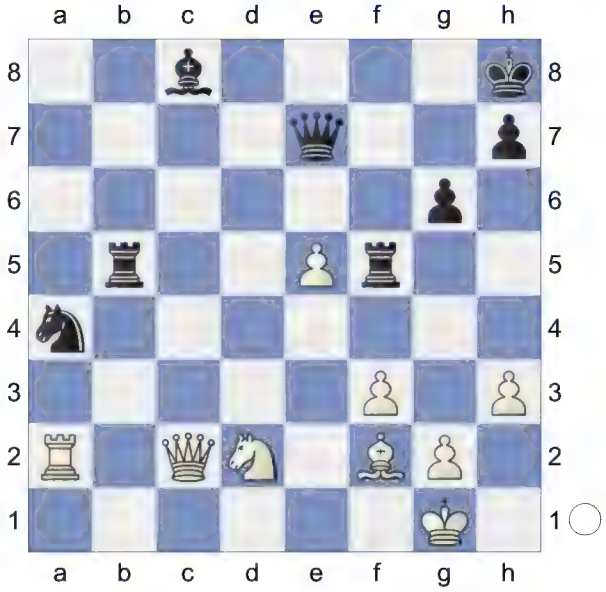


31.Rba3 b5 32.c4
[Not 32.Ne4 Nxe4 33.Qxe4 Nxc3 34.Rxa8 *(34.Rxc3 Rxa2 35.Bxb5 Rxf2±; 34.Qxc6 Rxa3 35.Rxa3 Qxa3+-)* 34...Nxe4+-]
32...Rb8 33.cxb5 Remove Defender **33...cxb5**

(Diagram)



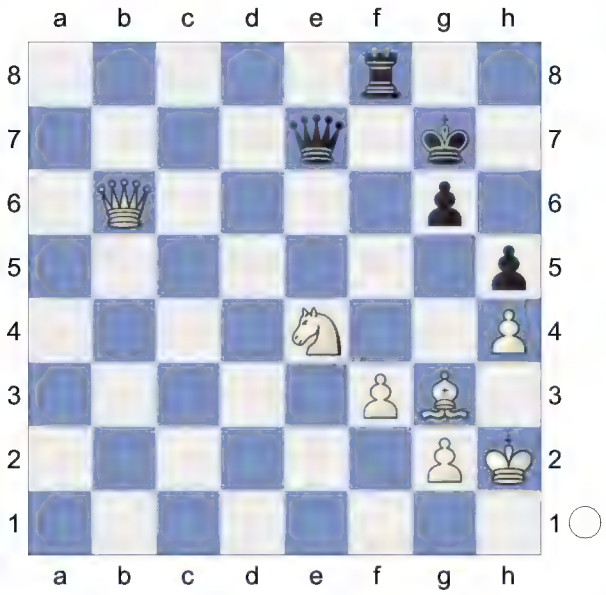
34.Bxb5! Remove Defender **34...Rxb5 35.Rxa4 Nxa4**



36.Qxc8+
[36.Rxa4 Bb7 37.Nc4 Kg8±]
36...Rf8 37.Qc6 Rb2 6.91/21
[⌓37...Qb4 4.84/20 38.Ne4 Nb2]
38.Qxa4
[Weaker is 38.Rxa4 Rxd2 39.Qc3 Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Qe6±]
38...Rxa2 39.Qxa2 Qxe5 40.Ne4 Rd8

(Diagram)

41.Bg3 Qe7 42.Kh2 h5 43.Qb2+ Kg8 44.h4 Rf8 45.Qb6 Kg7



46.Qd4+ Kh6 47.Ng5 Bg3-d6 would kill now. **47...Qb7 48.Bf4 Rg8 49.Qf6 Qd7 50.Be5 Qe8**

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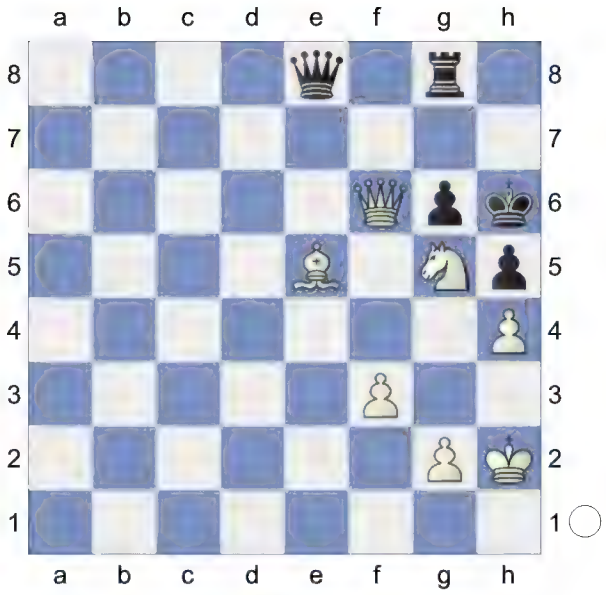
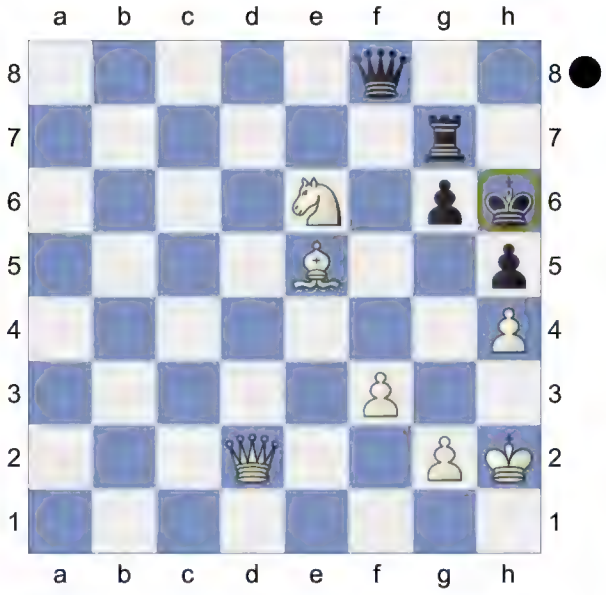


51.Qf4 Qf8 52.Qd2 Rg7 53.Ne6+



Discovered Attack (Check) **53...Kh7 54.Nxf8+ Kg8 55.Qd8 Rd7**

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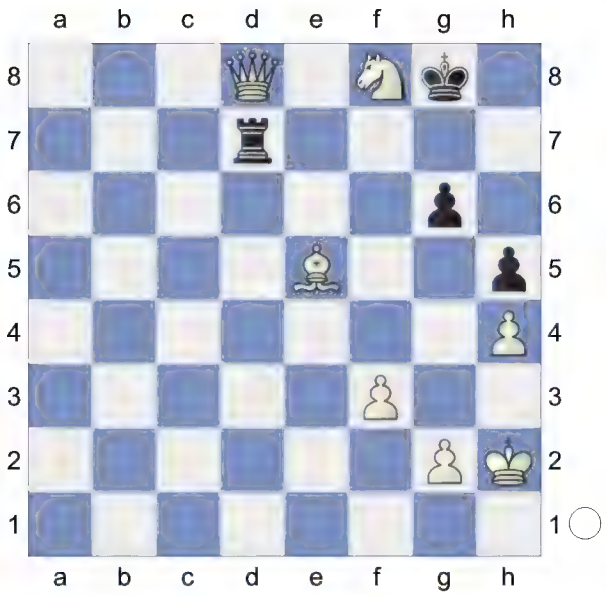
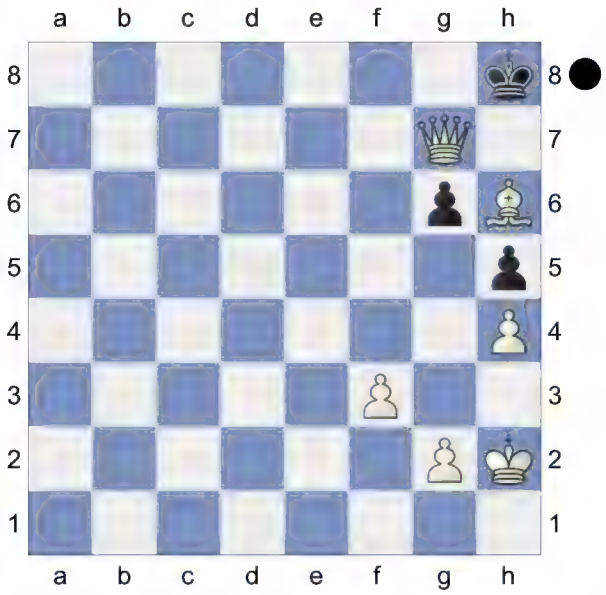


56.Qxd7 Kxf8 57.Bg7+ White mates.
57...Kg8 58.Bh6 Kh8 59.Qg7#



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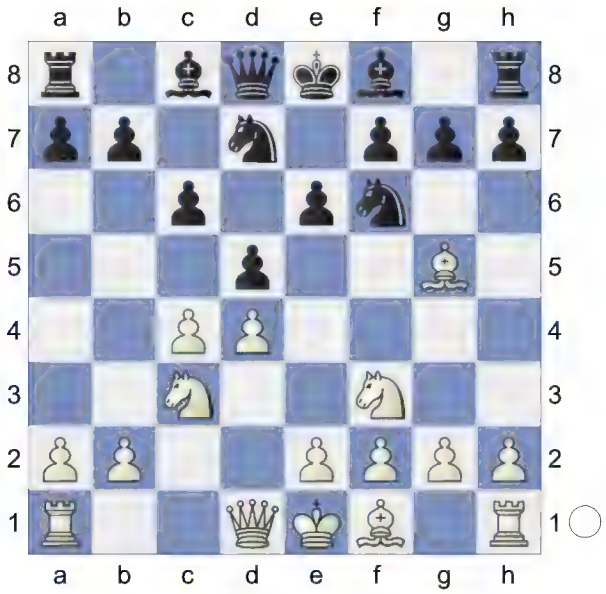
12 **D52**
□ **Good Bot223344** **3055**
■ **Aks Mantissa** **2804**
Rapid 24.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

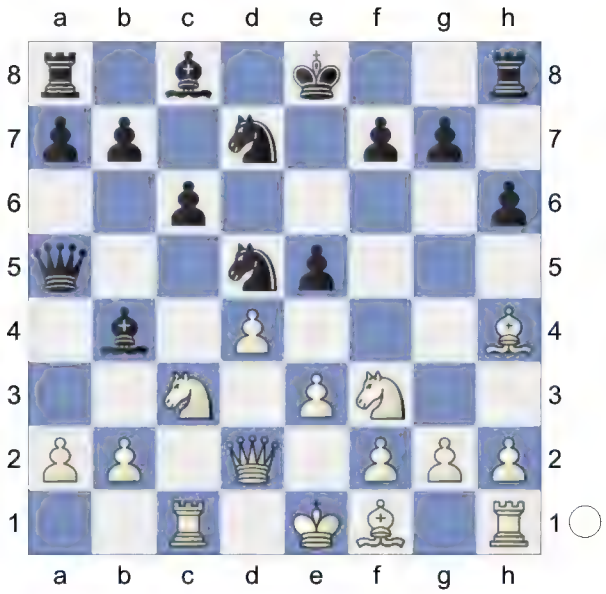
Blitz 10min+5sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8

27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 e5



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3 The position is equal. **13.e4 N5f6**

14.Bd3

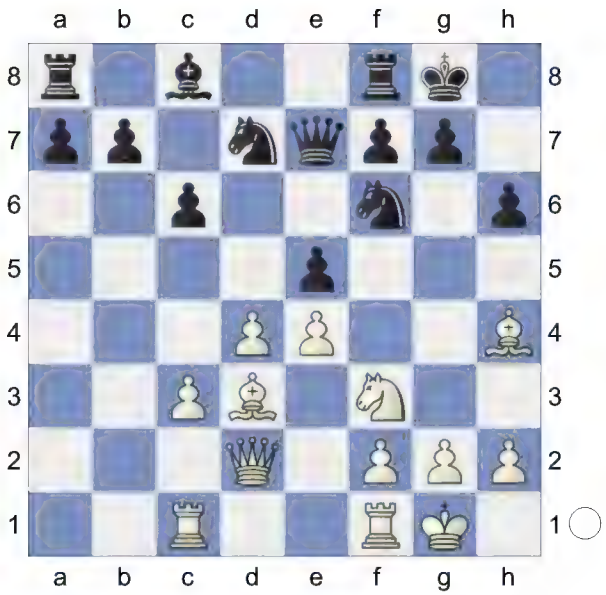
[14.dxe5? Nxe4 15.Qc2 Ndc5-+]

14...Qe7 0.42/21

[14...0-0= 0.03/19 should be considered.]

15.0-0± 0-0

(Diagram)



16.Rce1 Rd8 1.03/23

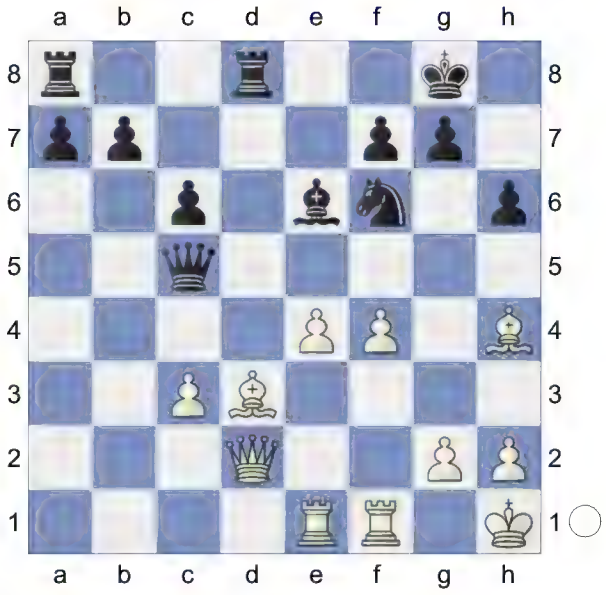
[16...a5= 0.00/20]

17.dxe5± White is more active.

17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.f4 Qc5+

20.Kh1 Bh4xf6 is the strong threat.

20...Be6



21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.f5! Discovered Attack

22...Rxd3 23.Qxd3 Bc4 24.Qg3+ Kh7

25.Rf4 Threatens to win with e4-e5!

25...Rg8

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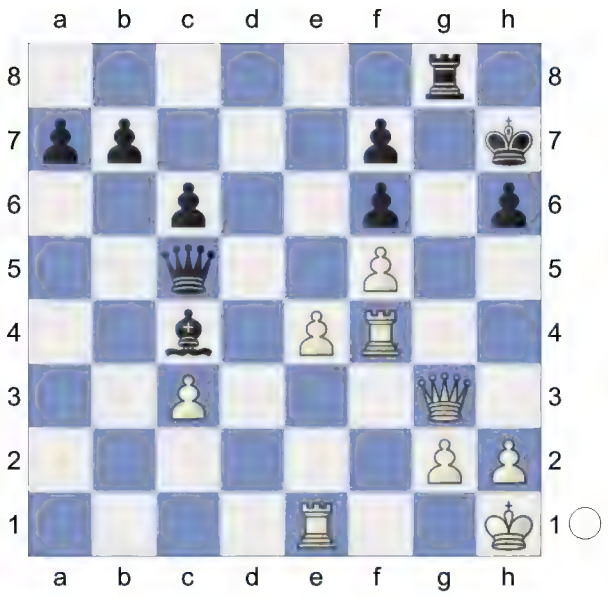
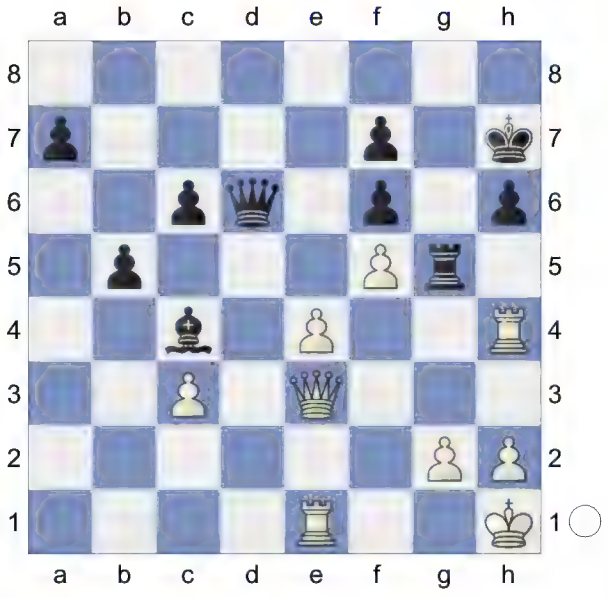


26.Qh3↑ White is in control. **26...Qd6**
27.Qe3 b5 1.56/26
[⌓27...Rg5 0.94/21]
28.Rh4 Rg5 1.95/25
[28...Qf8± 1.49/25]



29.Rxh6+!!+- Kxh6

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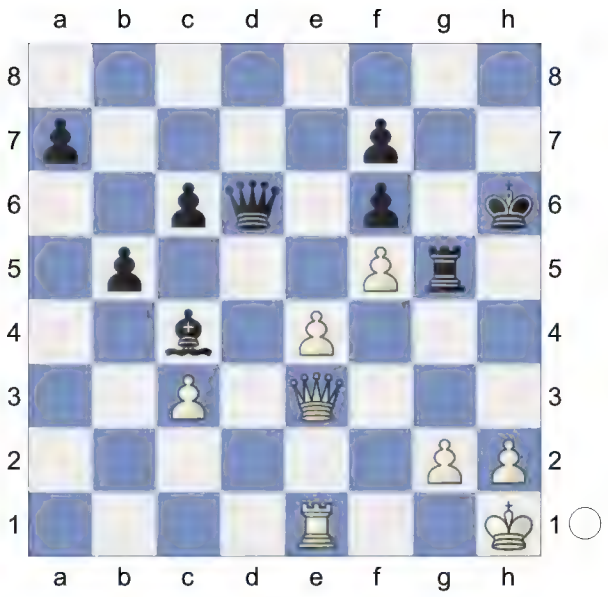
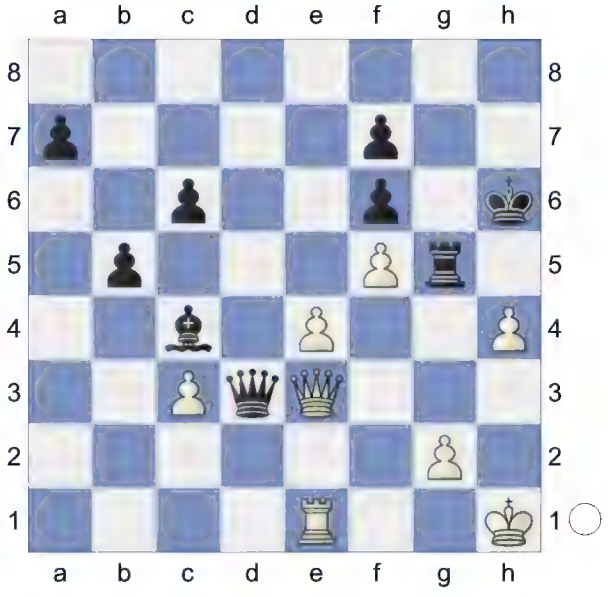


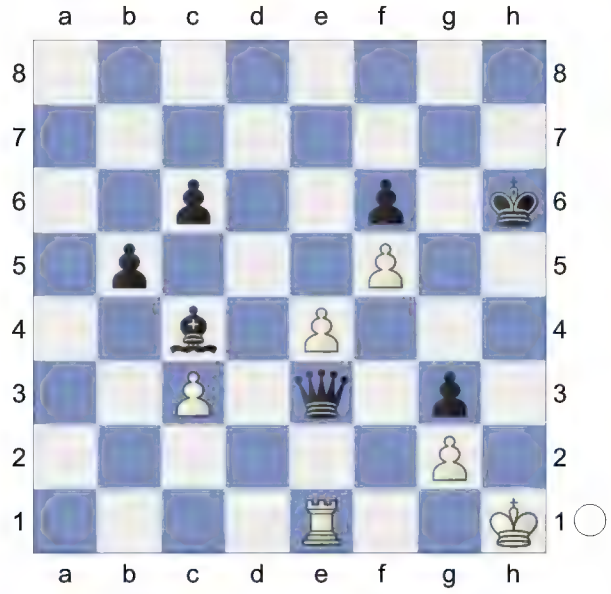
30.h4! Pin
[30.Qxa7? Qd2 31.Qg1 Rxg2 *(31...Qxc3? 32.Qf2-+)* 32.Qe3+ Qxe3 33.Rxe3 Rg4-+]
30...Qd3



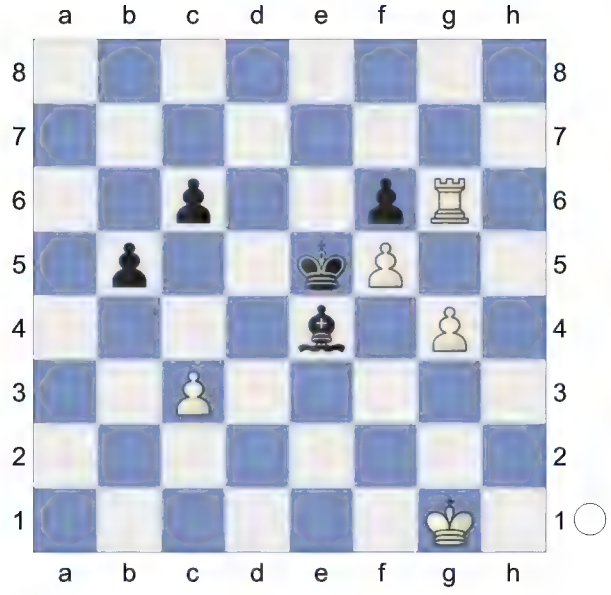
31.hxg5+ fxg5 Endgame. KQR-KQB
32.Qf2
[32.Qxa7 Qxc3 33.Qf2 f6±]
32...f6 2.59/21
[32...Qd7 1.84/21 is a better defense. 33.e5 Kg7]
33.Qxa7
[33.e5 fxe5 34.Rxe5 *(34.Qxa7*

Bd5=) 34...Qxc3+-]

33...g4 34.Qf2 g3 35.Qe3+ Qxe3



36.Rxe3 KR-KB **36...Kg5 37.Rxg3+ Kf4 38.Rg6 Ke5 39.Kg1 Bd3 40.g4 Bxe4**



41.Kf2 Kf4 5.37/27

[⌓41...Bd5 3.51/27 42.Ke3 c5]

42.Rxf6 Kxg4 43.Ke3 Kg5 44.Rf8

[Not 44.Re6 Bd5±]

44...Bxf5 45.Kd4 Bc2

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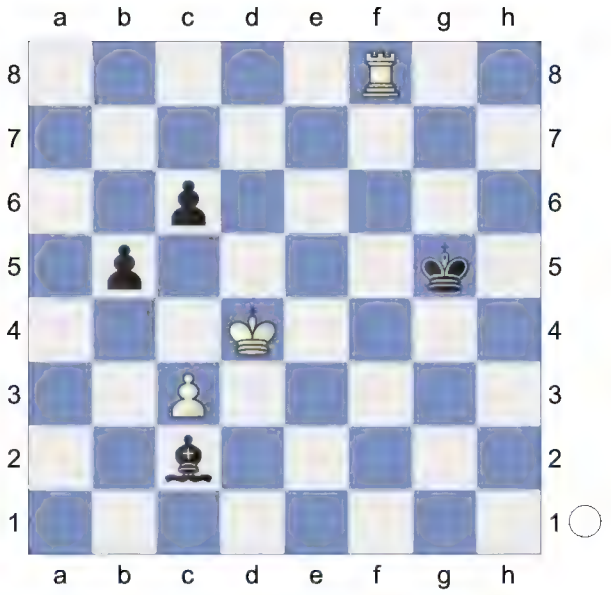
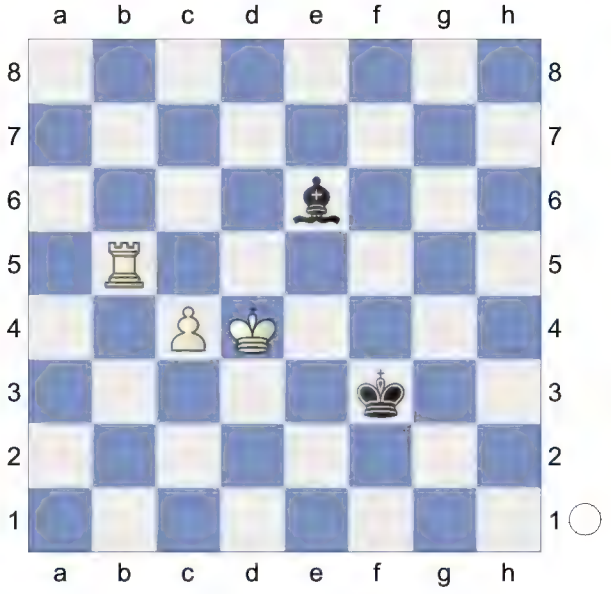


46.Rc8 Kg4 47.Rxc6 Kf3 48.Rb6 Bf5 49.Rxb5 Bc8 50.c4 Be6



51.c5 c5-c6 would kill now. **51...Kf2 52.c6 Kf3 53.Rb8 Bg4 54.c7 Bd7 55.c8Q Bxc8**

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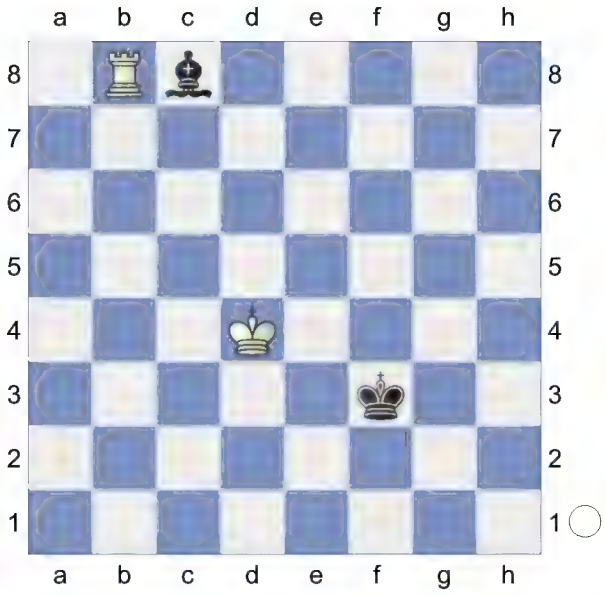
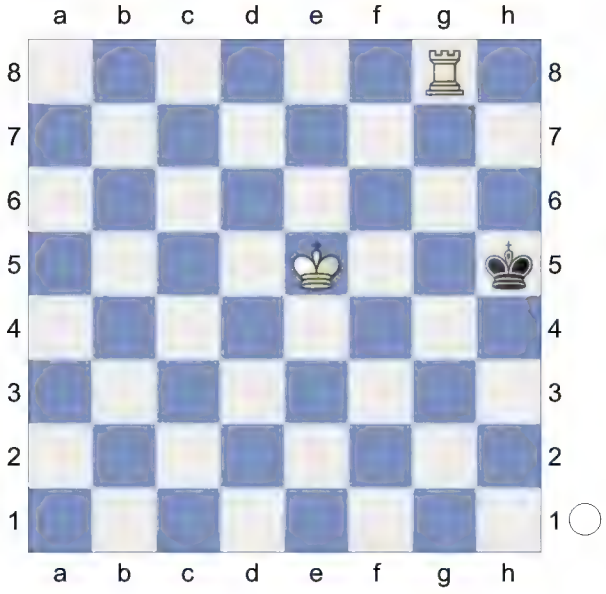
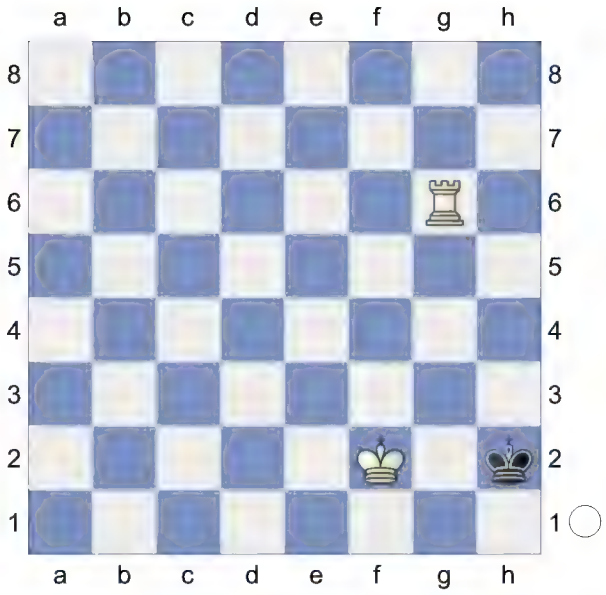


56.Rxc8 KR-K **56...Kf4 57.Rf8+ Kg5 58.Ke4 Kg6 59.Ke5 Kg5 60.Rg8+ Kh5**

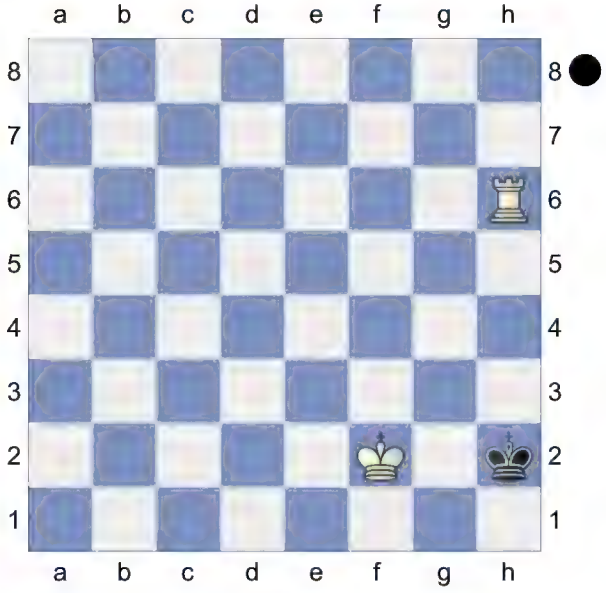


61.Kf5 Kh4 62.Rg6 5.67/5
[⌓62.Rg7 #5/12 Kh3 63.Kf4 Kh2 64.Kf3 Kh1 65.Kf2 Kh2 66.Rh7#]
62...Kh3 63.Kf4 White mates. **63...Kh2 64.Kf3 Kh1 65.Kf2 Kh2**

(Diagram)



66.Rh6#



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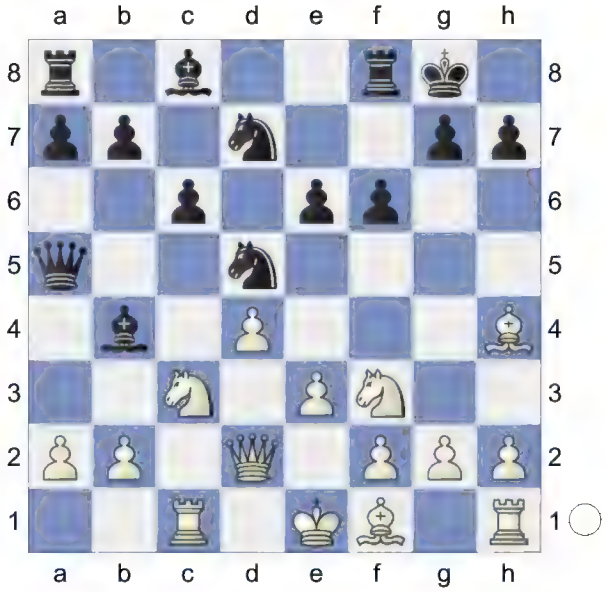
13 **D52**
□ **Proteussf Lite** **3053**
■ **Admete** **2403**
Rapid 19.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 f6 10.Bh4 0-0



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 The position is equal. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...a5 15.0-0 e5**

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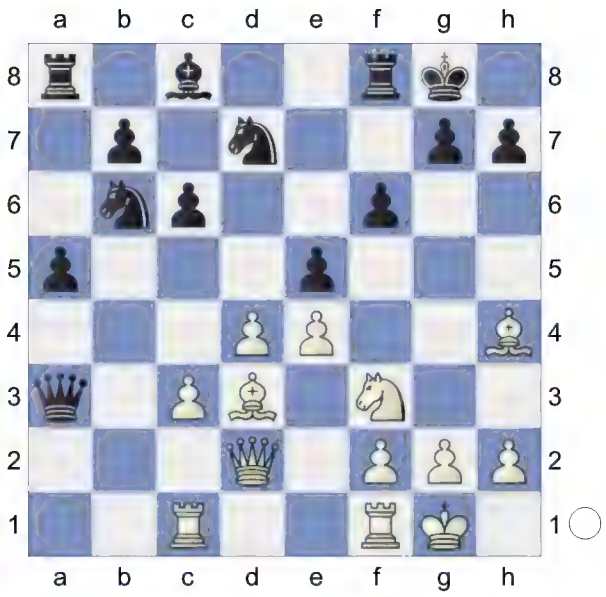
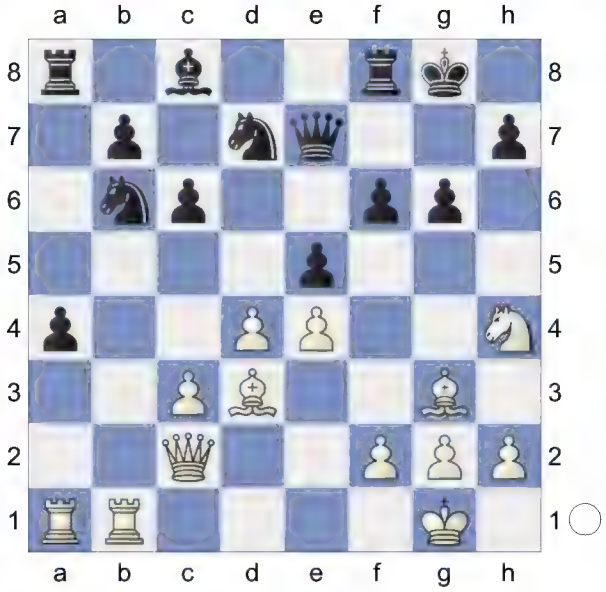


16.Ra1 Qe7 17.Qc2 a4 18.Rfb1 Qd6 19.Bg3 Qe7 20.Nh4 g6



21.Nf3 Kh8 22.h3 Rg8 23.Bf1 White is more active. White leaves nothing to chance now. **23...Re8 24.Nd2 a3** 1.29/20
[⌓24...g5 0.74/16]
25.f3 0.86/17
[⌓25.Rb3 1.29/20]
25...f5 1.52/18

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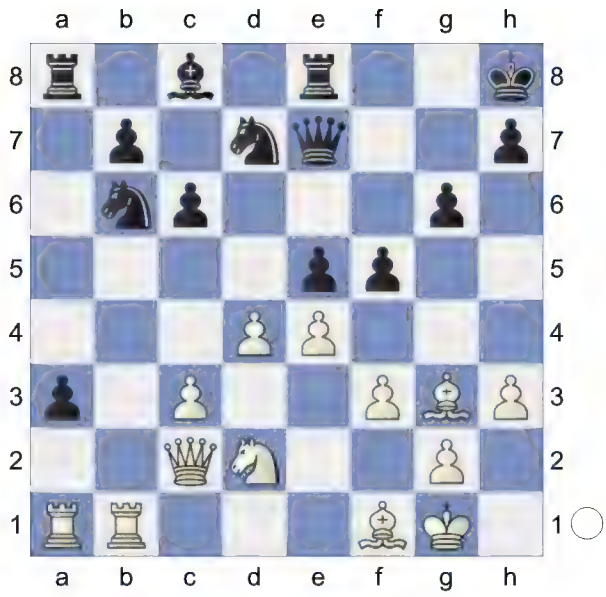

26.dxe5±
[Don't take 26.exf5 gxf5 27.dxe5 *(27.Qxf5 Rg8±)* 27...Nd5±]
26...Na4 1.70/19
[26...f4± 1.08/17 was necessary. 27.Bf2 *(27.Bxf4 Nxe5 28.Rb3 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Nbd7+-)* 27...Na4]
27.exf5+- Nxe5 2.12/20
[⌓27...gxf5 1.66/19 28.Nc4 *(28.Qxf5 Nxc3 29.Re1 Qg7±)* 28...Rg8]
28.fxg6 Rb1-e1 is the strong threat.
28...Nxg6 2.27/20
[⌓28...b5 1.69/18 29.Re1 Qg5]
29.Re1 Be6
[Not 29...Qc5+? 30.Bf2 Rxe1 31.Bxc5 *(31.Rxe1 Bf5+-)* 31...Rxa1 32.Bd4+ Kg8 33.Qb3+ Kf8 34.c4 Rxf1+ 35.Nxf1+-]
30.Ne4 Red8

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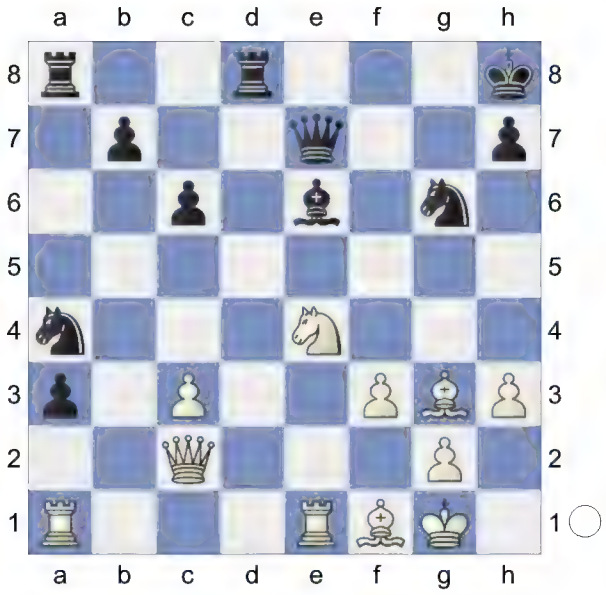
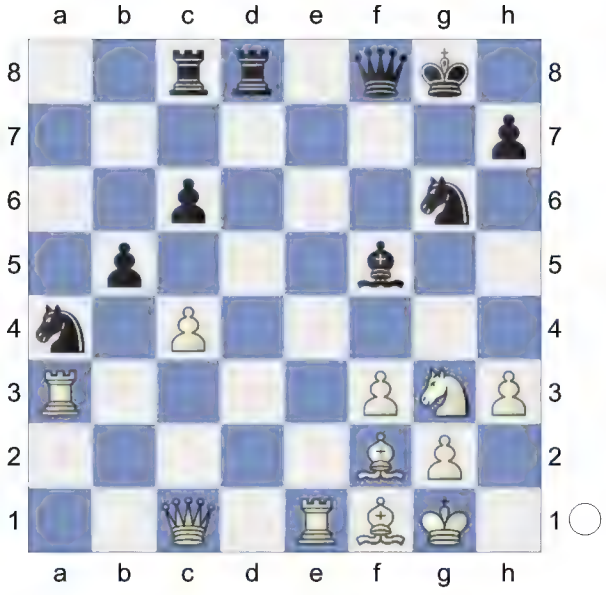


31.Bf2 Against Na4-c5 **31...Kg8** 3.46/19
[⌓31...Qf8 2.34/17 32.c4 *(32.Bd4+ Rxd4 33.cxd4 Bd5±)* 32...Nf4]
32.Qc1 b5 33.Rxa3 Bf5 34.c4 Rac8 35.Ng3 Qf8



36.Qa1 Nf4 37.cxb5 cxb5 38.Bxb5 Nc5 39.Nxf5 Qxf5 40.Bc4+ Nce6

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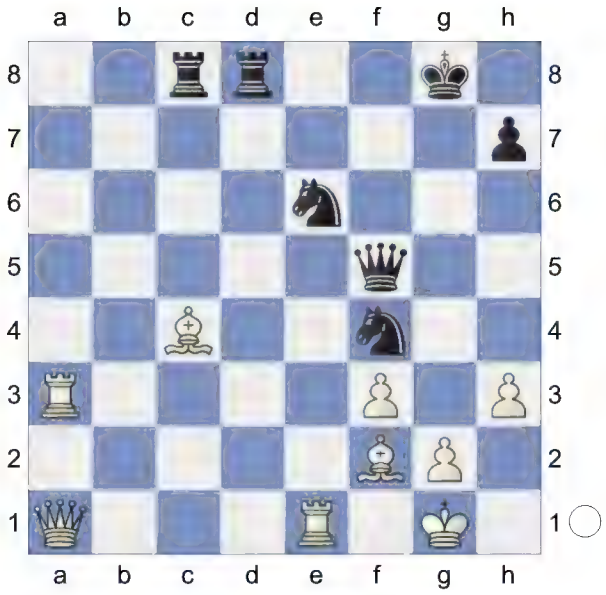
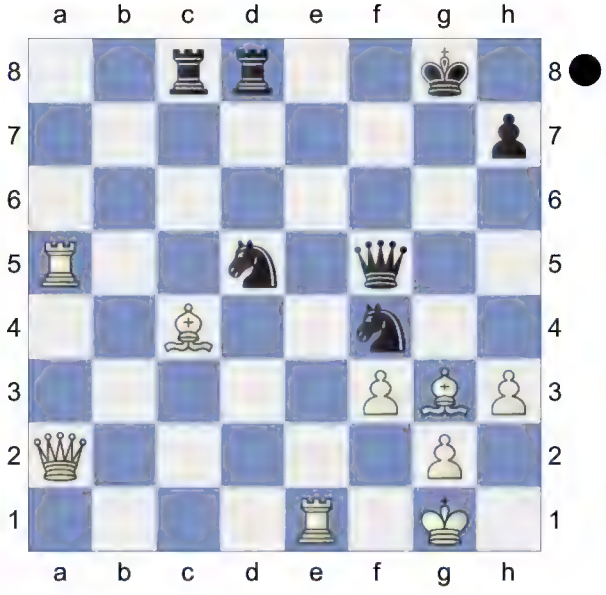


41.Ra5 Nd5 42.Qa2 Nef4 43.Bg3



Black must now prevent Bg3xf4.
43...Rxc4 44.Qxc4 Qg5 45.Bxf4 Qxf4

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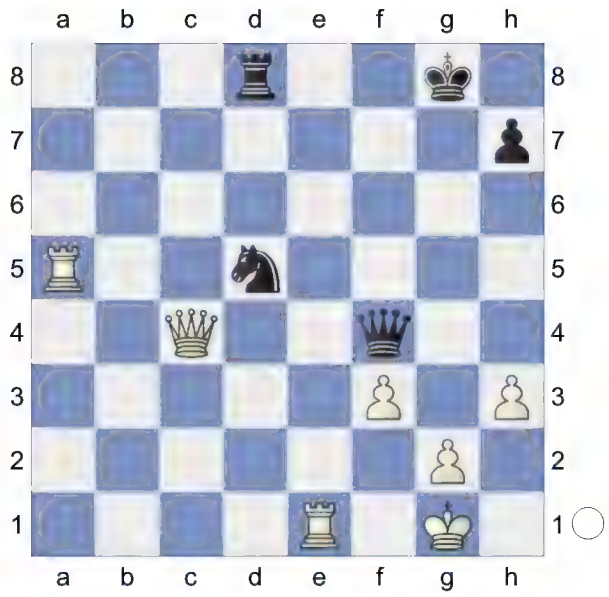
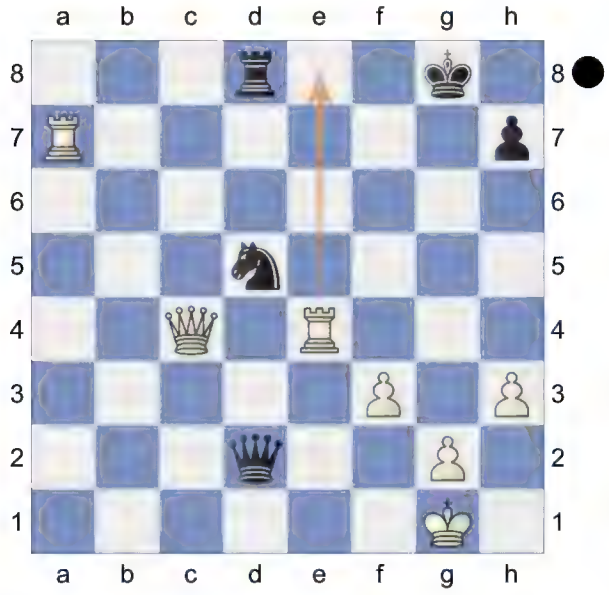


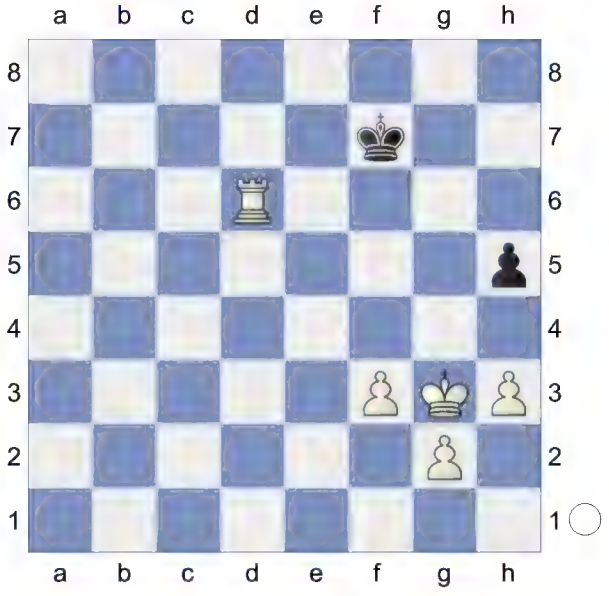
46.Re4 Qd2 47.Ra7



Intending Re4-e8+! and mate. **47...Kh8 48.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 49.Rxd4** Endgame. KRR-KRN **49...Kg8 50.Kh2 Kh8**

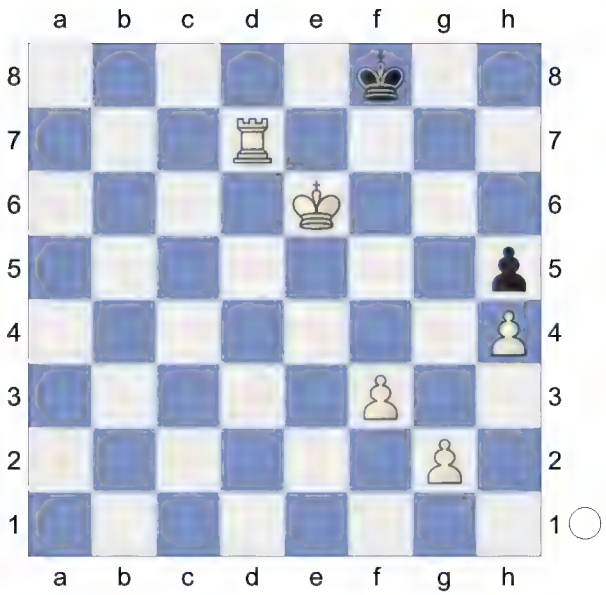
(Diagram)

51.Ra5 Rd6 52.Rdxd5 Rxd5 53.Rxd5 KR-KP **53...Kg7 54.Rd6 h5 55.Kg3 Kf7**

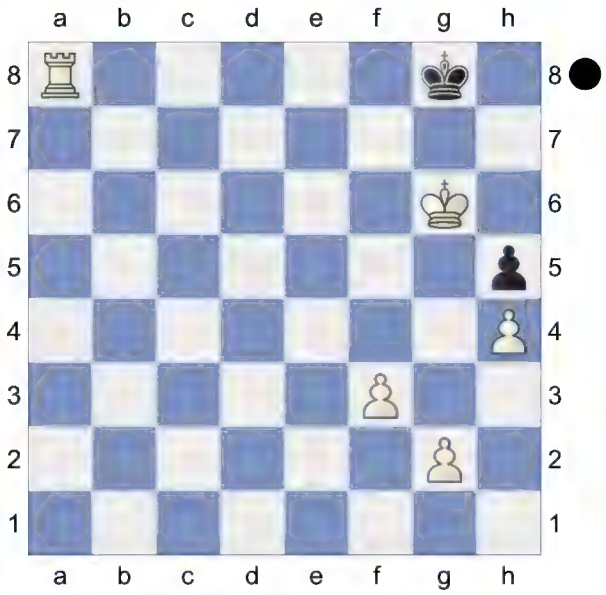


56.Kf4 Ke8 57.Ke5 Ke7 58.h4 Kf7 59.Rd7+ Ke8 60.Ke6 Rd7-d5 would kill now. **60...Kf8**

(Diagram)



61.Ra7 White mates. **61...Kg8 62.Kf6 Kh8 63.Kg6 Kg8 64.Ra8#**



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14 **D52**

□ **Lenya228** **3043**

■ **Aks Mantissa** **2744**

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[Kitty Kat]

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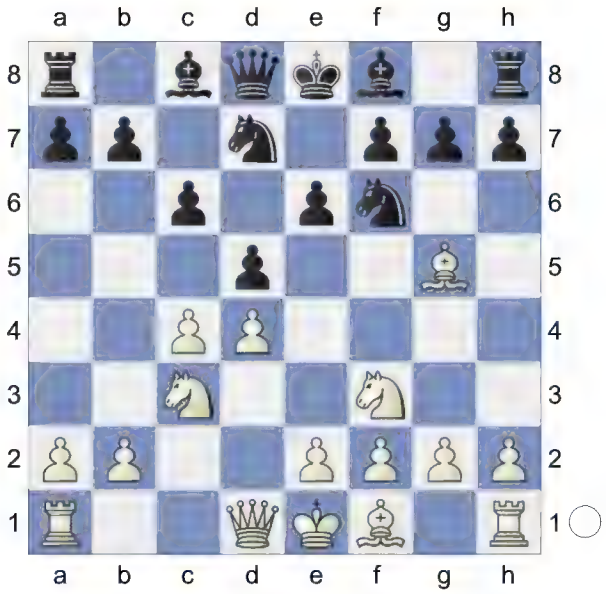
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5

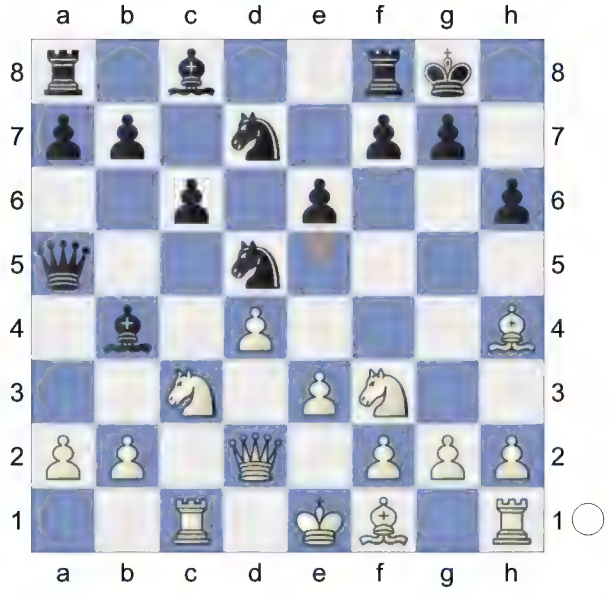
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

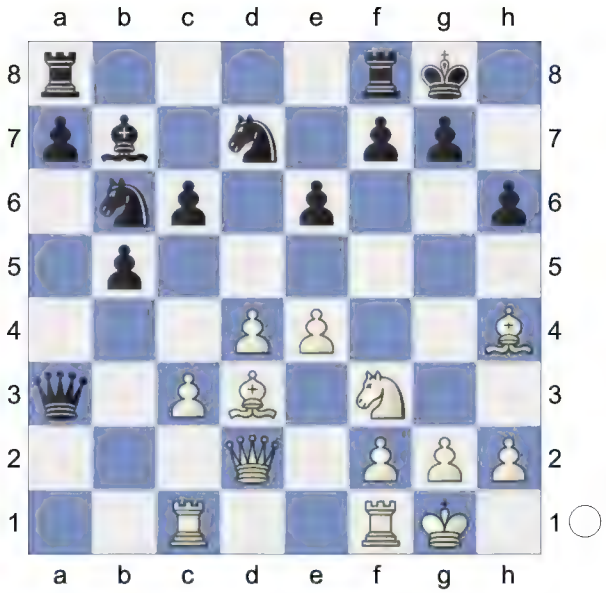
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0



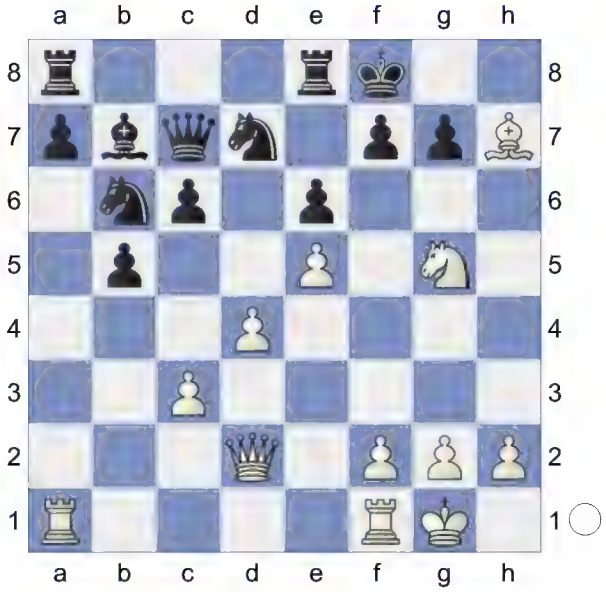
11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3

The position is equal. **13.Bd3 b5 14.e4 N5b6 15.0-0 Bb7**

(Diagram)



16.Ra1 Qd6 17.e5 Qc7 18.Bg5 hxg5 19.Nxg5 Rfe8 next ...Nd7-f8 is good for Black. **20.Bh7+! Kf8**



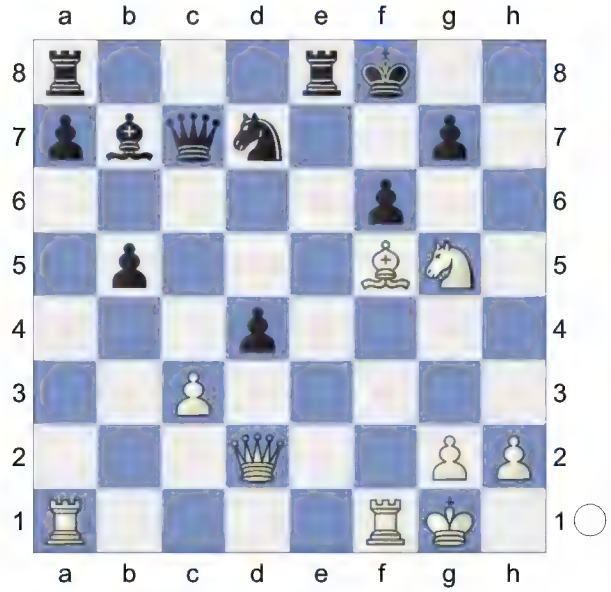
21.f4 f6 22.f5 exf5

[22...fxg5? 23.fxe6++-]

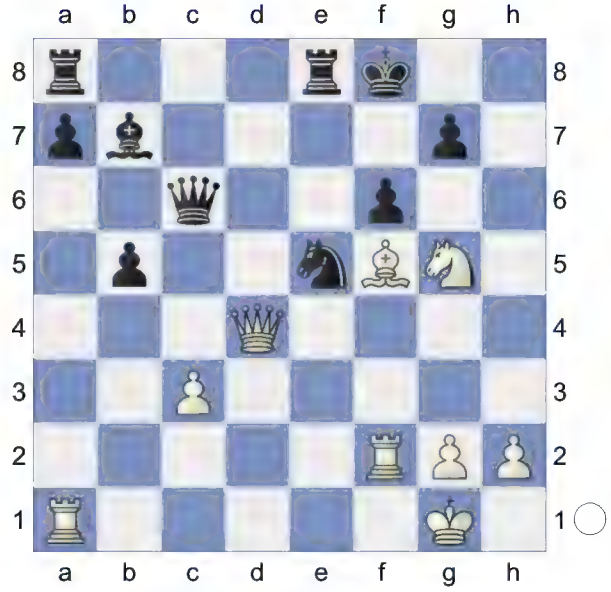
23.Bxf5 c5

[23...Nxe5!? 24.dxe5 Nc4± *(24...fxg5 25.Bh7+ Ke7 26.Qxg5+ Kd7 27.Bf5+ Re6 28.Bxe6+ Kxe6 29.Qg4+ Ke7 30.Qxg7+ Ke6 31.Rf6+ Kxe5 32.Qg5+ Ke4 33.Qg6+ Kd5 34.Qd3+ Ke5 35.Qf5#; 24...Qxe5 25.Rae1=)*]

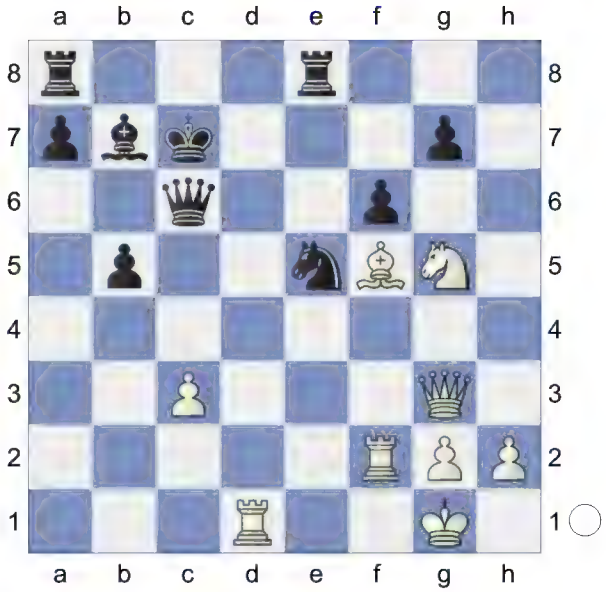
24.e6 cxd4 0.74/19
[24...Nb8= -0.01/19]
25.exd7± Nxd7



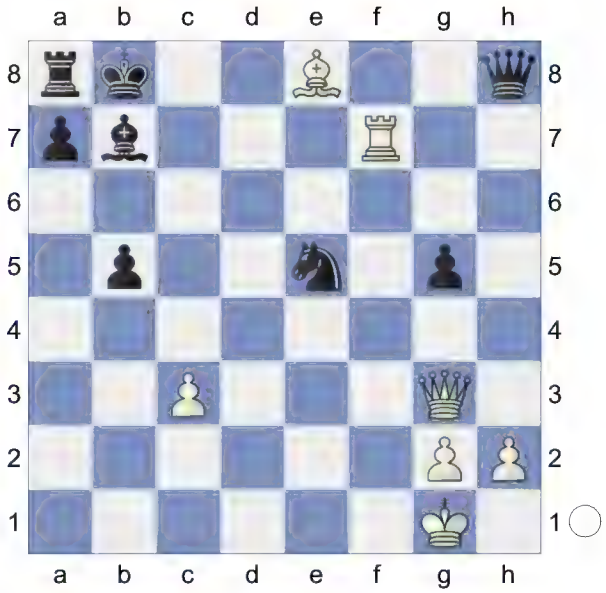
26.Qxd4
[26.cxd4 Qc4 27.Rae1 *(27.Bxd7? Re2-+)* 27...Rxe1 28.Rxe1 fxg5=]
[26.Ne6+ Rxe6 27.Bxe6 Nc5=]
26...Qc6 27.Rf2 White has strong compensation. Really sharp! White is much more active. **27...Ne5**



28.Qh4!→ 0.64/23 White has some attack. **28...Ke7!± 29.Qg3** And now Bf5-e4 would win. **29...Kd8** 1.64/21
[29...Qb6± 0.92/21]
30.Rd1+!+- Kc7

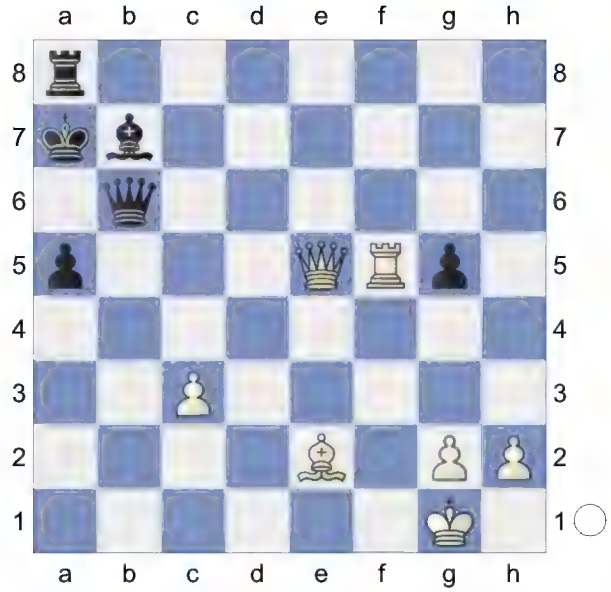


31.Rd7+! Kb8 32.Rxg7 fxg5 33.Bd7! Qc7 34.Bxe8 Qxg7 35.Rf7
[35.Bxb5 a6 36.Be2 Qc7-+]
35...Qh8

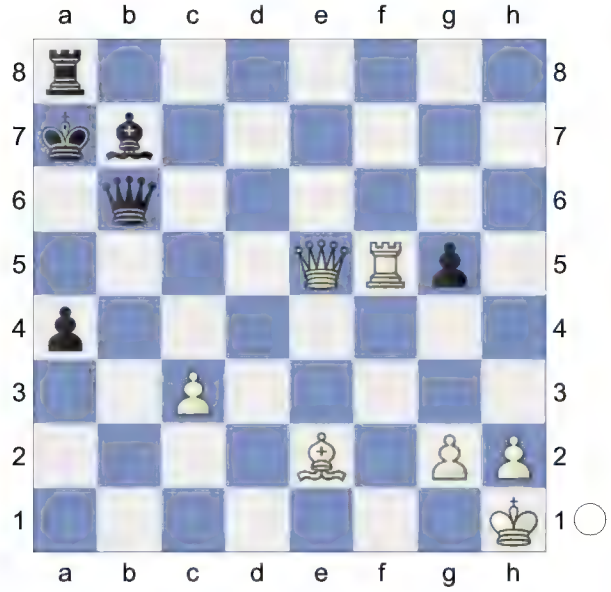


36.Bxb5
[36.Re7?! Qf6 37.Rxe5 *(37.Qxe5+ Qxe5 38.Rxe5 a5±)* 37...Qf4 38.Qxg5 Qxg5 39.Rxg5 a5±]
36...a5 37.Rf5 Qd8 38.Qxe5+ Ka7 39.Be2
[39.Rxg5 Qb6+ 40.Kh1 Rf8+-]

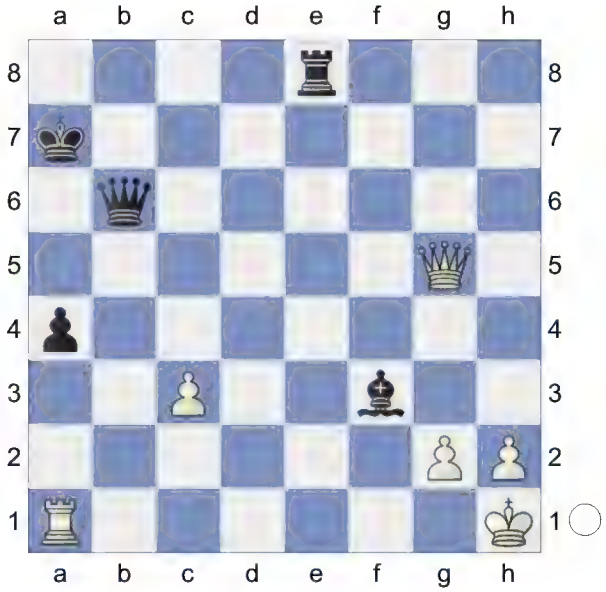
39...Qb6+



40.Kh1! a4



41.Rf6!
[41.Rxg5? Qb1+]
41...Qb1+ 3.97/23
[41...Re8 2.77/25 keeps fighting. 42.Qxe8 Qxf6 43.Qxa4+ Kb8 44.Qe8+ Kc7]
42.Rf1 Qb6 43.Ra1
[43.Qxg5 Rc8 44.Rf4 Kb8 45.Qe5+ *(45.Rxa4? Qb1+)* 45...Qc7 46.Qxc7+ Rxc7 47.Rxa4 Rxc3+-]
43...Bc6 44.Bf3
[44.Qxg5 Rb8 45.h3 Qd8+-]
44...Re8 Prevents Qe5-e7+.
[44...Bxf3 45.gxf3 *(45.Rxa4+ Kb7=)* 45...Qc6 46.Qa5+ *(46.Qxg5 Qxf3+ 47.Kg1 Qe4=)* 46...Kb7 47.Rb1+ *(47.Qxg5 Qxf3+ 48.Kg1 Qe4=)* 47...Kc8 48.Qf5+ *(48.Qxg5 Qxf3+ 49.Kg1 a3+-)* 48...Qd7 49.Qe4+- *(49.Qxg5 a3+-)*]
45.Qxg5 Bxf3



46.gxf3 Endgame. KQR-KQR
[46.Rxa4+ Kb7 47.Ra1 *(47.gxf3 Re1+ 48.Kg2 Qg1+* Skewer *49.Kh3 Qxg5 50.Rg4 Qh6+ 51.Kg3 Qe3 52.Kh4 Qxf3 53.Rg7+ Kc6 54.Rg6+ Kd7 55.Rg4 Qf6+ 56.Kh3 Re3+ 57.Rg3 Qf5+ 58.Kg2 Re2+ 59.Kh1 Re1+ 60.Rg1 Qf3#; 47.Qg7+ Kc8∓)* 47...Qb2∓]
46...Kb7 47.Qg7+
[47.Rxa4 Re1+ 48.Kg2 Qg1+ 49.Kh3 Qxg5 50.Rg4 Qh5+ 51.Kg3 Qe5+ 52.Kh4 Qf6+ *(52...Qxh2+ 53.Kg5 Qd2+ 54.Kf6 Qxc3+ 55.Kg5 Qxf3 56.Rb4+ Kc7 57.Rg4 Re5+ 58.Kh4 Qf2+ 59.Rg3 Qh2+ 60.Kg4 Qh5+ 61.Kf4 Qf5#)* 53.Kg3 Rg1+ *(53...Qxc3 54.Ra4 Rg1+ 55.Kf4*

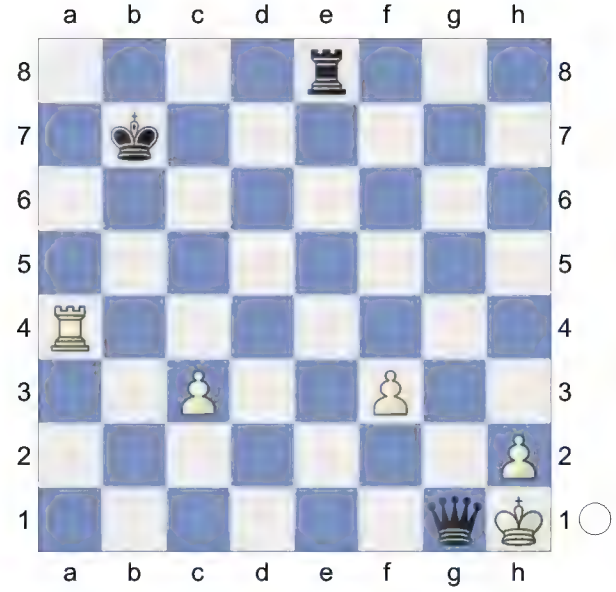
Qc7+ 56.Ke3 Qc1+ 57.Ke4 Qc2+ 58.Kf4 Qxa4+ 59.Ke3 Re1+ 60.Kd3 Qb3+ Skewer *61.Kd4 Kc6 62.h4 Qxf3 63.Kc4 Re4#)* 54.Kf2 Rxg4 55.h3 Re4 56.h4 Qxh4+ *(56...Rxh4 57.Kg2 Qf4 58.Kf2 Rh2+ 59.Kg1 Qg3+ 60.Kf1 Qf2#)* 57.Kf1 Re1+ 58.Kg2 Re2+ 59.Kg1 Qe1#]

[47.Qd5+ Qc6 48.Rb1+ *(48.Qxc6+ Kxc6 49.Rxa4 Re3+-)* 48...Kc7 49.Qa5+ Kc8 50.Qf5+ Kc7]

47...Kb8 48.Qg3+

[48.Rxa4 Re1+ 49.Kg2 Qg1+ 50.Kh3 Qxg7 51.Rb4+ Kc7 52.Rg4 Qh6+ *(52...Qxc3 53.Kg3 Qe3 54.Kh4 Qxf3 55.Rg7+ Kd6 56.Rg6+ Ke7 57.Rg7+ Kf6 58.Rg3 Qf4+ 59.Kh3 Qf5+ 60.Rg4 Rg1 61.Kh4 Qxg4#)* 53.Kg3 Qe3 54.Kh4 Qxf3 55.Rg7+ Kd6 56.Rg6+ Ke5 57.Rg3 Re4+ 58.Kh3 Qf1+ 59.Rg2 Re3+ *(59...Qf5+? 60.Kg3 Rg4+ 61.Kh3 Qh5#)* 60.Kh4 Qxg2 61.Kh5 Rh3#]

48...Kb7 49.Rxa4 Qb1+ 50.Qg1 Qxg1+

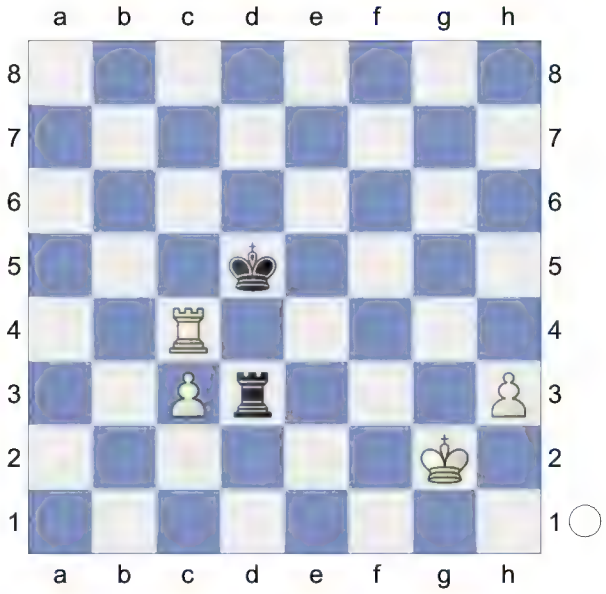


51.Kxg1 KR-KR **51...Re3 52.h3** 2.41/28

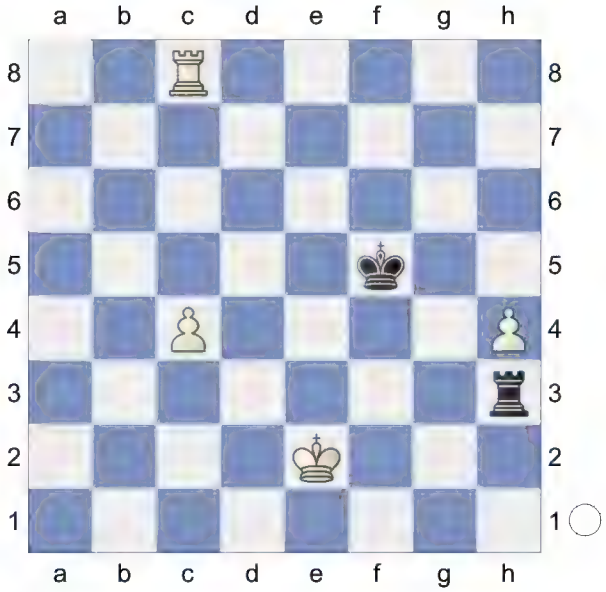
[⌓52.Rb4+ 4.56/25 Ka7 53.Kf2 *(53.Ra4+ Kb6=)* 53...Rxc3 54.f4]

52...Rxf3 53.Rb4+ Kc6 54.Rc4+ Kd5 55.Kg2! Rd3 3.28/26

[55...Rf8 1.82/22 is a better defense. 56.Rd4+ Kc5]



Prevents Rc4-d4+ **56.Rc8 Ke5 57.h4 Kf5 58.c4 Rd2+ 59.Kf3 Rd3+ 60.Ke2 Rh3**



61.h5! Ke2-d2 would now be deadly.

61...Ke4 62.Re8+ Kd4 5.25/25

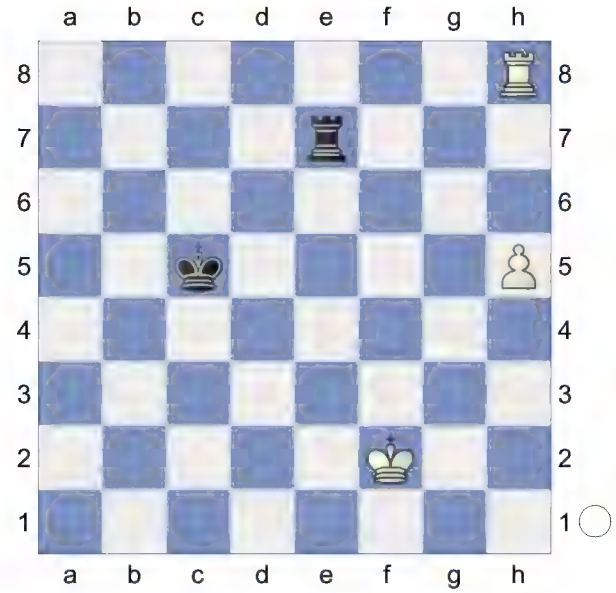
[62...Kf4 3.42/26 might work better. 63.Kd2 Rxh5]

63.Rh8 Re3+ 64.Kf2 White wants to

mate with Rh8-d8+. **64...Re7**

65.c5! Kxc5

[65...Ke5 66.Kf3]



66.h6 Rc7 67.Ke3 Kc4 68.Kf3 Rc6 69.Kg4 Rc7 70.Rf8 Kd5

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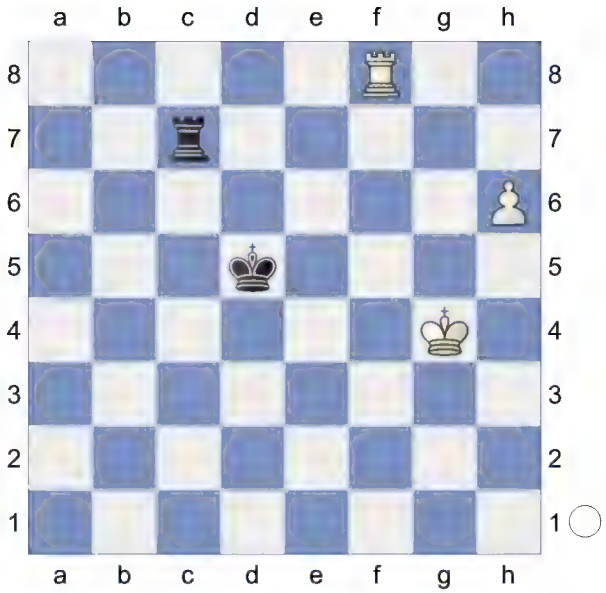


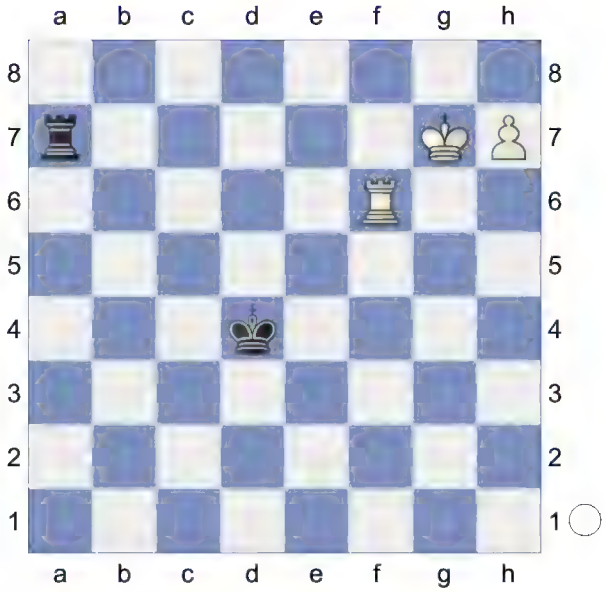
71.Kf5 Ra7 72.Kg6 Ra6+ 73.Rf6

5.77/26

[⌓73.Kg7 #23/26 Ra7+ 74.Kg8 Ra1 75.h7 Rh1 76.h8Q *(76.h8R Rg1+ 77.Kf7 Rf1+ 78.Ke7 Re1+ 79.Kd7 Rd1+-)* 76...Rxh8+ 77.Kxh8 Ke4 78.Rd8]

73...Ra8 74.h7 Kd4 75.Kg7

Threatening mate with Rf6-f8. **75...Ra7+**



76.Kg8 Re7 77.h8Q Re4 78.Rf3+ Kc5 79.Qc3+ Kd6 80.Qd3+ Ke5

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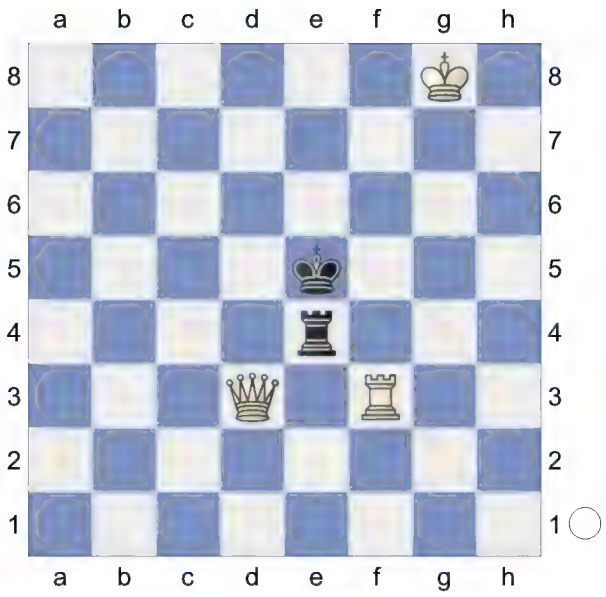
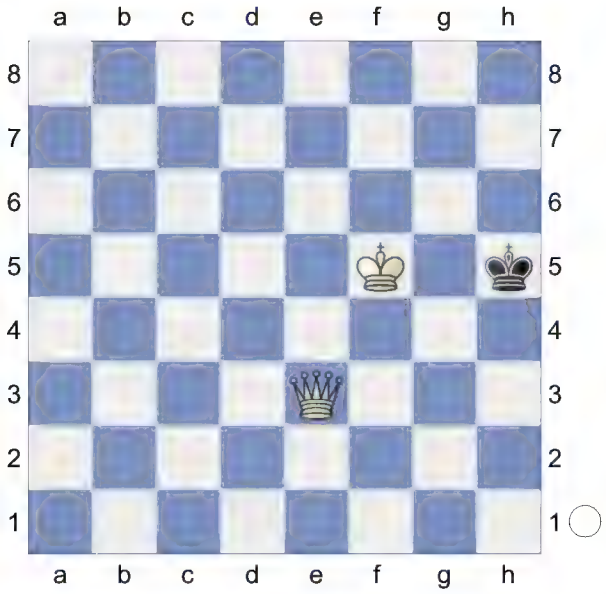


81.Kf7 White threatens Kf7-e7 and mate. **81...Rf4+ 82.Rxf4 Kxf4 83.Kf6** White mates. **83...Kg4 84.Qe3 Kh4 85.Kf5 Kh5**



86.Qh3#

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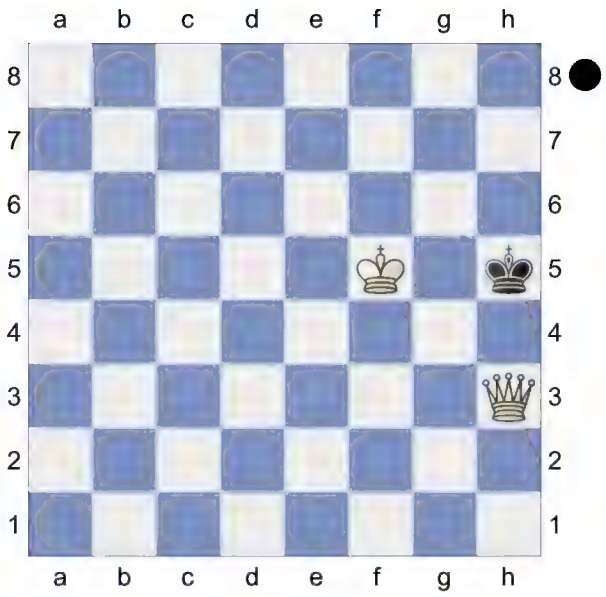

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15 **D52**
□ **Torombot** **3042**
■ **Bitbybyte** **2947**
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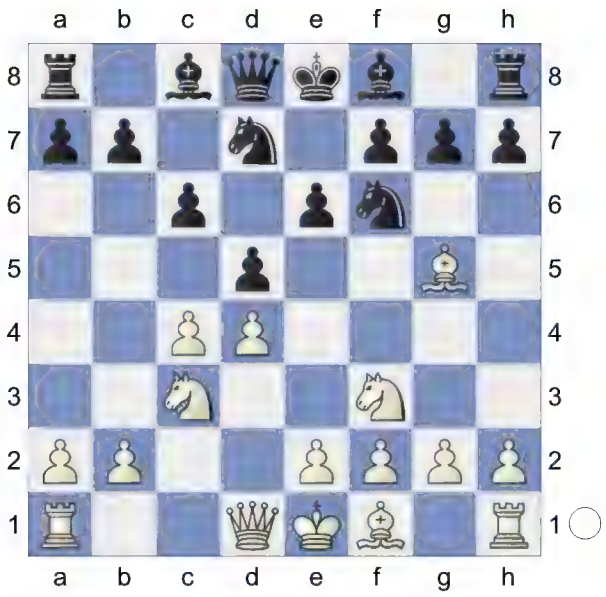
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)



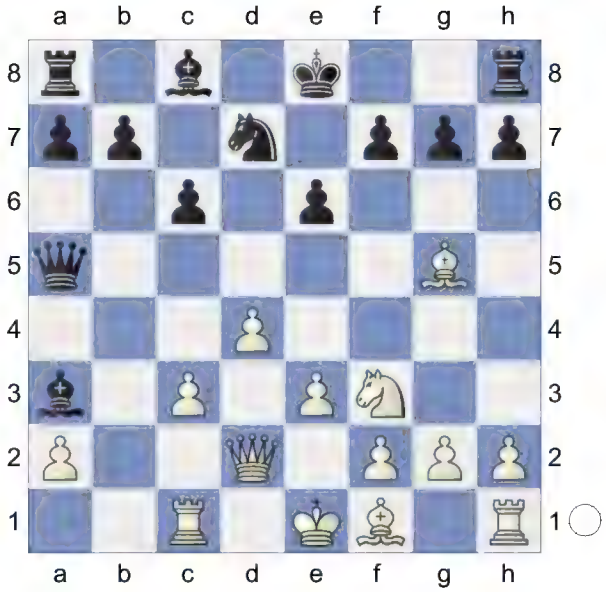
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5

[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

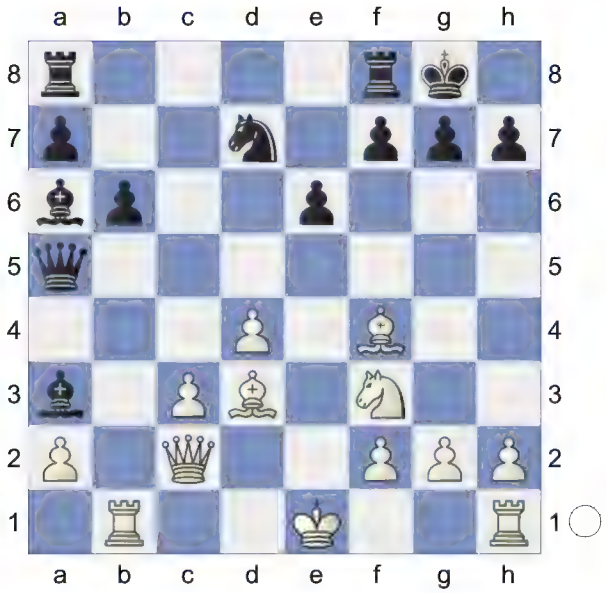
7...Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3

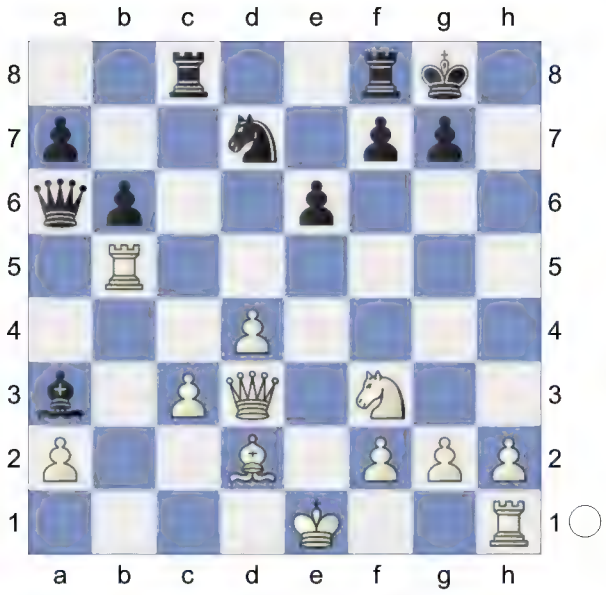


11.Rb1 0-0 White has an edge. **12.Bf4 c5 13.Bd3 b6 14.Qc2** Threatens to win with Rb1-b5. **14...cxd4 15.exd4 Ba6**

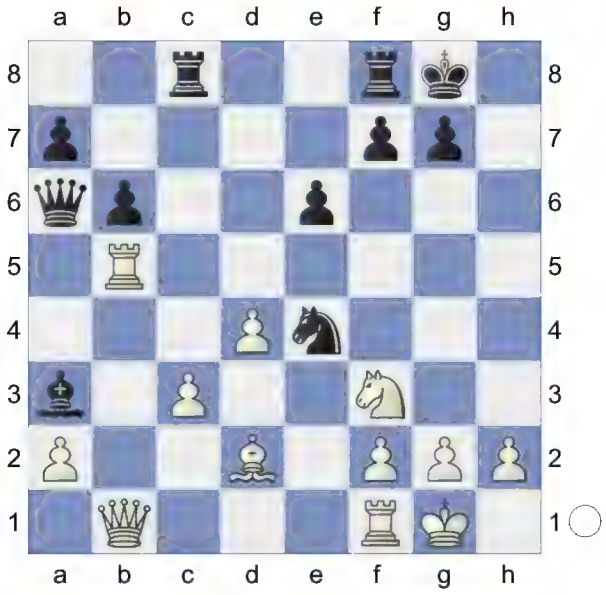


Against Rb1-b5 **16.Bxh7+ Kh8** Hoping for ...g7-g6. **17.Bd3 Rac8 18.Bd2** aiming for c3-c4. **18...Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Kg8 20.Rb5 Qa6**

(Diagram)

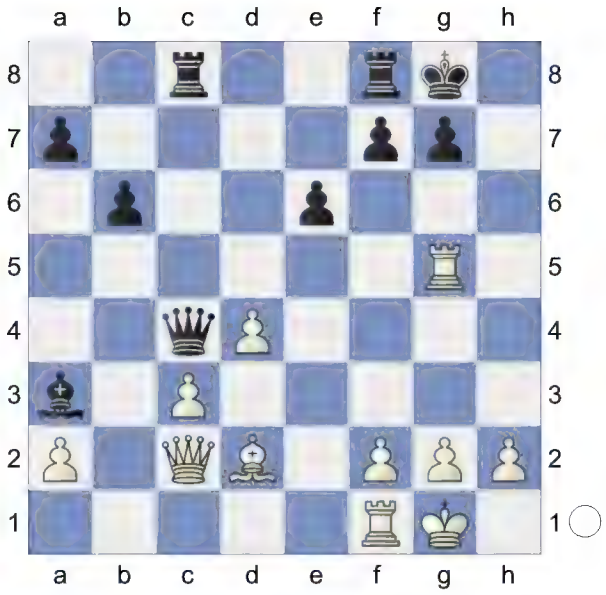


21.0-0 Nf6 0.88/17
[21...Rfd8± 0.42/20 deserves consideration.]
22.Qb1 0.37/16
[White should play 22.c4± 0.88/17]
22...Ne4

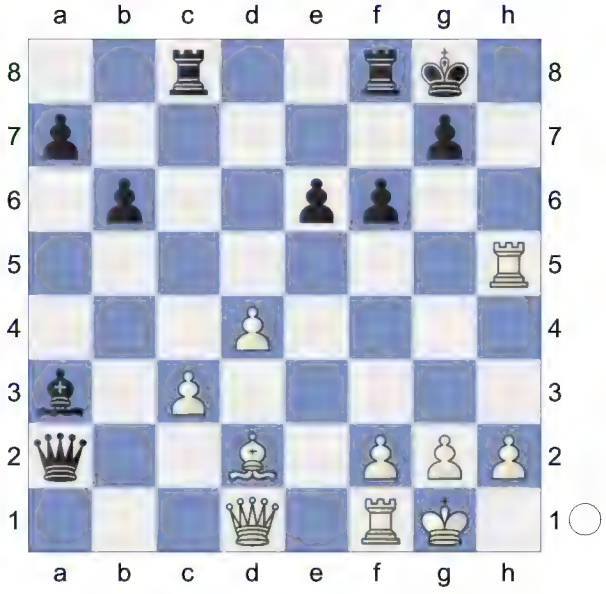


Deflection **23.Ng5! Nxg5 24.Rxg5 Qe2** Prevents Qb1-e4 **25.Qc2** Rg5xg7+! would now be deadly. **25...Qc4**

(Diagram)

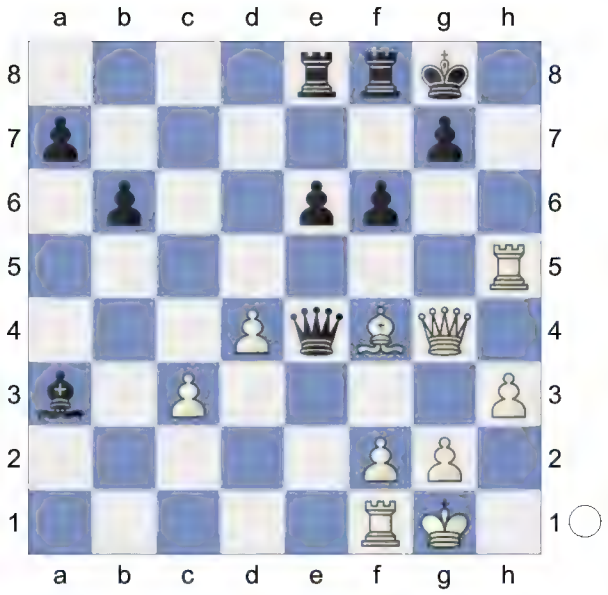


26.Qd1 Strongly threatening Qd1-g4.
26...f6 27.Rh5 Qxa2

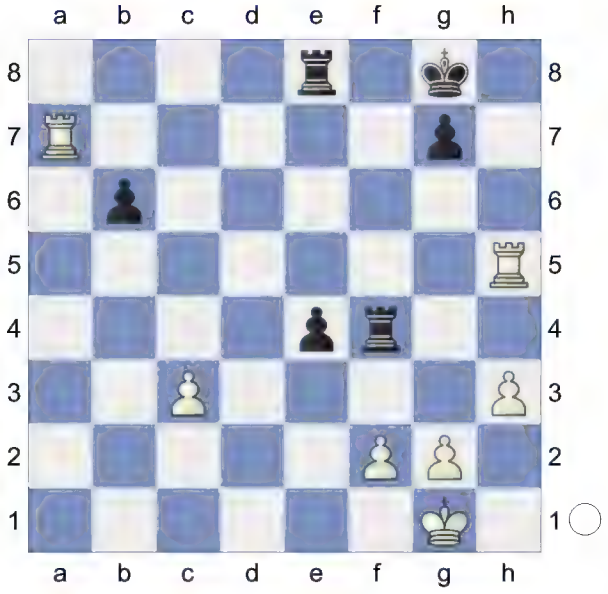


28.Qg4! Rce8
[28...Rc7 29.Rd1]
29.Bf4 Qc2 Prevents Qg4-g6 **30.h3 Qe4**

(Diagram)



31.Ra1 e5 32.dxe5 fxe5 33.Rxa3 Qxf4 34.Qxf4 Rxf4 35.Rxa7±
Endgame. KRR-KRR **35...e4**



36.Rg5 White is more active. **36...Rf7 37.Rxf7 Kxf7** KR-KR **38.Kf1 Rc8 39.Ke2 Rxc3 40.Re5 b5**

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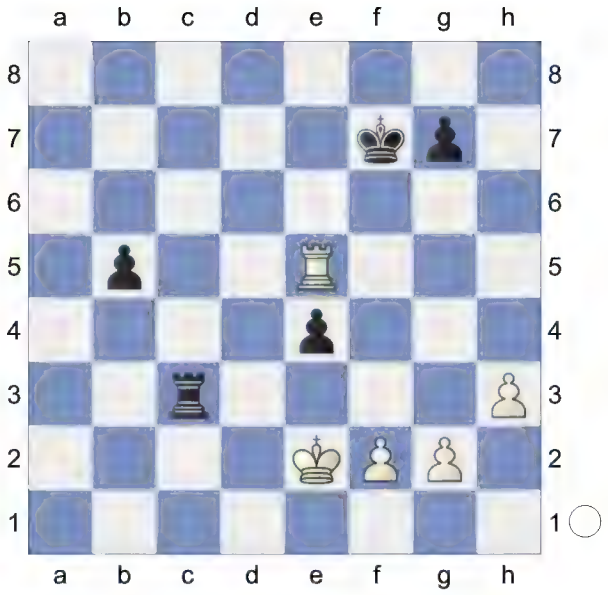
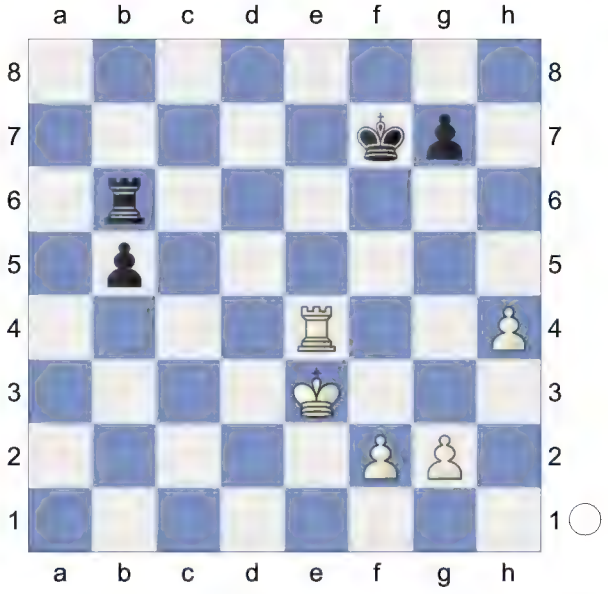


41.Rxe4 Rc2+ 42.Ke3 Rc3+ 43.Kd2 Rc6 44.h4 Rd6+ 45.Ke3 Rb6



46.Rb4 Re6+ 47.Kf3 Rf6+? 10.14/23
[47...Rb6± 1.11/20 48.Ke4 Ra6]

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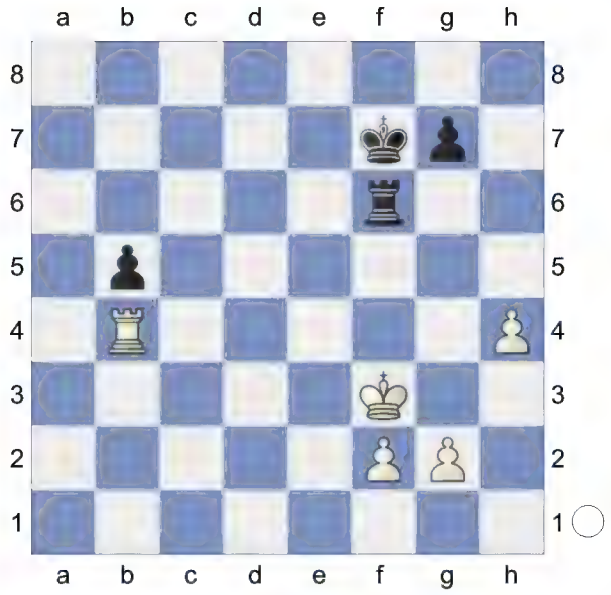
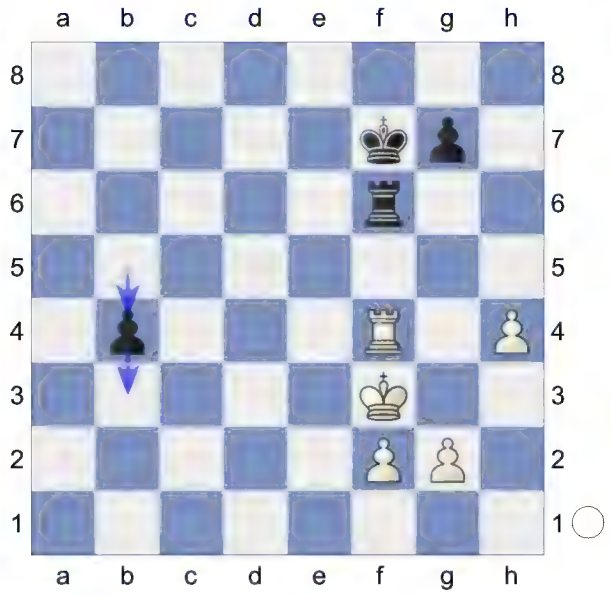


A mistake that costs the game. **48.Rf4!+- b4**



49.Rxf6+! Kxf6 K3P-KPP **50.Ke2 Ke5**

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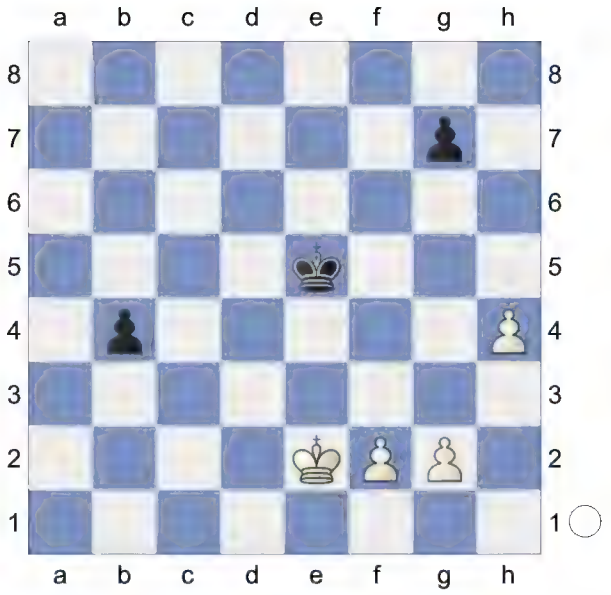
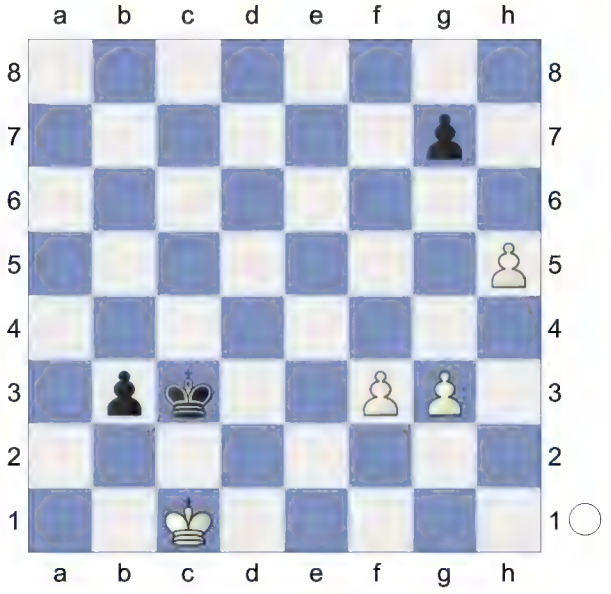
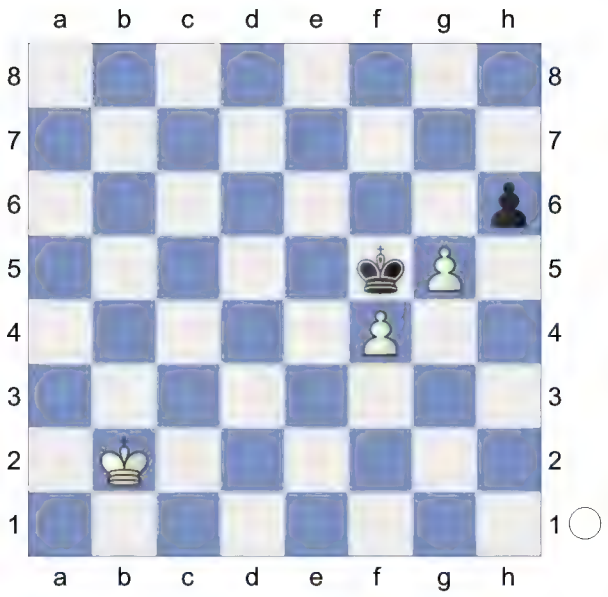


51.h5 Kd4 52.Kd2 b3 53.f3
White wants to mate with g2-g4.
53...Kc4 54.g3 Kb4 55.Kc1 Kc3

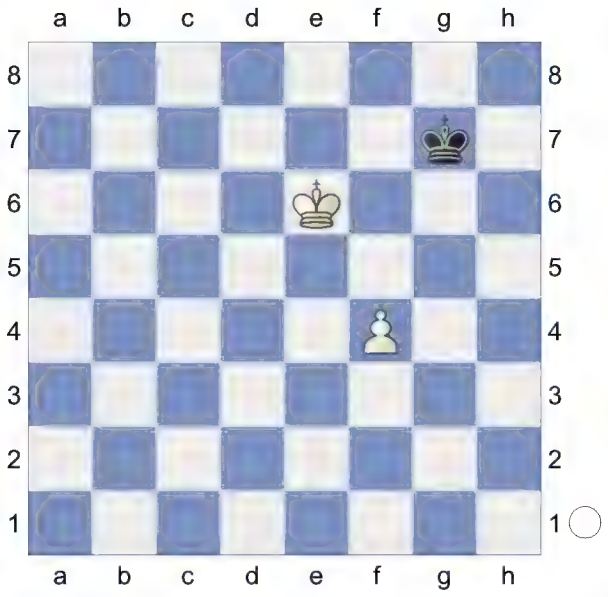


56.f4 17.96/24
[⌓56.g4 #20/28 Kd4 57.Kb2 Ke5 58.g5 *(58.Kxb3 Kf4+-)* 58...Ke6 59.f4 *(59.Kxb3 Kf7 60.Kc4 Ke6 61.f4 Ke7 62.Kd5 Kf7 63.Kd6 g6)* 59...Kf7 60.Kxb3 Ke7 61.Kc4]
56...Kd4 57.g4 Ke4 58.g5 b2+ 59.Kxb2 KP-KP **59...Kf5 60.h6 gxh6**

(Diagram)



61.gxh6 Kg6 62.Kc3 Kxh6 KP-K
63.Kd4 Kh7 64.Kd5 Kg8 65.Ke6 Kg7



66.f5 Kf8 67.Kf6 Ke8 68.Kg7 Kd7
69.f6 Ke6 70.f7 Kf5

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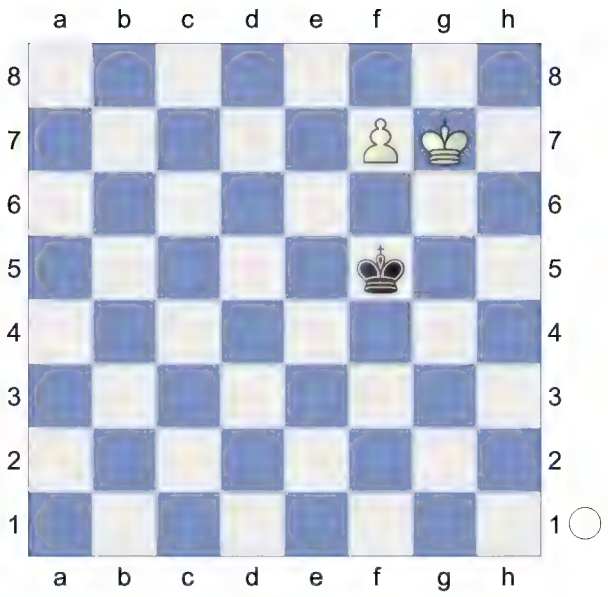
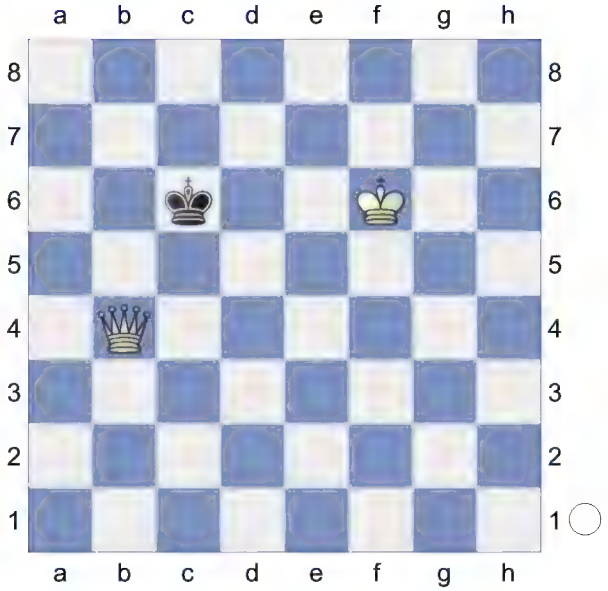


71.f8Q+
[Worse is 71.f8B Kg5=]
71...Ke4 72.Qa3 Kd5 73.Qc3 Ke4
74.Kf6 Kd5 75.Qb4 White threatens Kf6-f5 and mate. **75...Kc6**



76.Ke6 White mates. **76...Kc7 77.Qb5**
Kc8 78.Kd6 Kd8 79.Qb8#

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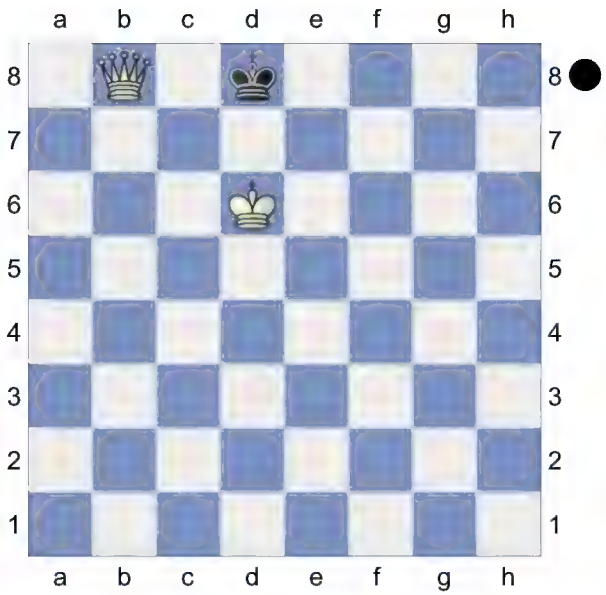

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16 **D52**

□ **Raspfish** **3030**

■ **Inanisbot** **2507**

Rapid 03.06.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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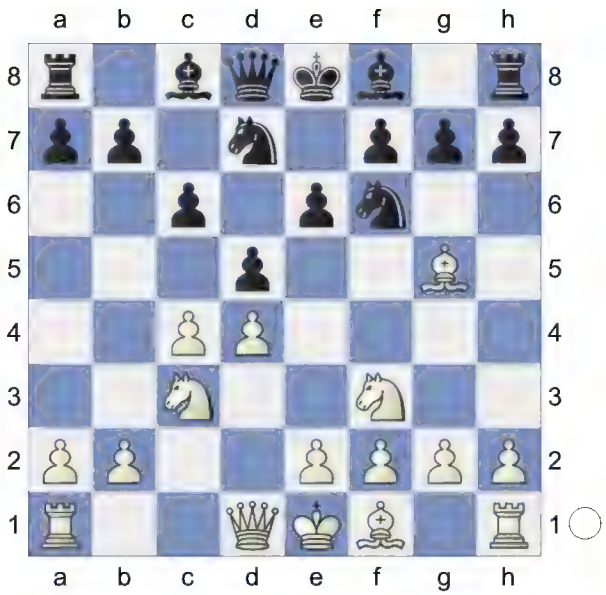

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 b5N

[10...Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4 b5 *(14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 15.Ne3 b4 *(15...Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Nb4 19.Rd2 Nxa2 20.Ng4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 16.Ne2 e5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 exd4 19.dxc6 Bf5 20.Nxd4 Bf6 21.Nxf5 Rxd1 22.Rfxd1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

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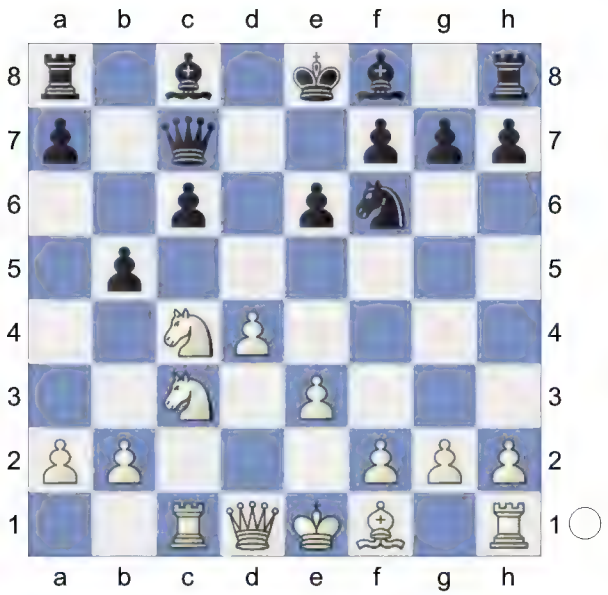
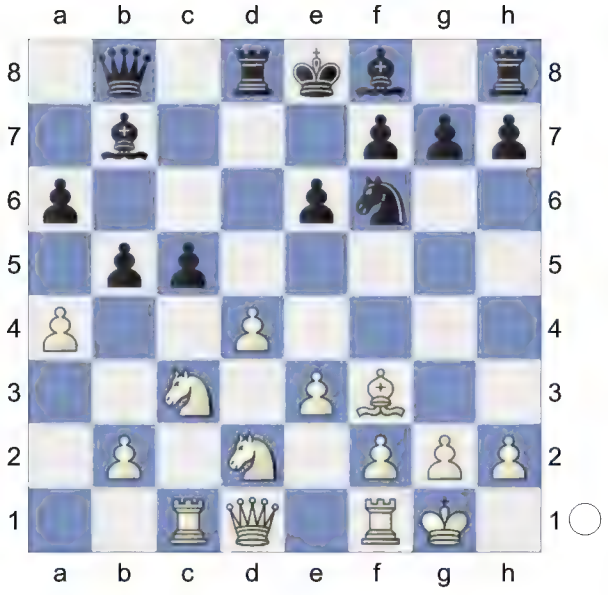


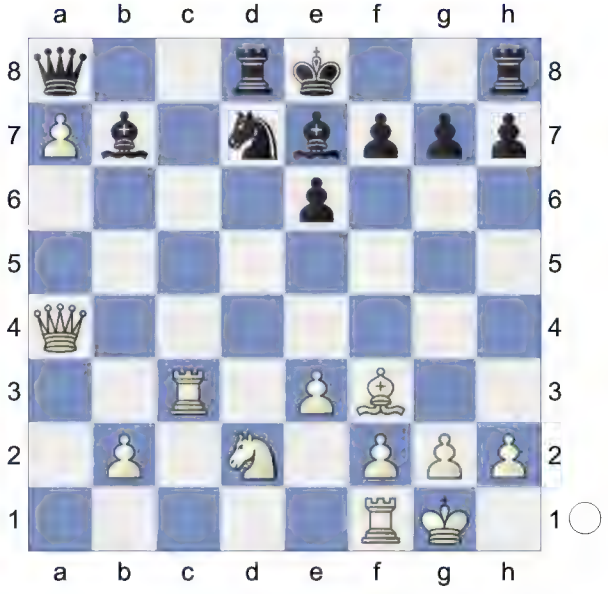
11.Nd2 a6 12.Be2 Bb7 White has an edge. **13.Bf3 Rd8 14.0-0 c5**
[14...Bd6 simplifies 15.g3 0-0 16.Nde4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 e5]
15.a4 Qb8



16.axb5 cxd4

(Diagram)

17.Qa4! dxc3 18.bxa6+ Discovered Attack (Check) **18...Nd7 19.a7**
[19.bxc3 Bxf3 20.Rb1 Bc6 21.Qxc6 Qc8=]
[19.Bxb7 cxd2 20.Ra1 Bc5-+]
19...Qa8 20.Rxc3 Threatens to win with Bf3xb7. **20...Be7**



21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Rb3 Qa8 23.Rd3↑ Nd2-b3 is the strong threat. White has strong compensation. White has strong initiative. White is more active. **23...Qb7 24.Ra1**
[24.Rxd7 simplifies Qxd7 25.a8Q

Rxa8 26.Qxa8+ Bd8 27.Nf3]

24...0-0

[24...Qxb2? 25.Rb1 *(25.a8R 0-0+-)* 25...Qe5 26.Rxd7+- *(26.a8R 0-0+-)*]

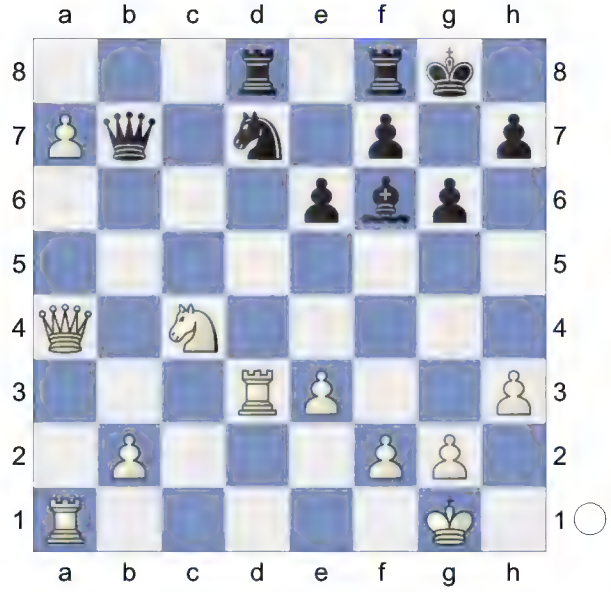
25.Nc4

[25.Rxd7 Qxd7 26.Qxd7 Rxd7=]

25...g6

26.h3 Bf6 1.44/21

[⌓26...Bc5 1.02/21]



27.Qa6!±

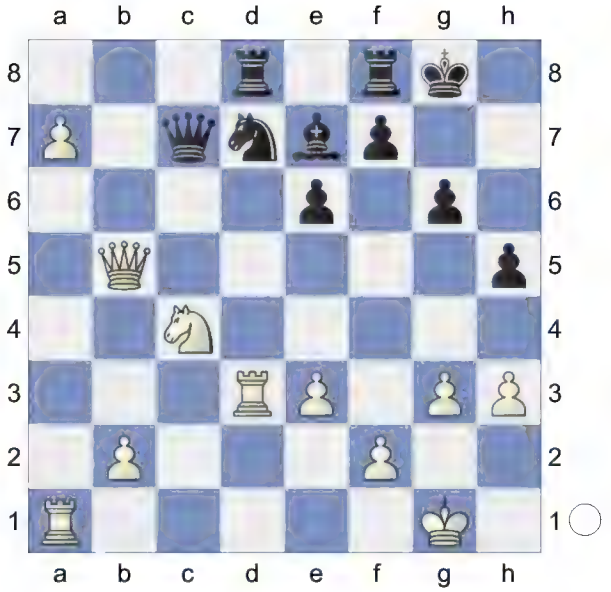
[27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.a8Q *(28.a8R Rfd8±)* 28...Rxa8 29.Qxa8+ Kg7 30.Qxb7 Rxb7±]

27...Qc7 2.14/23

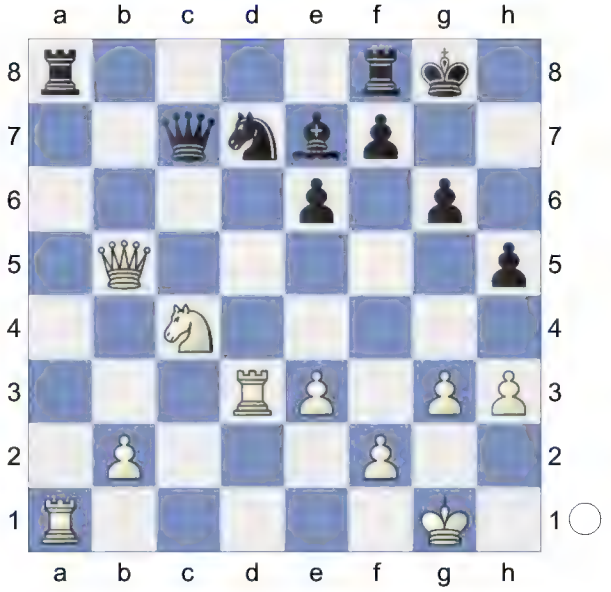
[27...Qe4± 1.11/21 28.Nd6 *(28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.a8Q Rd1+ 30.Kh2 Rxa1±)* 28...Qa8]

28.Qb5+- Be7 Prevents Rd3-d6 **29.g3 h5**

[29...Qc5? 30.Qb7 Qxc4 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 32.Qxd7+-]



30.a8R! 1.18/21 **Rxa8±**



31.Rxa8

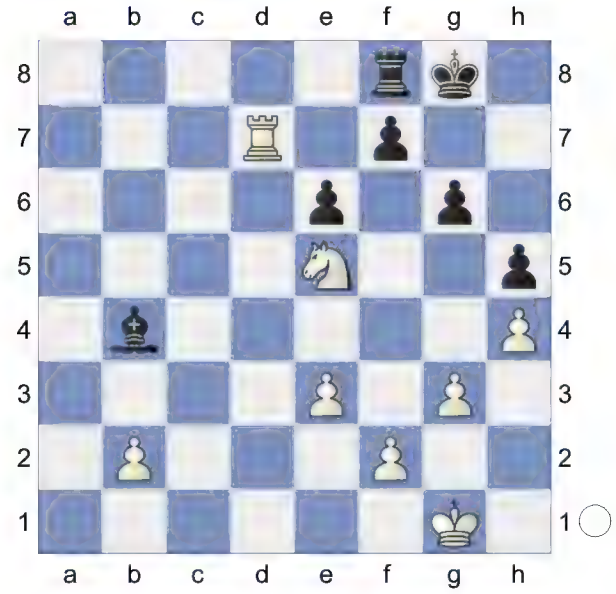
[31.Rxd7? Rxa1+ 32.Kh2 Qc5

33.Qxc5 Bxc5-+]

31...Rxa8 32.Rxd7

[32.Qxd7? Qxc4 33.Rd4 Qc1+ 34.Rd1 Qc2-+ *(34...Qxb2 35.Qxe7 Kg7 36.Rd8=)*]

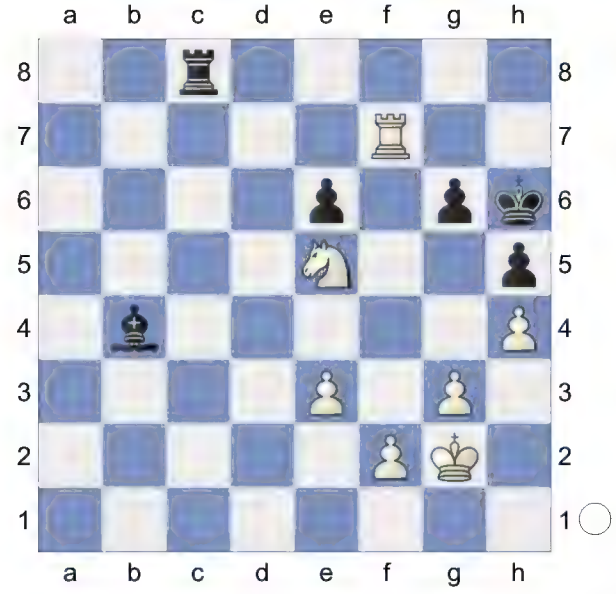
32...Qc5 33.Qxc5 Bxc5+- Endgame. KRB-KRN **34.Ne5 Rf8 35.h4 Bb4**



36.Kg2 Kg7? 5.10/24

[36...Bc5 2.85/22 37.Rb7 Kg7]

37.Nc6 Bc5 38.b4 Rc8 39.Ne5 Bxb4 40.Rxf7+ Kh6



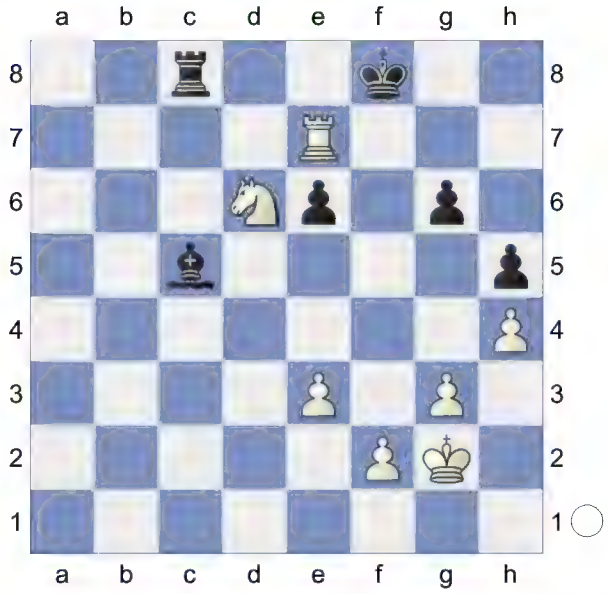
41.Rb7 Ba5 42.Ra7 Bb6 43.Re7 Bc5 11.04/22

[⌓43...Rc2 5.00/22 44.Kf3 *(44.Rxe6 Bxe3 45.Rxg6+ Kh7+-; 44.Nf7+ Kg7+-)* 44...Ba5]

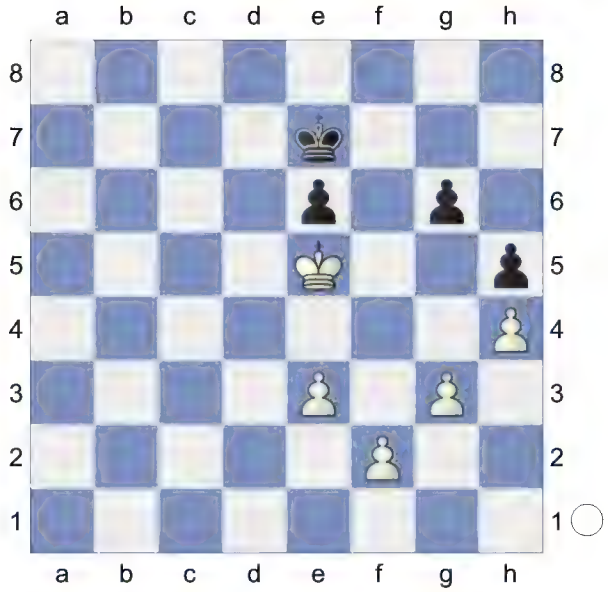
44.Nf7+ Kg7 45.Nd6+

[Inferior is 45.Rxe6 Kxf7 46.Ra6 Kg7∓]

45...Kf8



46.Nxc8 Bxe7 47.Nxe7 Kxe7 KP-KP **48.Kf3 Kf6 49.Kf4 Kf7 50.Ke5 Ke7**

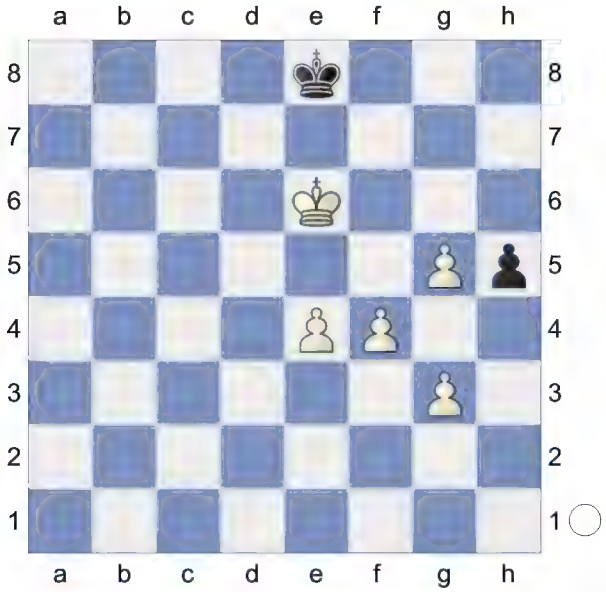


51.e4 19.24/26

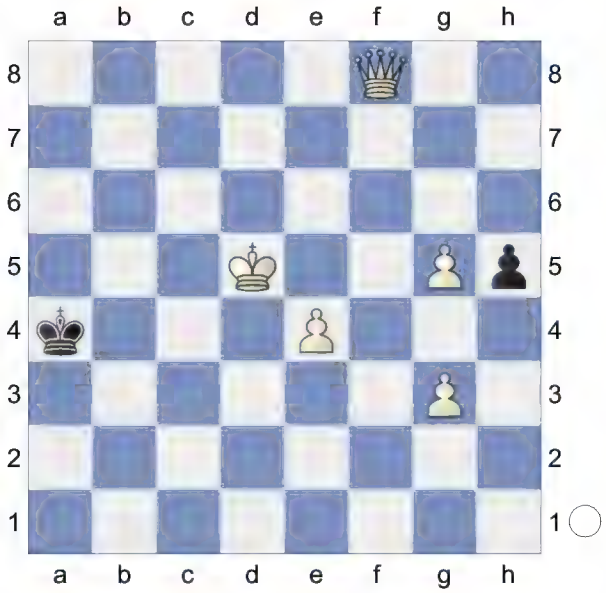
[⌓51.f4 #19/27 Kf7 52.Kd6 Ke8 53.e4 *(53.Kxe6 Kf8 54.e4 Ke8 55.e5 Kf8 56.Kd7 Kf7 57.e6+ Kf6)*

53...Kf7 54.e5 Kf8 55.Kxe6 Kg7 56.Kd6]

51...Kf7 52.Kd6 Kg7 53.Kxe6 g5 54.hxg5 Kf8 55.f4 Ke8



56.f5 Kd8 57.f6 Kc7 58.f7 Kc6 59.f8Q Kb5 60.Kd5 Ka4



61.Kc4 Ka5 62.Qd6 White mates. **62...h4 63.gxh4 Ka4 64.Qb4#**

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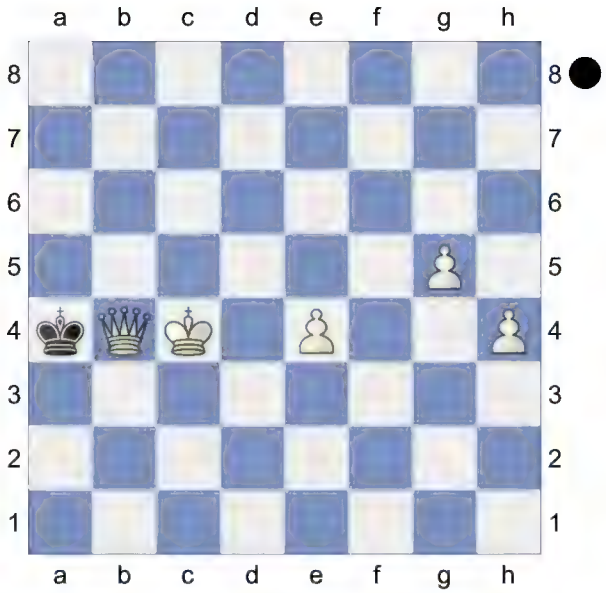

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17 **D52**

□ **Lightbringerangel1** **3017**

■ **Teta Lida** **2641**

Rapid 24.10.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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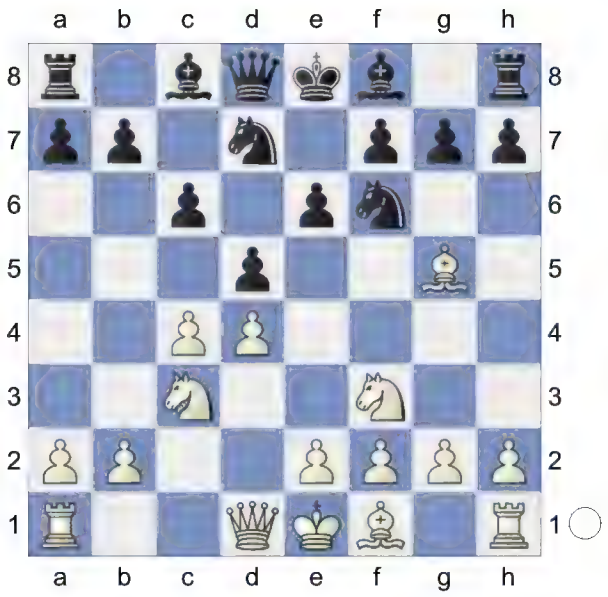

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ndxe4N

[9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 *(11...Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2* Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 f5 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.c5 Qd8 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

9...dxe4 10.Bh4 White has an edge.

10...e5

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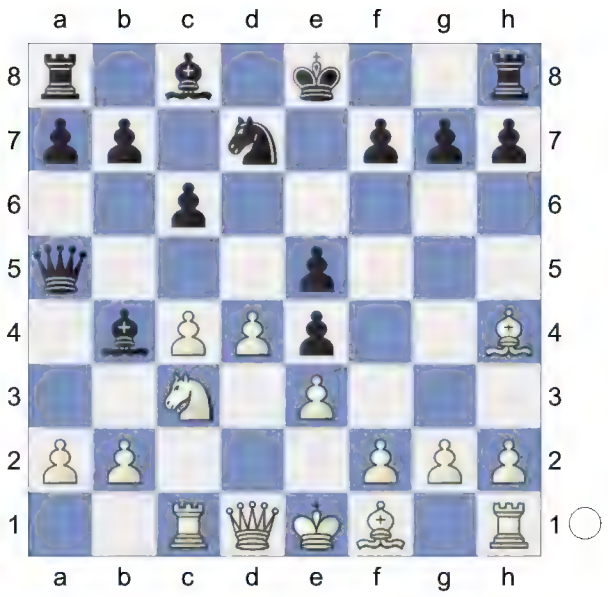
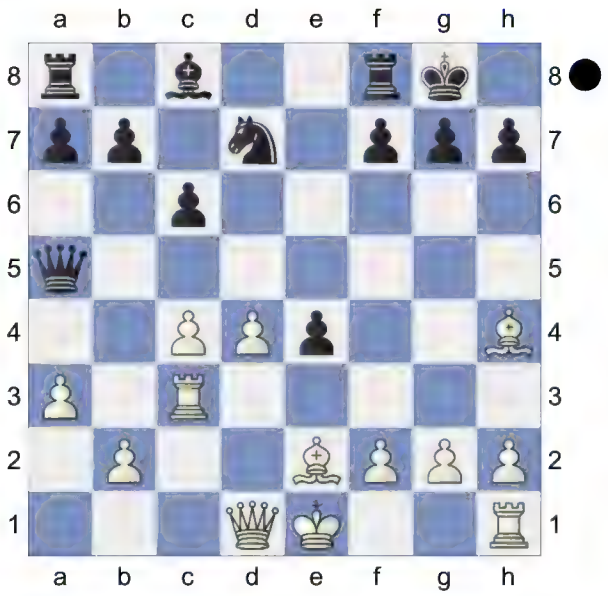


11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Rxc3 0-0 0.92/19

[12...Nb6± 0.55/19 should be considered.]

13.Be2± exd4 14.exd4



Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.14 (very precise) . Loss on time!?

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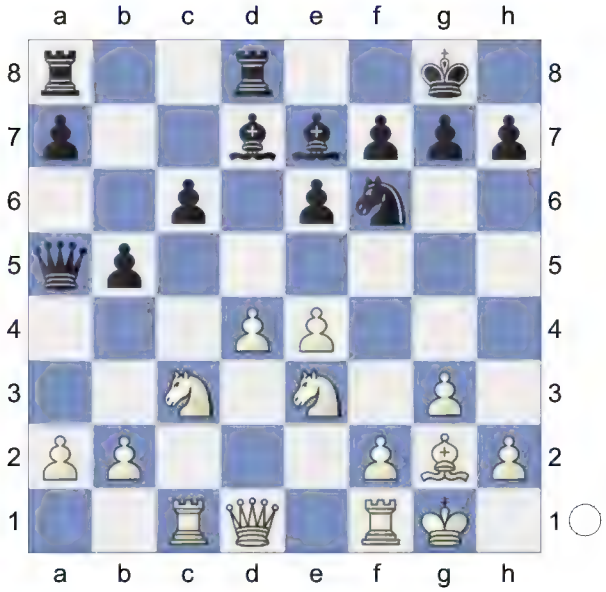
18 **D52**
□ **Yobot V2** **3010**
■ **Integralbot** **2924**
Blitz 21.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

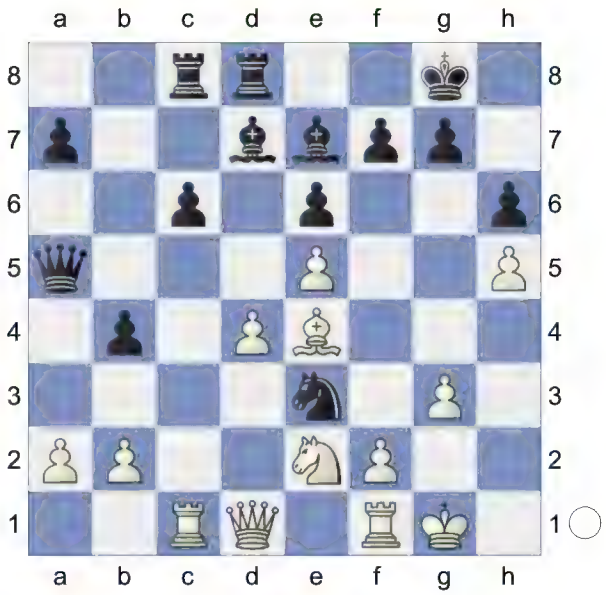
Blitz 3min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3 Be7

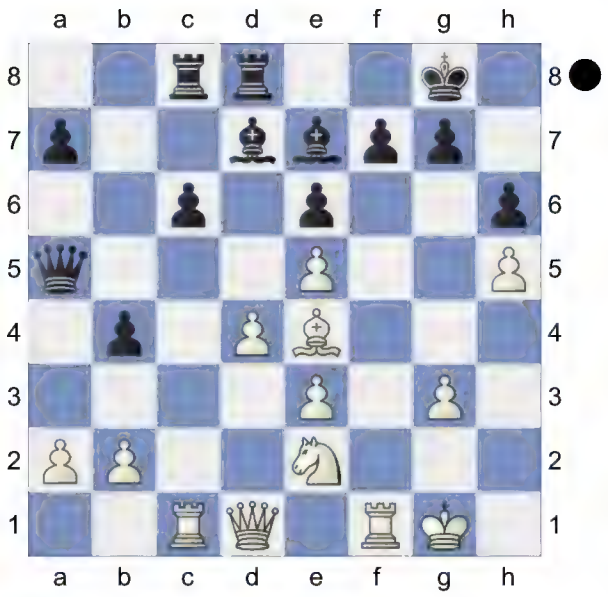
11.Bg2 0-0 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.0-0 Rfd8
The position is equal. **14.e4 b5 15.Ne3 Qa5**



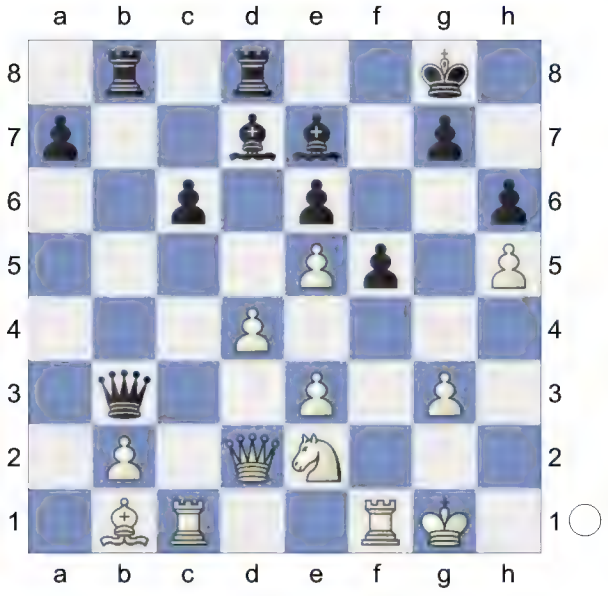
16.e5 Nd5 17.h4 Rac8 18.h5 h6N
[18...Bg5 19.Qe2 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Qb6 21.Qg4 h6 22.b4 a5 23.a3 Be7 24.Nc2 Be8 25.Be4 Chapter-Games Chapter 10 (2)]
19.Be4 b4 20.Ne2 -0.38/20
[20.Nc4= 0.00/20 is more appropriate. Qa6 21.Na4]
20...Nxe3∓



21.fxe3



b3 0.72/20 **22.Qxb3 Rb8 23.Qc3 Qxa2 24.Bb1 Qb3**
[24...Qxb2? 25.Qd3+-]
25.Qd2 Rc1-c3 is the strong threat.
25...f5
[25...Qxb2? 26.Qd3+-]



26.exf6 gxf6
[26...Bxf6? 27.Nc3 Kf8 28.Ne4±]
27.Nf4 f5 28.Rf2 Bg5 29.Rc3 Qb4 30.Ba2 Qd6

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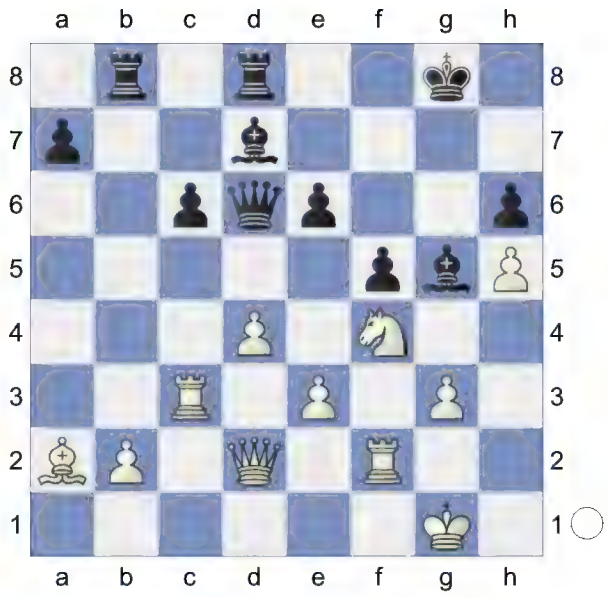
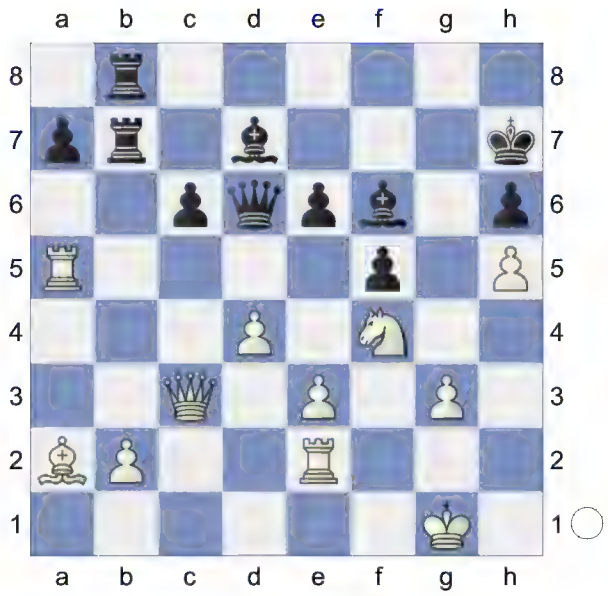


31.Re2 Kg7 32.Ra3 Rb7 33.Qa5 Rdb8 34.Qc3 Kh7 35.Ra5 Bf6 0.65/19
[35...Re8= 0.25/19]



36.Kh2± Rg8 37.Rg2 Rg5 38.Rc5 Qe7 39.Kg1 Rg4 40.Qc2 Rg5

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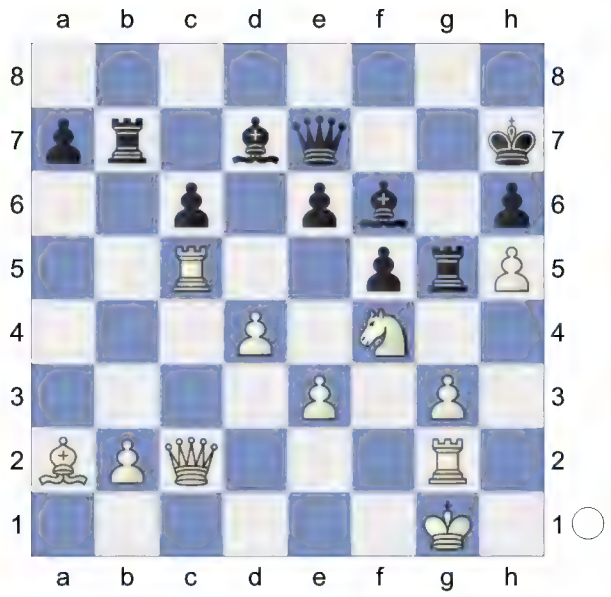
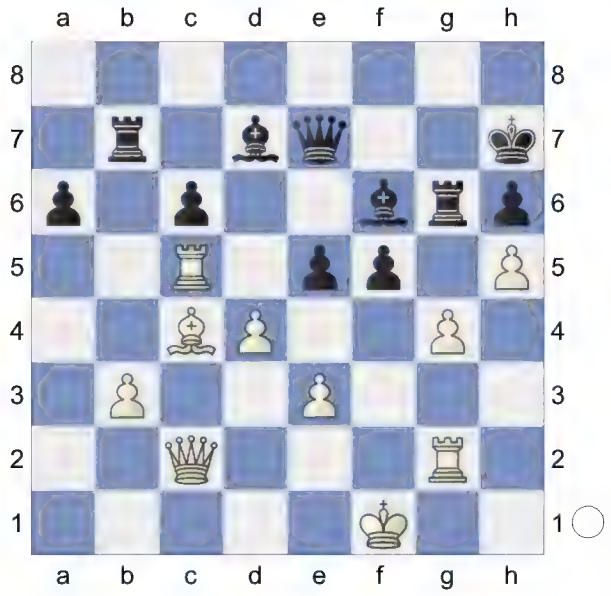


41.g4 Rb4 42.Bc4 a6 1.15/19 **43.Kf1±**
[43.Bxa6?! Rxd4=]
43...Rb7 44.b3 White is more active.
44...e5 45.Ng6
[45.Bxa6 Ra7 *(45...exf4 46.Bxb7 f3 47.Rg3±)* 46.Ng6 Rxg6 47.hxg6+ Kg7=]
45...Rxg6



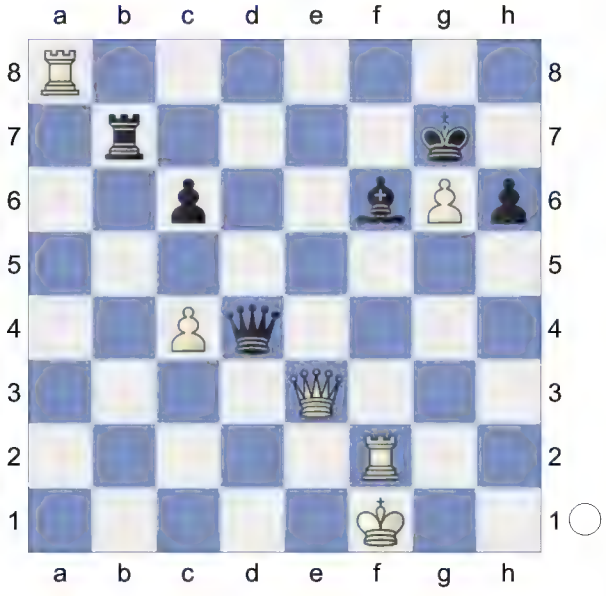
46.hxg6+ Kg7

(Diagram)

47.g5! Deflection
[47.Bxa6 Ra7 48.Qc4 Be6±]
[47.gxf5?! exd4 48.Be6 *(48.Bxa6 Ra7=; 48.exd4 Bxd4 49.Bxa6 Rb4=)* 48...dxe3±]
47...Bxg5 48.Rxe5
[48.Bxa6 Ra7 49.Rxe5 Qf6±]
48...Qd6 49.Qe2 Rg2xg5! would now be deadly.
[But not 49.Bxa6 Ra7±]
49...Bf6 50.Ra5
[Not 50.Bxa6 Rb8=]
50...Bc8 2.20/21
[50...f4± 1.54/19]

(Diagram)

51.Rxa6+- f4 52.Ra8 Be6 53.Rf2 fxe3 54.Qxe3 Bxc4+ 55.bxc4 Threatens to win with Qe3-e8. **55...Qxd4**



56.Qxd4 Bxd4

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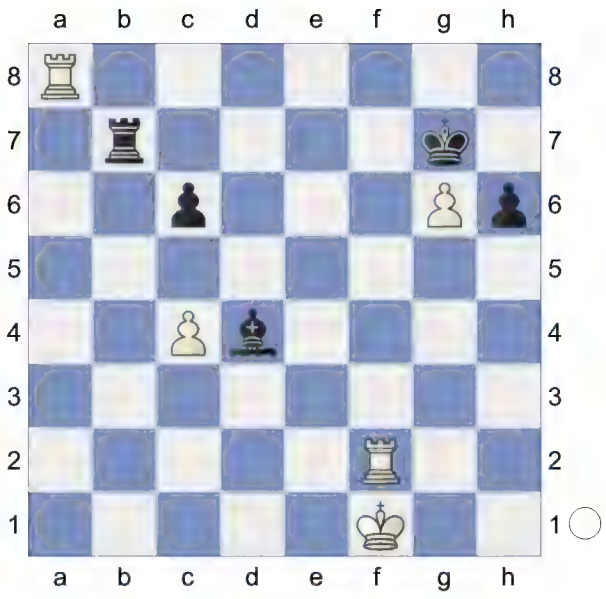
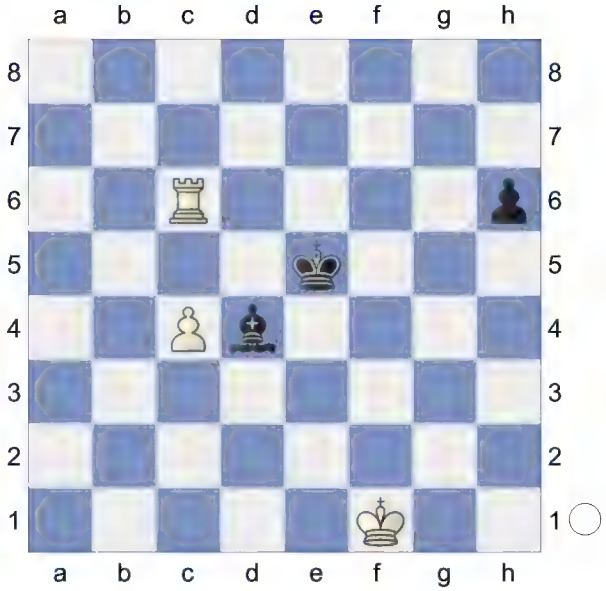


57.Rf7+! Rxf7+ 58.gxf7 Kxf7
Endgame. KR-KB **59.Ra6 Ke6?** 10.14/27
[59...c5 2.78/27 60.Rxh6 Bc3]
60.Rxc6+ Ke5



61.Rxh6 Bc5 62.Rh4 Kd6 63.Ke2 Ba3 64.Rh8 Bb2 65.Ra8 Kc6

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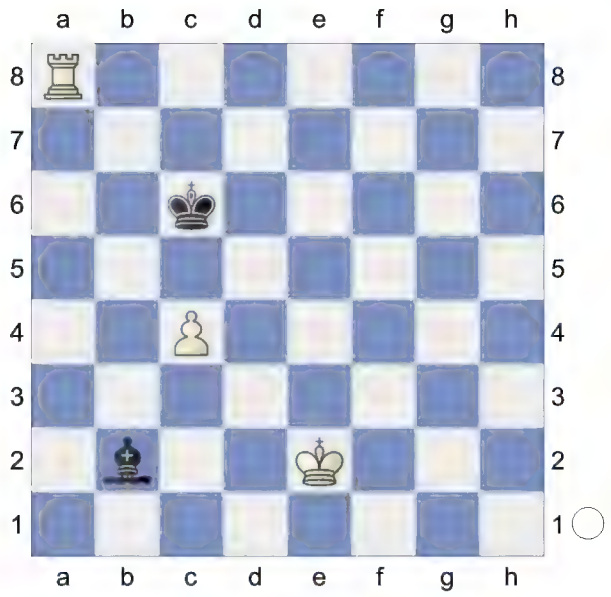
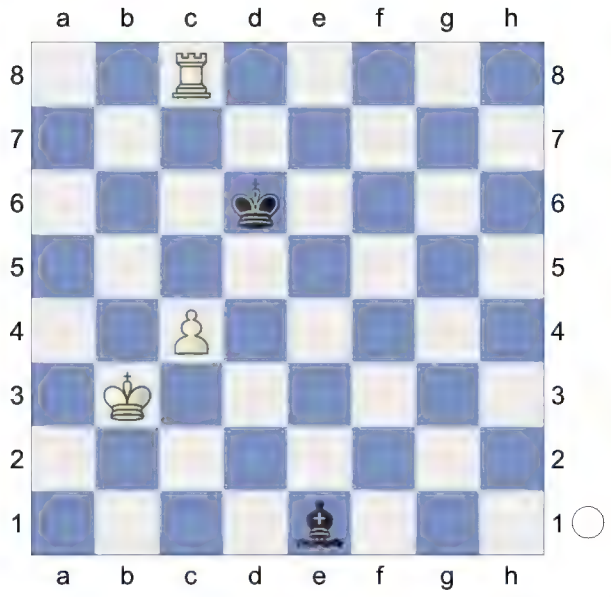


66.Kd3 Kc5 67.Rb8 Ba3 68.Rc8+ Kd6 69.Kc2 Bb4 70.Kb3 Be1



71.Ka4 Kd7 72.Rc5 Bf2 73.Rf5 Bh4 74.Kb5 Kd8 75.c5 Be7

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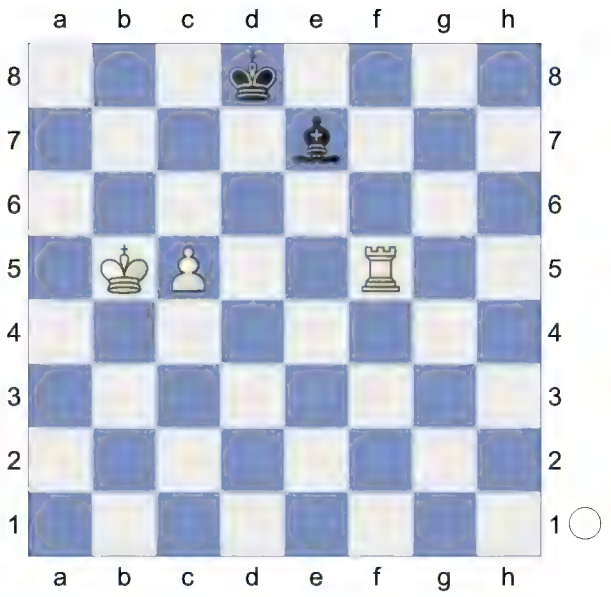
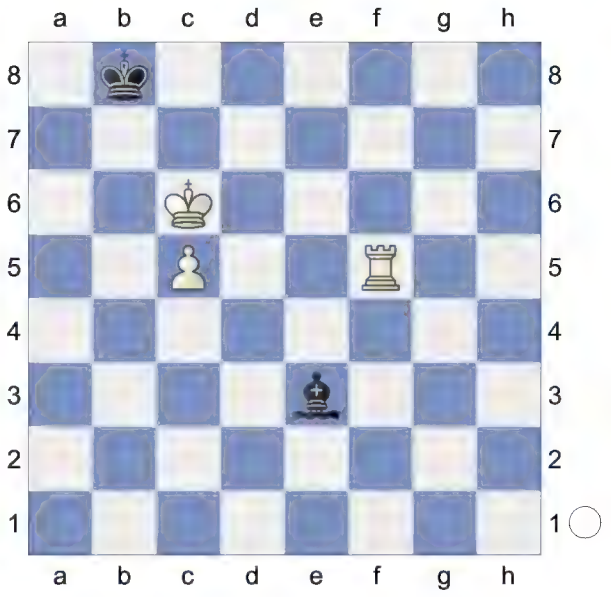


76.Kb6 Kc8 77.Rf4 Kb8 78.Rf7 Bd8+ 79.Kc6 Bg5 80.Rf5 Be3



81.Kd7 Bd2 82.c6 Ba5

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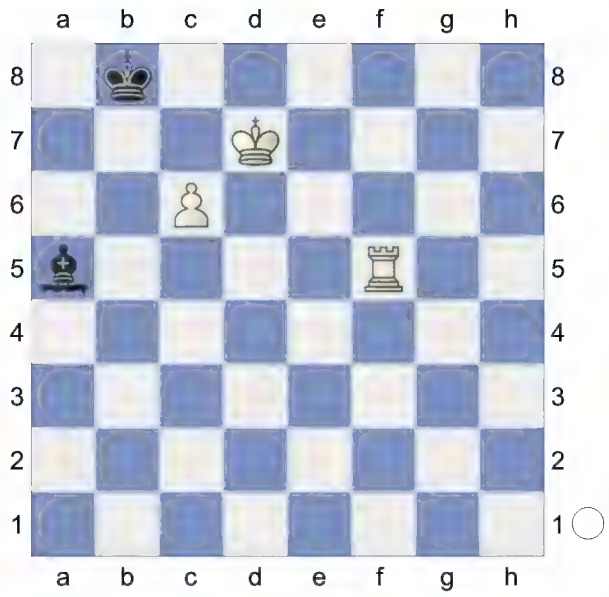
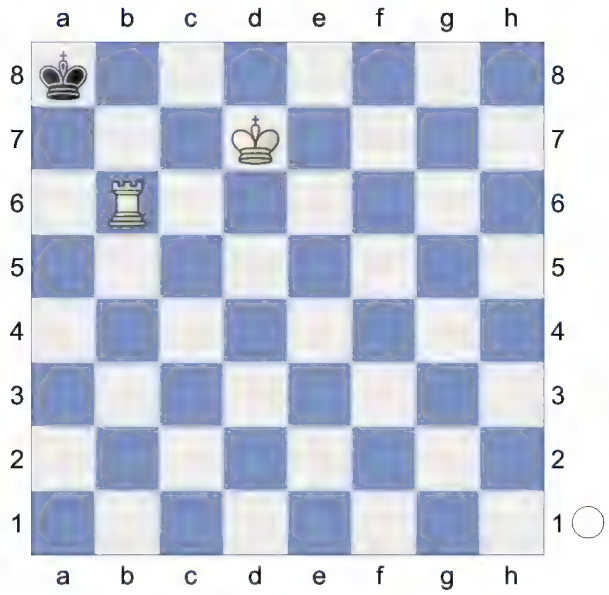


83.c7+! Bxc7 84.Rb5+ Bb6 85.Rxb6+
White mates. **85...Ka8**



86.Kc6 Ka7 87.Kc7 Ka8 88.Ra6#

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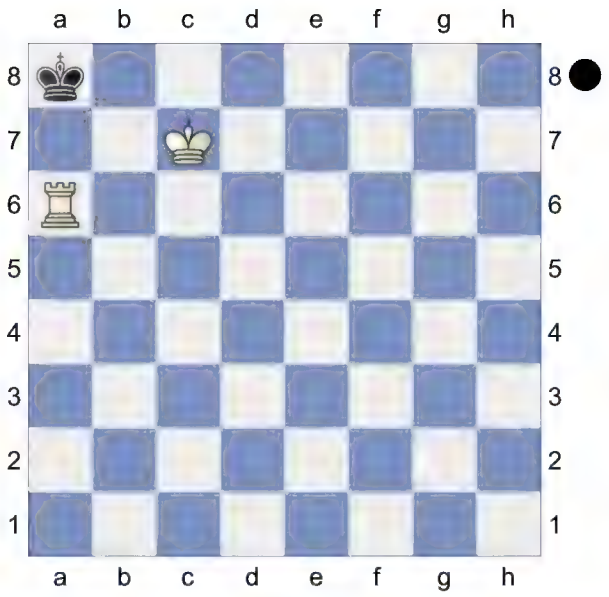

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19 **D52**
□ **Yobot V2** **3006**
■ **Mr Chess Berserk** **3002**
Blitz 19.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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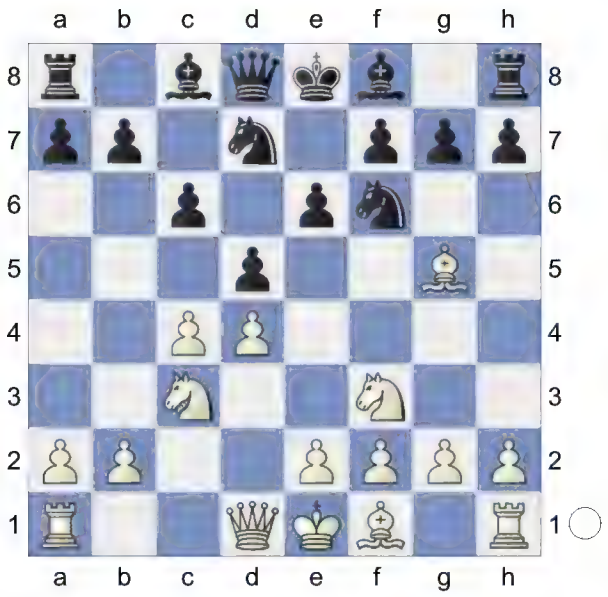

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd6

11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7

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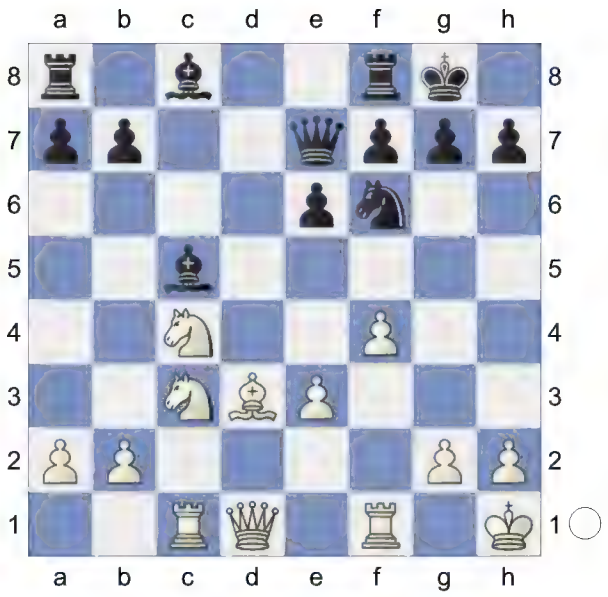


16.Ne4N

[16.Qe2 b6 17.e4 Bb7 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

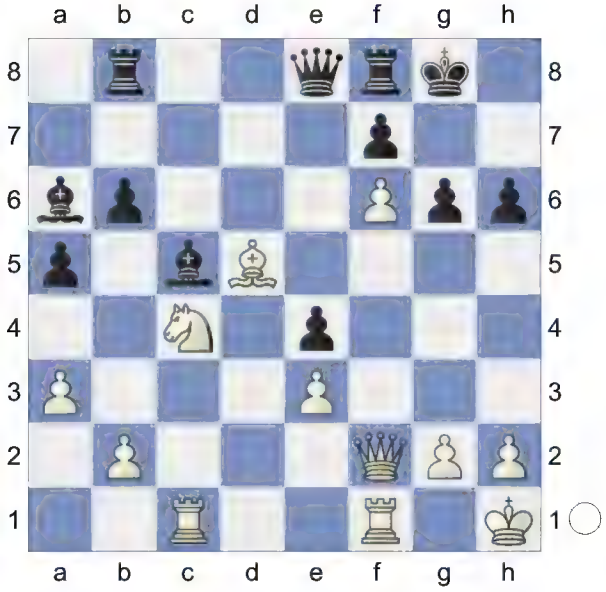
16...Nxe4 17.Bxe4 g6 18.Qc2 Rb8 19.Rfd1 e5 20.f5 Inhibits Bc8-e6.

[20.Nxe5? Bxe3 21.Bd5 Bf5-+ *(21...Bxf4? 22.Nxf7 Be6* Trapped Piece *23.Qe4-+)*]

20...b6

Black is weak on the light squares **21.a3**

With the idea b2-b4. **21...a5**
[21...Qg5 simplifies 22.Nxe5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5 Bxe3 24.Nxf7 Qxf5 25.Qxf5 gxf5 26.Rc3 Rbe8]
22.Rf1
[22.fxg6 simplifies hxg6 23.Nxa5 bxa5 24.Qxc5 Qxc5 25.Rxc5 Rxb2 26.Rxe5 Rb3 27.Bd5]
22...Ba6 23.Bd5 e4 24.f6 Qe8 25.Qf2
Black must now prevent Qf2-h4.
[25.Bxe4 Qe6 26.Bd3 Rbc8 *(26...Bxe3? 27.Nxe3 Rfc8 28.Nc4+-)*]
25...h6



26.h4 -0.44/22
[26.Qh4± 0.31/18 Kh7 27.Qxe4 *(27.Bxe4 Qe6∓)*]
26...Rd8 0.18/21
[26...Bxc4∓ -0.44/22 27.Rxc4 Qe5 28.Bxe4 *(28.Rxe4? Qxd5 29.Qf3 Qb3-+; 28.Rd1 Qh5∓)* 28...b5]

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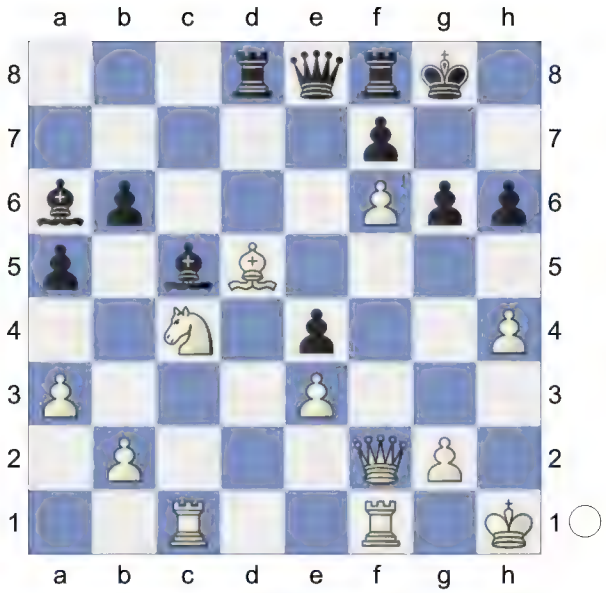
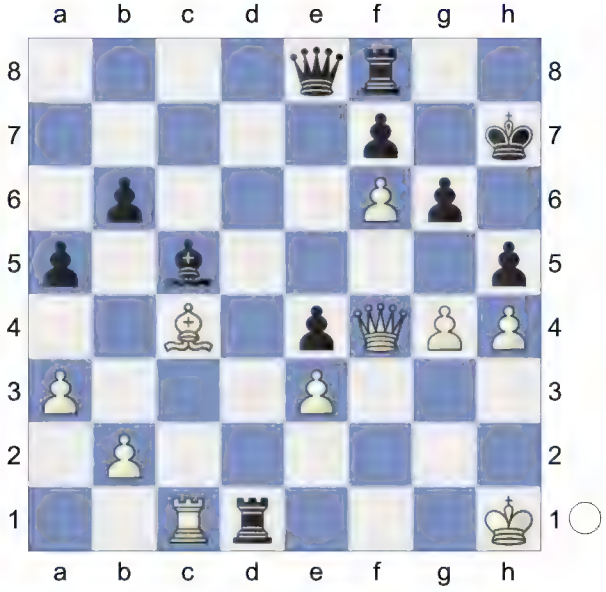


27.Qf4!= Kh7
[27...Rxd5 28.Qxh6 Bxc4 29.Qg7#]
28.Rfd1 h5 29.g4
[29.Qxe4? Qxe4 30.Bxe4 Rxd1+ 31.Rxd1 Bxc4-+]
29...Bxc4 30.Bxc4 b2-b4! is the strong threat. **30...Rxd1+**

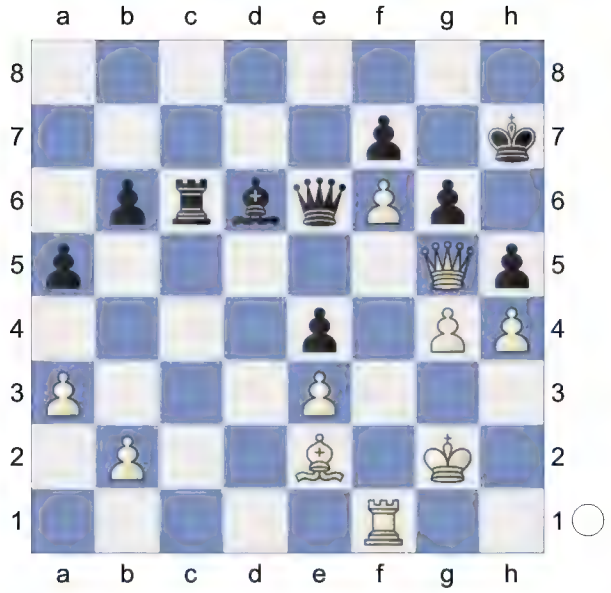


31.Rxd1 b2-b4! would now be deadly.
31...Qc8 32.Be2
[32.Rg1 Bxe3 33.Qxe3 Qxc4 34.gxh5 Qd3∓]
[32.Qxe4 simplifies Qxg4 33.Qxg4 hxg4 34.e4]

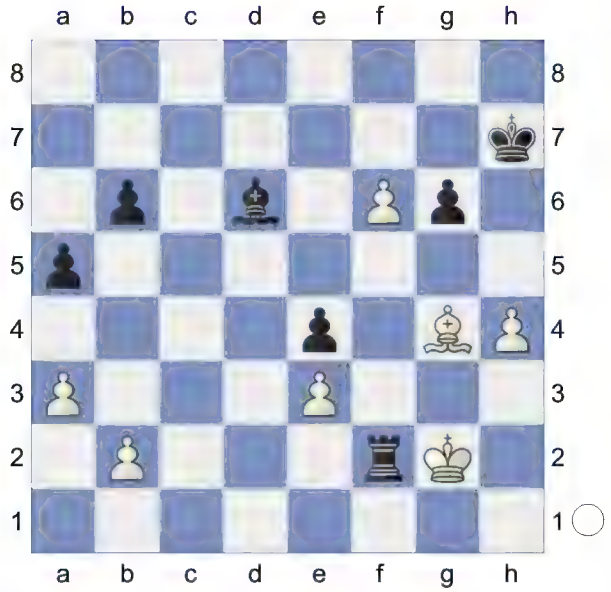
32...Qe6

[32...hxg4 is more complex. 33.b4 axb4 34.axb4 g3]

33.Kg2 Rc8 34.Qg5 Rc6 35.Rf1 Bd6



36.gxh5 Rc5! 37.hxg6+ fxg6 38.Qg4 Chess con chili. **38...Qxg4+ 39.Bxg4** Endgame. KRB-KRB **39...Rc2+ 40.Rf2P** White has counterplay. The position is equal. **40...Rxf2+**



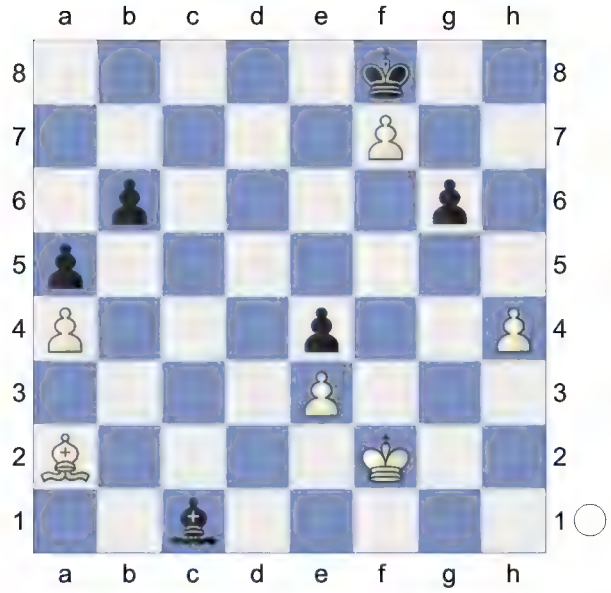
41.Kxf2 KB-KB **41...Be5 42.f7**

[42.b4 simplifies Bxf6 43.h5 Be5 44.hxg6+ Kxg6 45.bxa5 bxa5 46.a4]

42...Kg7 43.Be6

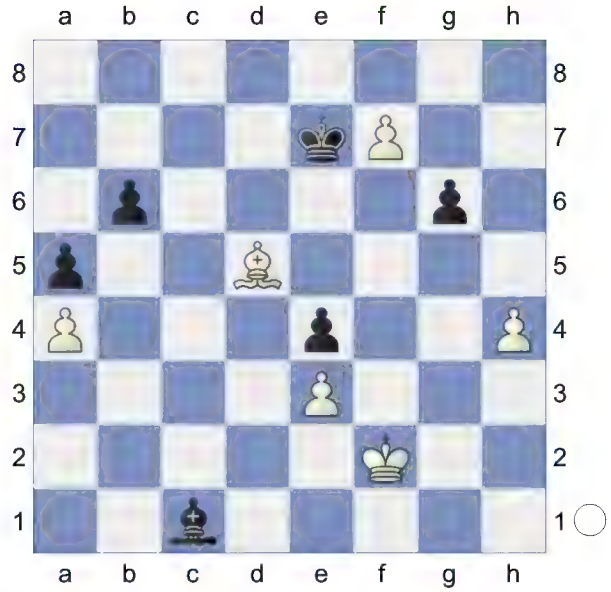
[43.b4 simplifies axb4 44.axb4 Kxf7 45.Bd7]

43...Bxb2 44.a4 Bc1 45.Ba2 Kf8



46.Be6 Ke7 47.Bb3 Bd2 48.Ba2 Bc1 49.Bc4 Bd2 50.Bd5 Bc1

[50...Kf8 simplifies 51.Bxe4 Kxf7 52.Ke2 Bb4]



51.Bb3

[51.Bxe4 Kxf7 52.Ke2 Ba3=]

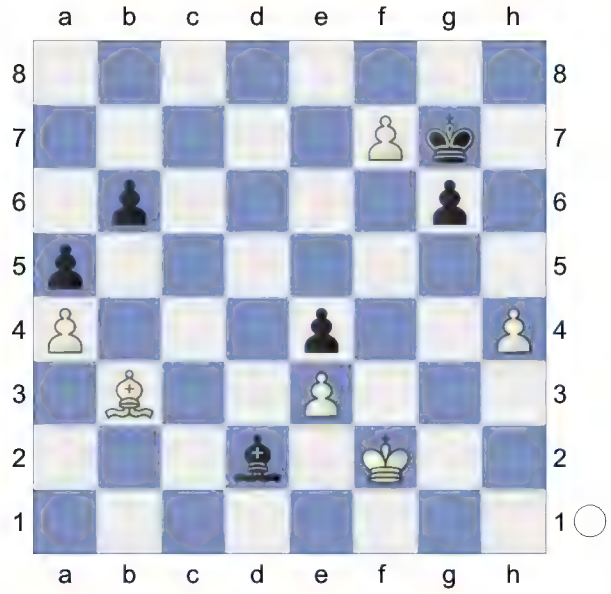
51...Kf8 52.Ba2 Kg7 53.Bb3 Bd2 54.Bd5 Kf8

[54...Bc1 simplifies 55.Bxe4 Kxf7 56.Kf3 Bb2]

55.Bb3

[55.Bxe4 Kxf7 56.Bf3 Bc3=]

55...Kg7



56.Bd5 Kf8

[56...Bc1 simplifies 57.Bxe4 Kxf7 58.Bc2 Ba3]

57.Be6

[57.Bxe4 Kxf7 58.Bf3 Ke7]

[57.Bc6 simplifies Kxf7 58.Bxe4 Kf6 59.Bc6]

57...Bc1 58.Bc4 Bd2 59.Bd5 Bc1

[59...Kg7 simplifies 60.Bxe4 Kxf7 61.Bf3 Ke6]

60.Ba2

[60.Bxe4 simplifies Kxf7 61.Kf3 Ba3 62.Bd5+]

60...Kg7

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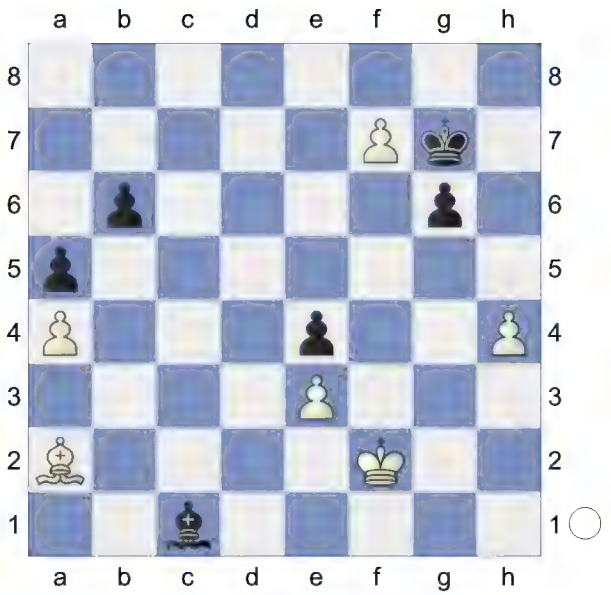


61.Bd5

[61.f8R simplifies Kxf8 62.Bd5 Bd2 63.Bxe4 Kf7 64.Bf3]

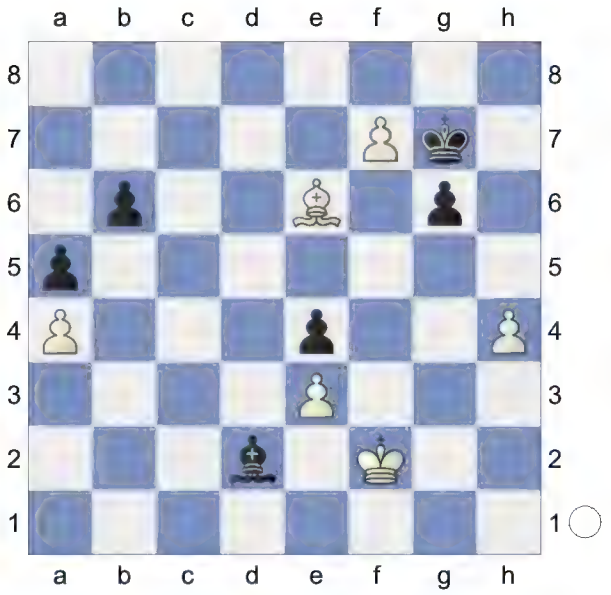
61...Bd2

[61...Kf8 simplifies 62.Bxe4 Kxf7 63.Bf3 Ke7]

62.Bb3

[62.Bxe4 Kxf7 63.Bc6 Bb4]

62...Kf8 63.Bc4 Kg7 64.Bb3 Kf8 65.Be6 Kg7



66.Bc4 Kf8 67.Be6

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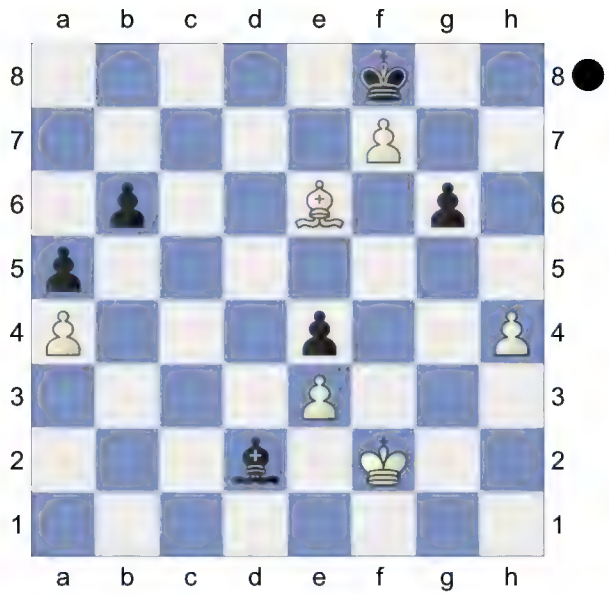

A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

20 **D52**
□ **Caissa,X** **2991**
■ **Admete** **2487**
Rapid 26.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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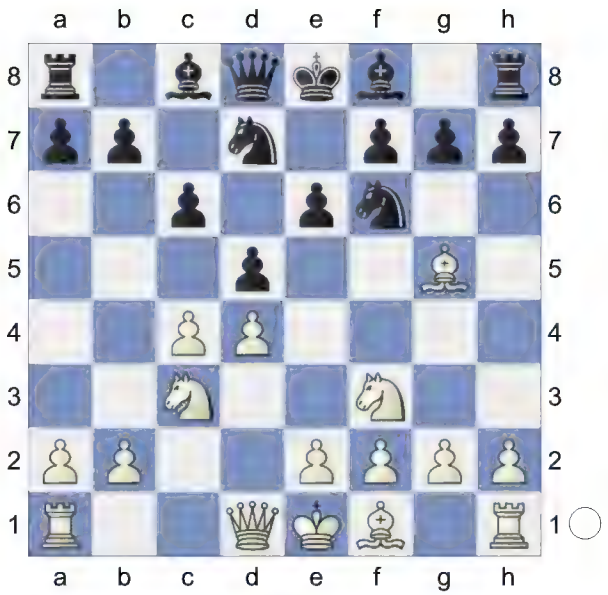
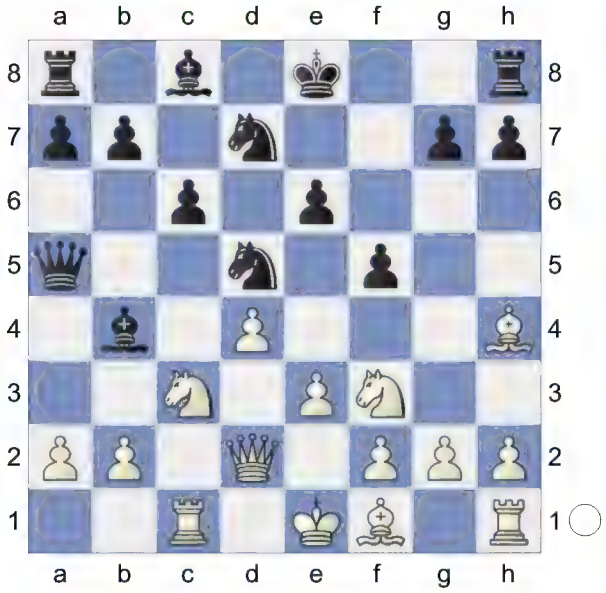
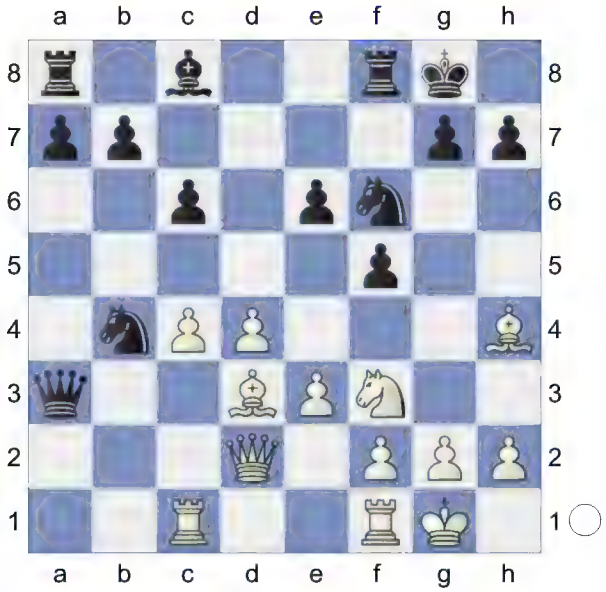


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

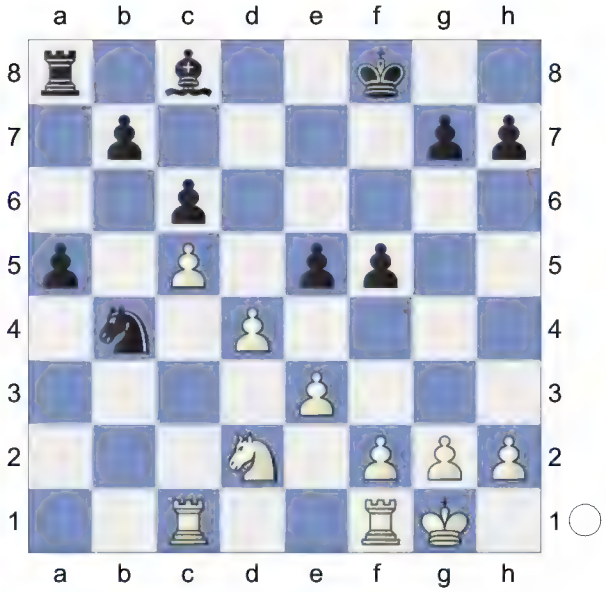
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 f6 10.Bh4 f5 0.93/19
[Black should try 10...b5± 0.38/18]



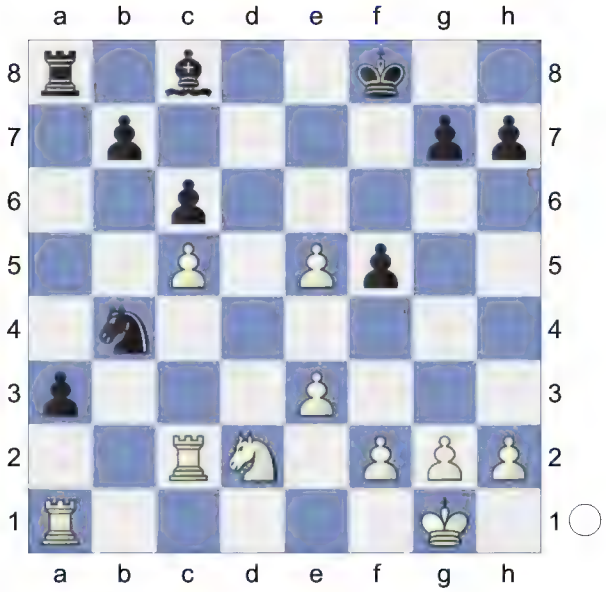
11.Bd3± N7f6 12.0-0 White is better.
12...0-0 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qxa3 15.c4 Nb4 0.91/21
[⌓15...Ne7 1.28/22 16.Ra1 Qd6]



16.Bxf6 Qxd3 1.74/21
[16...gxf6± 1.24/21 17.Bb1 b5]
17.Be7!+- Qxd2 18.Nxd2 a5 2.15/21
[Wrong is 18...Nd3? 19.Rc3 Re8 20.Ba3+-]
[⌓18...c5 1.67/21]
19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.c5 e5



21.dxe5 a4 22.Rc4 1.25/23
[22.Ra1+- 1.83/24]
22...Nd5± 23.Ra1 a3 24.Rc2! Nb4 2.18/25
[24...Nc7± 1.57/23 25.Nc4 Nb5]



Prevents Rc2-a2. **25.Rb2!+-** Pin
25...Ra4

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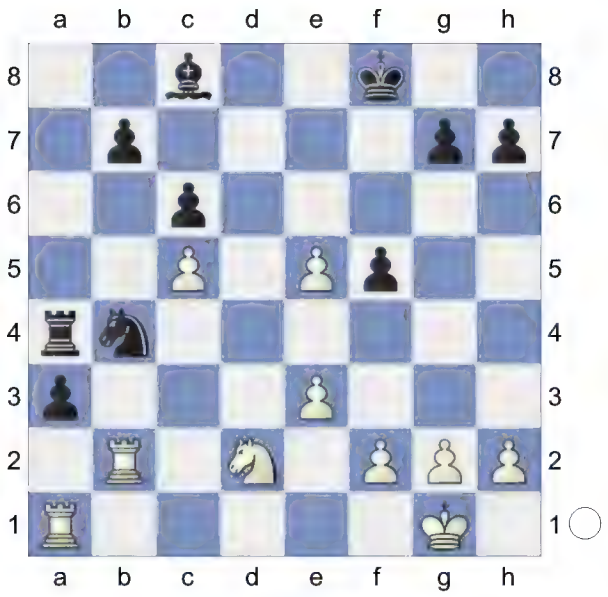
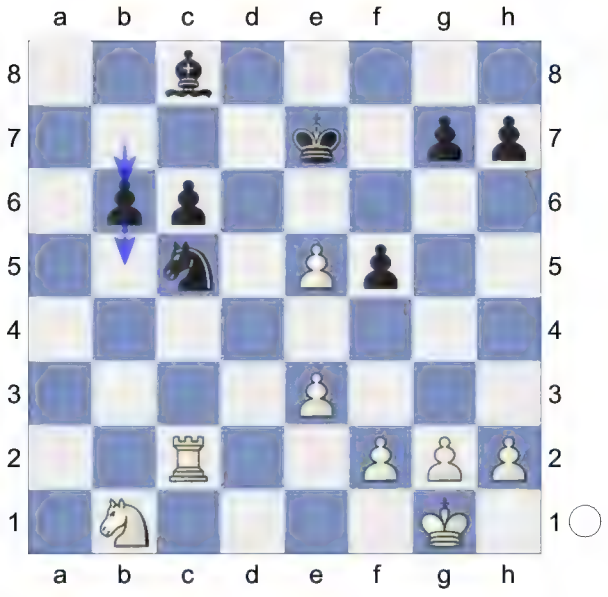


26.Nb1! axb2 27.Rxa4 Endgame. KRN-KBN **27...Na6 28.Ra2 Ke7** 2.10/23

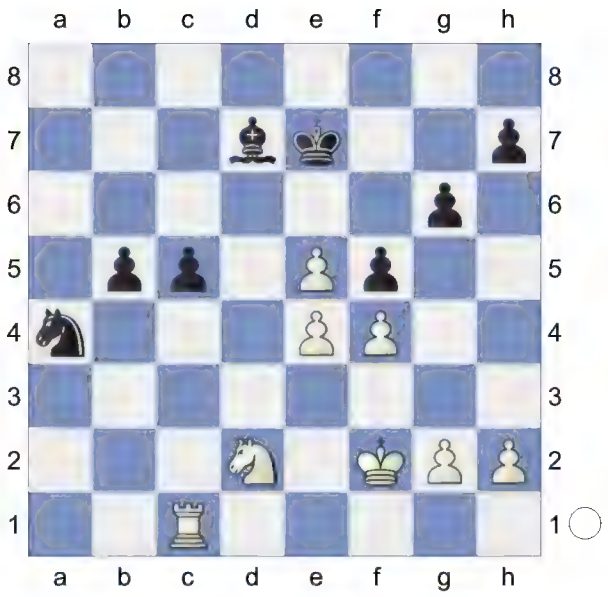
[28...Kf7± 1.30/19 was worth a try. 29.Rxb2 Nxc5]

29.Rxb2 Nxc5 30.Rc2 b6



31.Nd2 And now Nd2-c4 would win. **31...Bd7 32.f4 Na4 33.e4** e4xf5 would now be deadly. **33...c5 34.Rc1 g6 35.Kf2 b5**

(Diagram)



36.exf5 Bxf5 37.Nb3 c4 38.Nd4 Nc5? 4.78/23

[38...Bd7 2.78/20 was called for. 39.Rb1 Nc3]

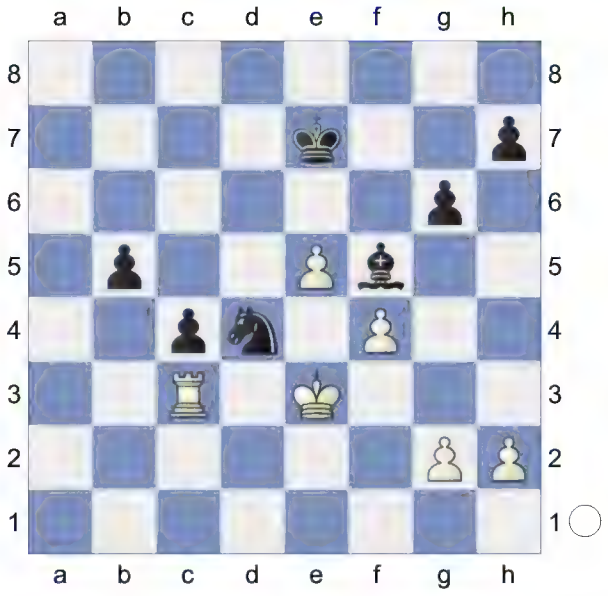
39.Ke3

[39.Nxb5? too greedy. Nd3+ 40.Ke3 Nxc1-+]

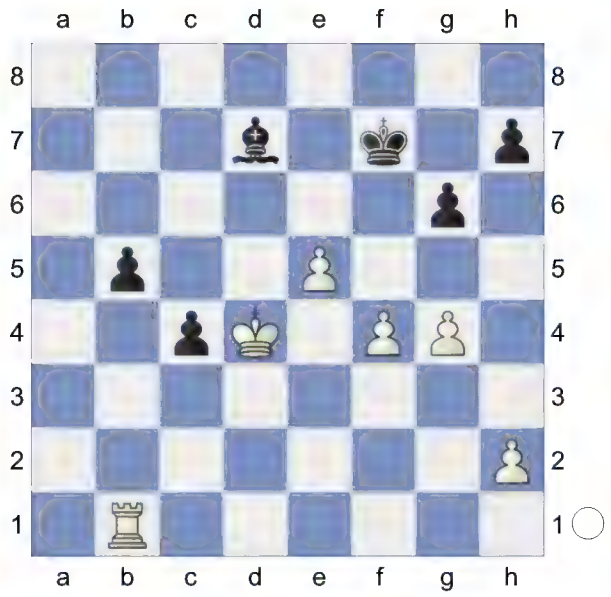
39...Nb3? 5.34/22

[39...Bd7 3.22/20 is a better defense. 40.Rb1 c3]

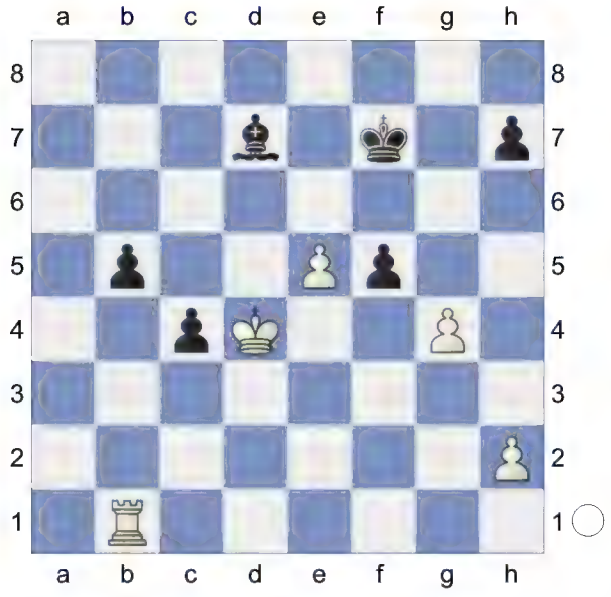
40.Rc3 Nxd4



41.Kxd4 KR-KB **41...Bd7 42.Rc1 Bc6 43.g4 Bd7 44.Rb1 Kf7**



45.f5! Deflection **45...gxf5**



46.gxf5 Bxf5 47.Rxb5 Bd3 48.Rc5 Ke6 49.Rc6+ Kd7 50.Rxc4 Bxc4

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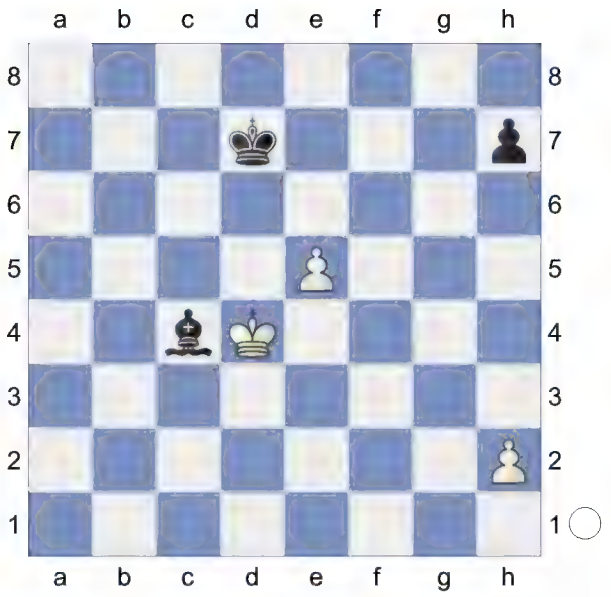
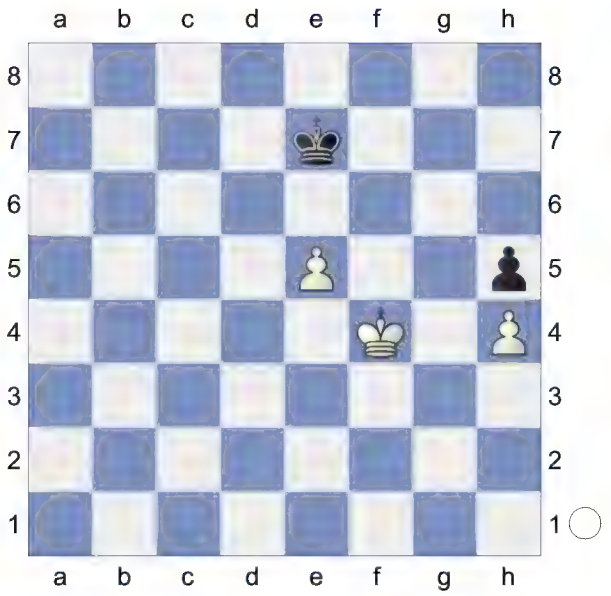


51.Kxc4 KPP-KP **51...Ke6 52.Kd4** Threatening mate with Kd4-e4. **52...h5 53.h4** White mates. **53...Kd7 54.Ke4 Ke6 55.Kf4 Ke7**



56.Kg5 Kf7 57.Kxh5 KP-KP **57...Ke6 58.Kg6 Kxe5** KP-K **59.h5 Kf4 60.h6 Kf3**

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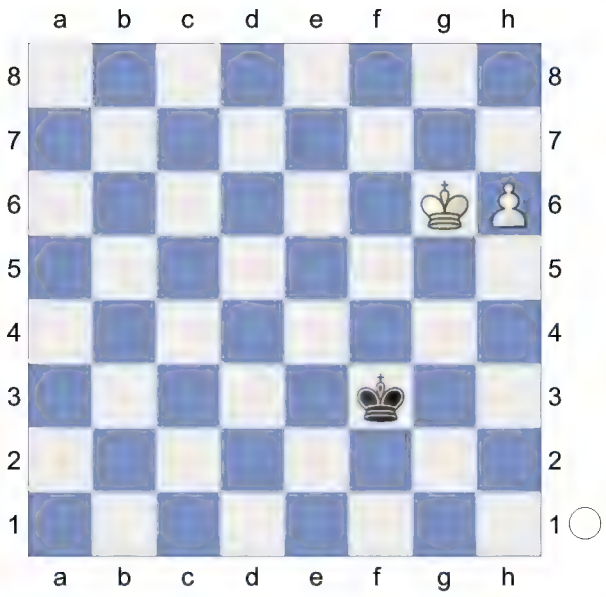
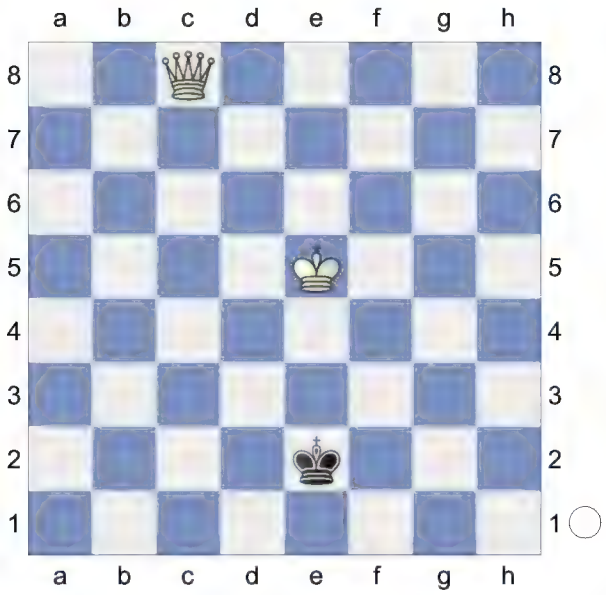


61.h7 Ke2 62.h8Q Kd3 63.Qc8 Kd4 64.Kf5 Kd3 65.Ke5 Ke2



66.Qc3 Kf2 67.Kf4 Ke2 68.Qc2+ Ke1 69.Ke3 Kf1 70.Qf2#

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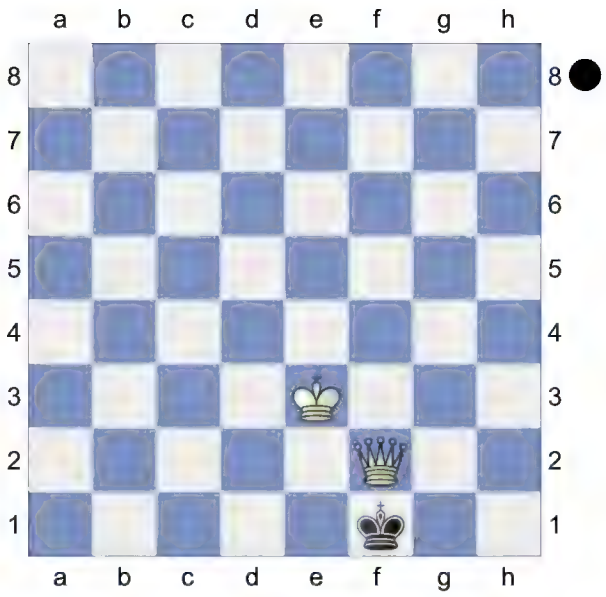

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21 **D52**

□ **Caissa,X** **2981**

■ **Admete** **2466**

Rapid 02.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 20min

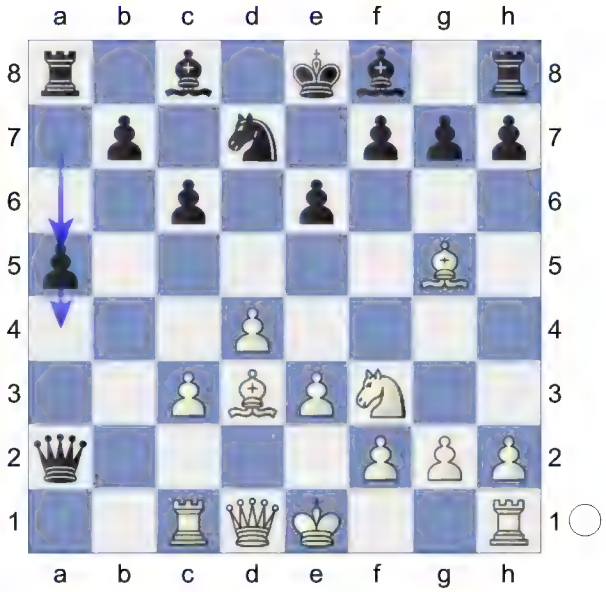
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)

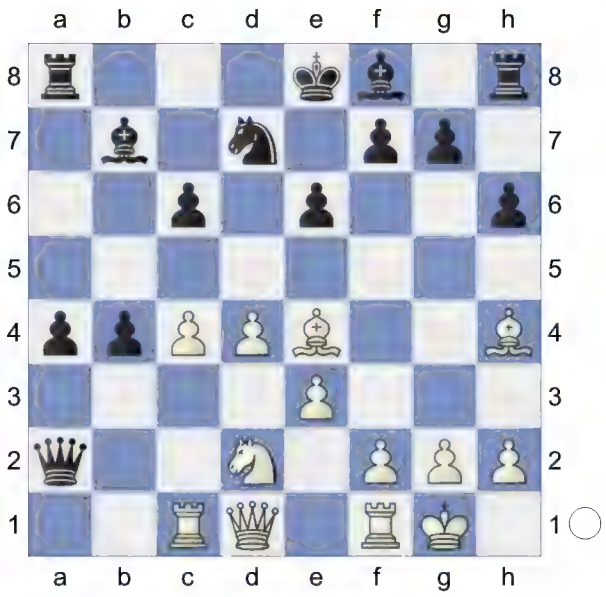
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qxa2 10.Bd3 The position is equal. **10...a5**

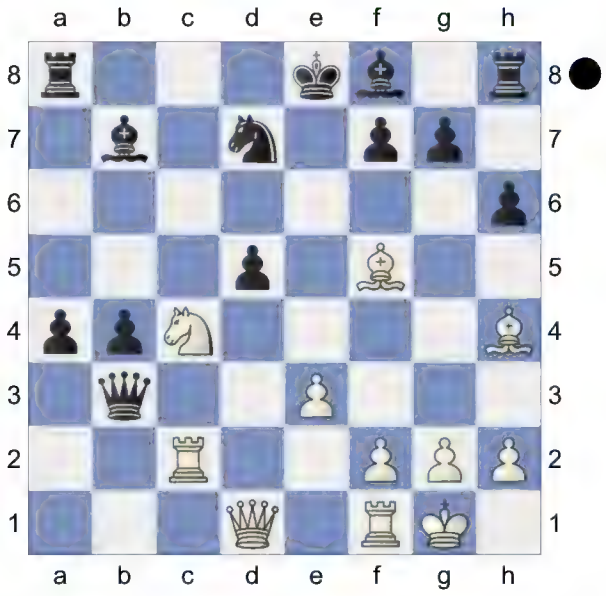


11.0-0 White has compensation. **11...a4**
12.Nd2 -0.21/18
[12.e4 0.16/17 might be stronger.]
12...h6 0.61/19
[12...Qd5= -0.21/18 13.f4 h6]
13.Bh4!± **b5** 1.53/19 White stays focused until the end.
[13...Qd5± 0.64/18]
14.Be4 0.86/18
[White should try 14.c4 1.53/19]
14...Bb7 1.92/20
[14...Ra6± 0.86/18]
15.c4+- Strongly threatening c4xb5.
15...b4

(Diagram)



16.d5! exd5
[16...cxd5 17.Rc2]
17.cxd5 cxd5 2.99/19
[⩲17...c5 1.80/19]
18.Rc2 Qa3 19.Nc4 Pin **19...Qb3**
[19...dxc4? perishes. 20.Bxb7 g5 21.Bxa8+-]
20.Bf5



Threatens to win with Bf5xd7+. **20...g5**

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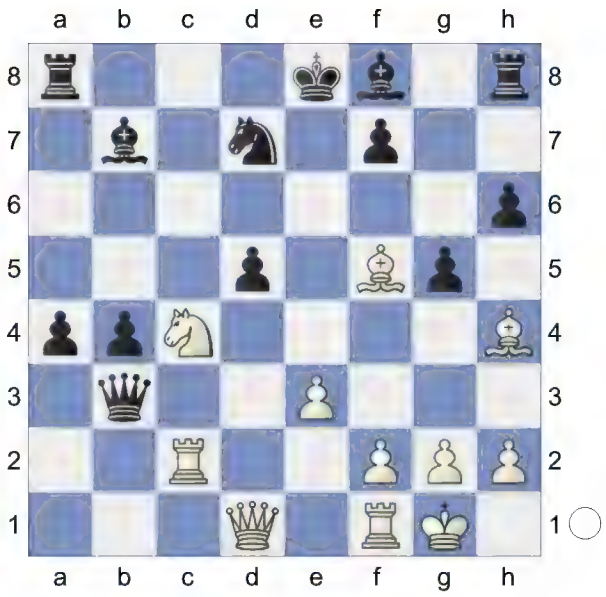
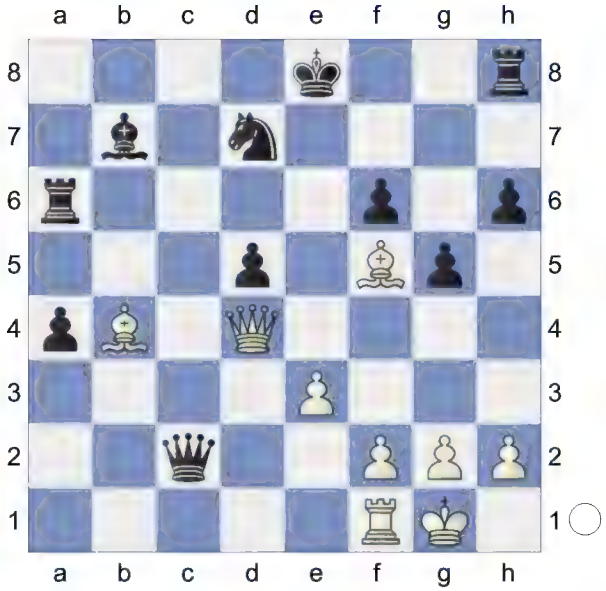


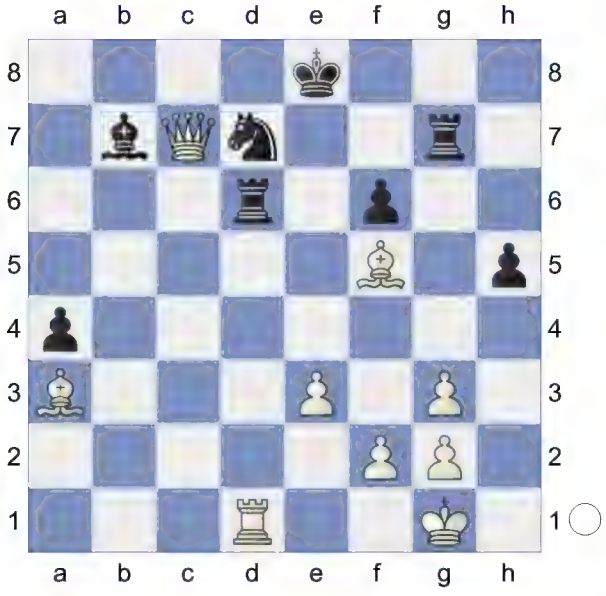
21.Bg3 Be7 6.73/19
[21...Nf6 2.67/18]
22.Nd6+ Bxd6 23.Bxd6 Ra6 24.Qd4 f6 25.Bxb4 This pair of bishops is nice.
25...Qxc2



26.Bxc2 Rg8 27.Ba3 Qd4-b4! would now be deadly. **27...Rg7 28.Bf5 Kd8 29.Rb1 Bc8 30.Qxd5** Intending Rb1-c1 and mate. **30...g4**

(Diagram)

31.Rc1 g3 32.hxg3 h5 33.Qc4 Bb7 34.Qc7+ Ke8 35.Rd1 White threatens Bf5-g6+ and mate. **35...Rd6**



36.Qxd6 White mates. **36...Bd5 37.Rxd5 Nc5 38.Qxc5 Rc7 39.Qf8#**

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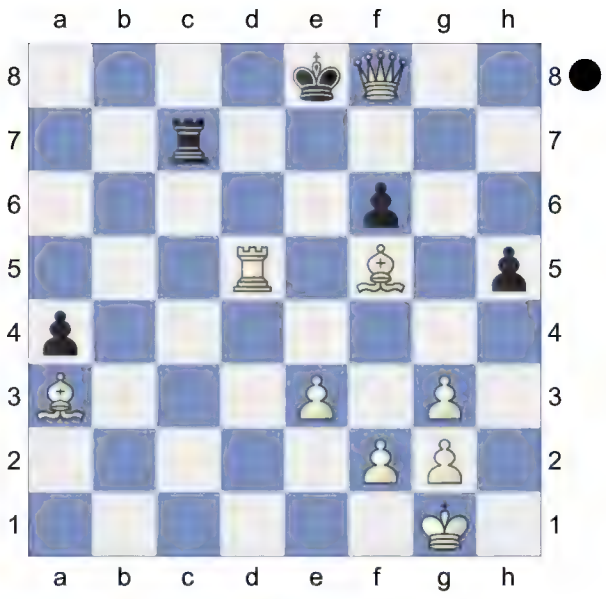

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22 **D52**
□ **Flaxen Uci** **2980**
■ **Magnusglad** **2807**
Rapid 23.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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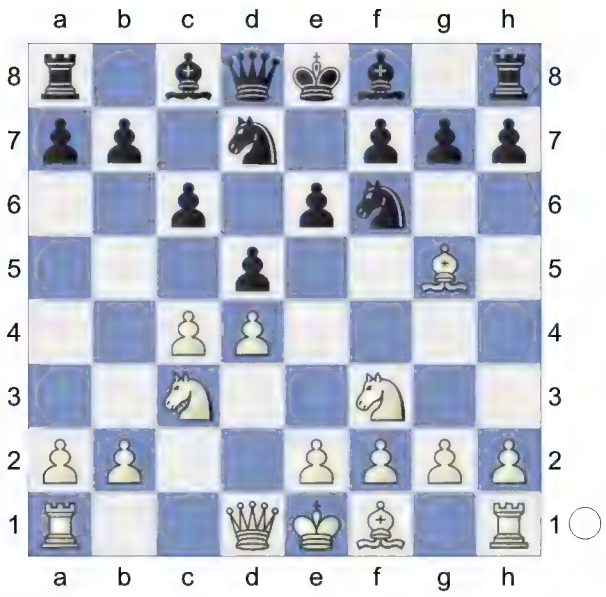
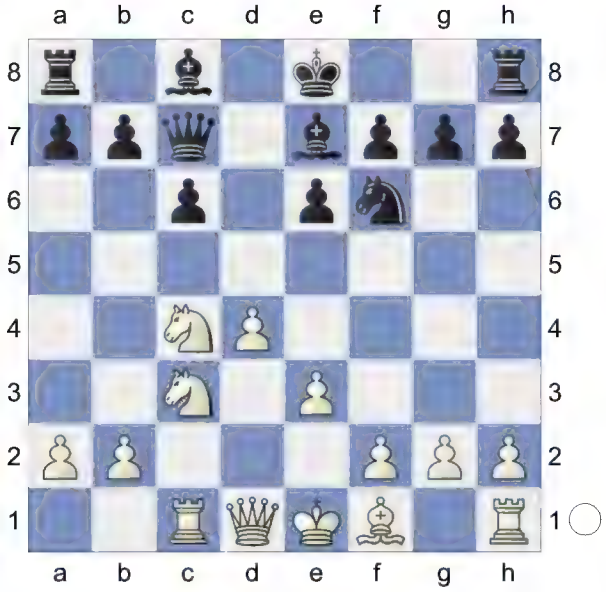
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7



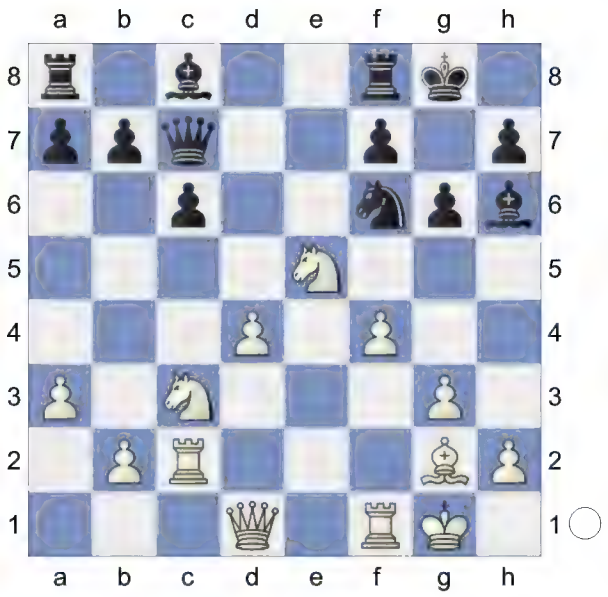
11.g3 Nd5N

[11...0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4 b5 *(14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 15.Ne3 b4 *(15...Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Nb4 19.Rd2 Nxa2 20.Ng4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 16.Ne2 e5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 exd4 19.dxc6 Bf5 20.Nxd4 Bf6 21.Nxf5 Rxd1 22.Rfxd1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

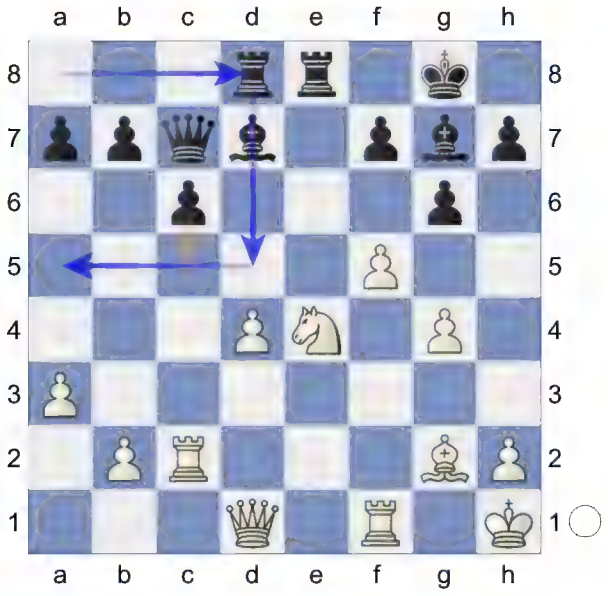
12.a3 Nb6 13.Ne5 Nd7 White has an edge. **14.Nd3 e5 15.Bg2 exd4**

16.exd4 0-0 17.0-0 Bg5 18.Rc2 Nf6 19.f4 Bh6 20.Ne5 Threatening g3-g4. **20...g6**

(Diagram)



21.g4 And now g4-g5 would win. **21...Bg7 22.f5** Threatens to win with g4-g5. **22...Nd7 23.Nxd7 Bxd7 24.Ne4 Rfe8 25.Kh1! Rad8**



26.b4 a5 27.bxa5 Bc8 28.Qe1! Bxd4 29.Re2! Rf8 1.72/20

[29...Qd7= 0.26/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]

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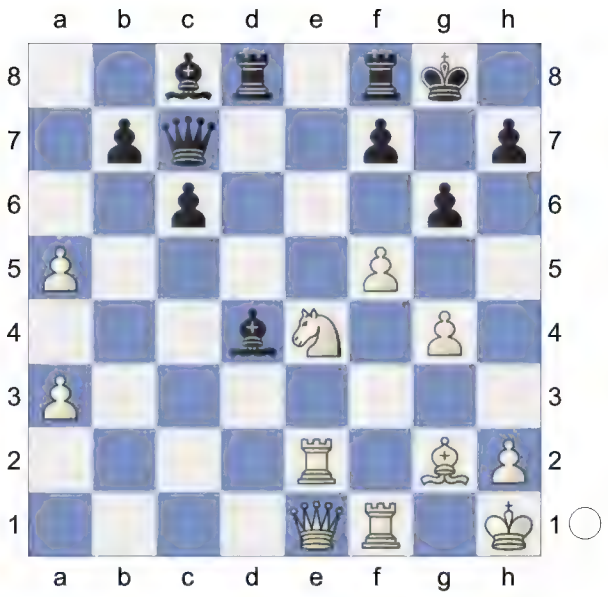
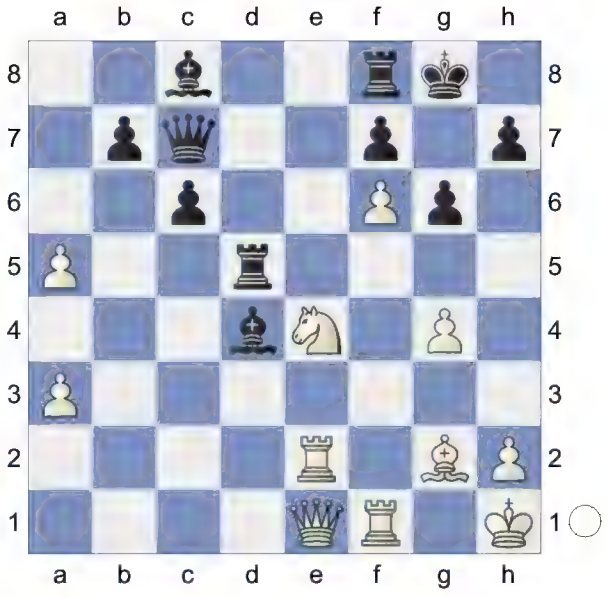


This move loses the game for Black. **30.f6!+-** Black must now prevent Qe1-c1. **30...Rd5**

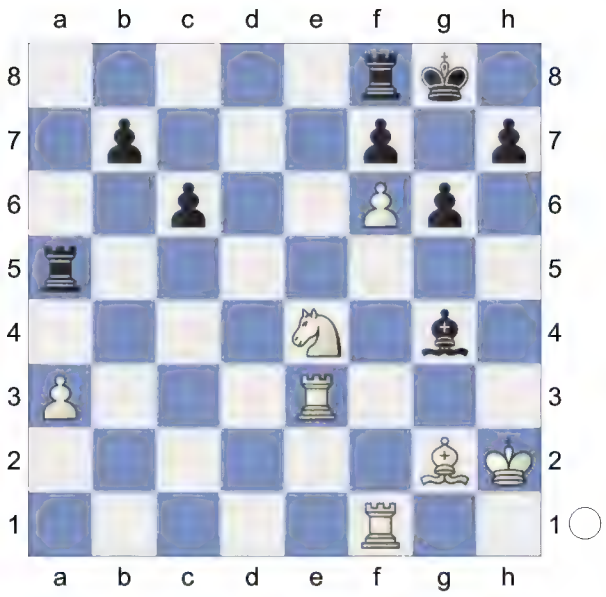
[30...Bxg4 31.Qc1 Rd6 *(31...Bxe2 32.Qh6)* 32.Ree1+-]



31.Qd2! Intending Qd2-h6 and mate. **31...Bg1**

[31...Qxa5 32.Qh6 Bxf6 33.Nxf6+ Kh8 34.Qxf8#]

32.Qh6 Qxh2+ 33.Qxh2 Bxh2 34.Kxh2→ White is out for blood. **34...Bxg4 35.Re3 Rxa5**



36.Rb1 b5 2.39/18
[⌓36...h6 1.88/21 37.Rxb7 Be6]
37.Rc1 h5 2.49/22
[37...b4 1.91/21 is a better defense.]
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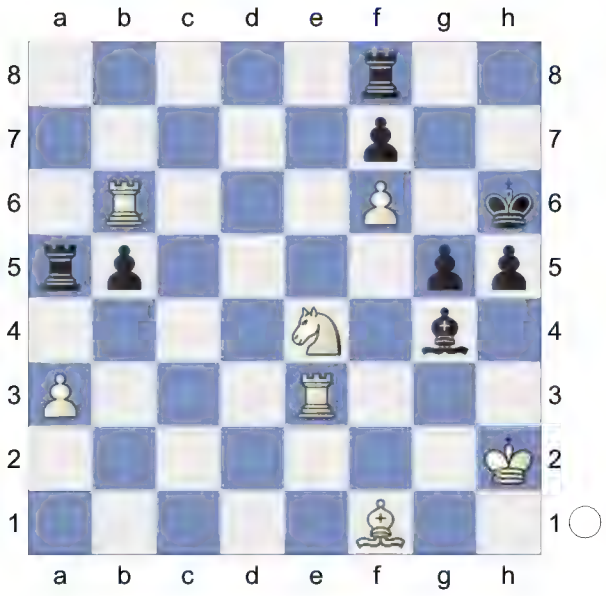
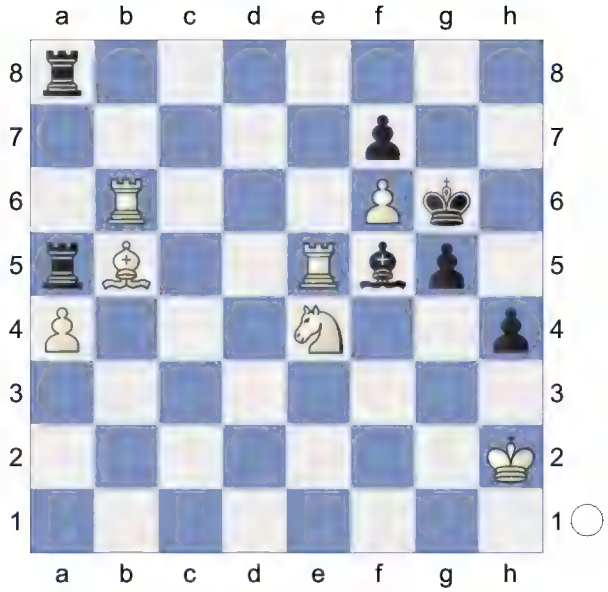
[⌓40...Bd7 1.83/19 41.Nc5 Bf5]

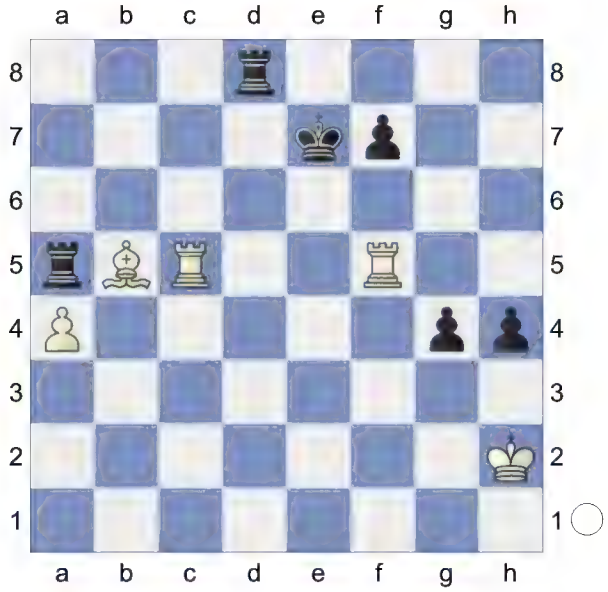


41.Bxb5
[Don't play 41.Rxb5 Rxb5 42.Bxb5 Rc8]
41...h4 42.a4 Kg6 43.Nd6 Be6 44.Re5 Hoping for Bb5-d3+. **44...Rfa8**

45.Ne4 Bf5



46.Rc6 Bxe4 47.Rxe4 Rd8 48.Rc5 Kxf6 49.Ree5 g4 50.Rf5+ Ke7



51.Rce5+ Kf8 52.Rf4 Rd2+ 53.Re2 g3+ 54.Kh3 Rd5 55.Re8+
[55.Rxh4 Rdxb5 56.axb5 Rxb5+-]
[55.Kxh4 Raxb5 56.axb5 g2 57.Rxg2 Rxb5+-]
55...Kg7

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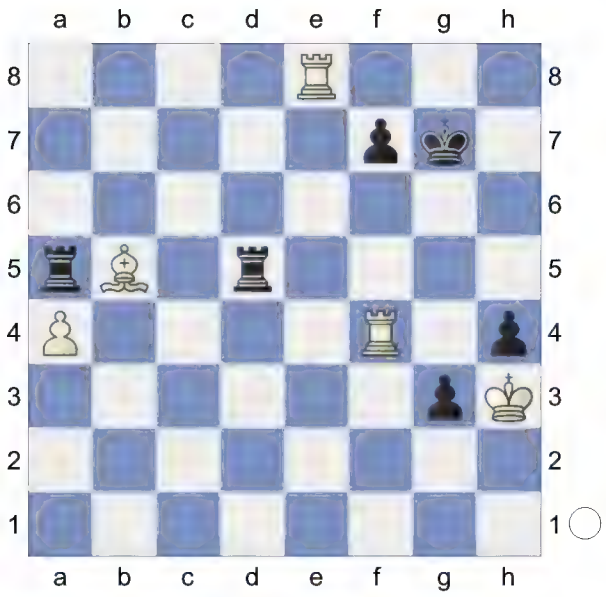
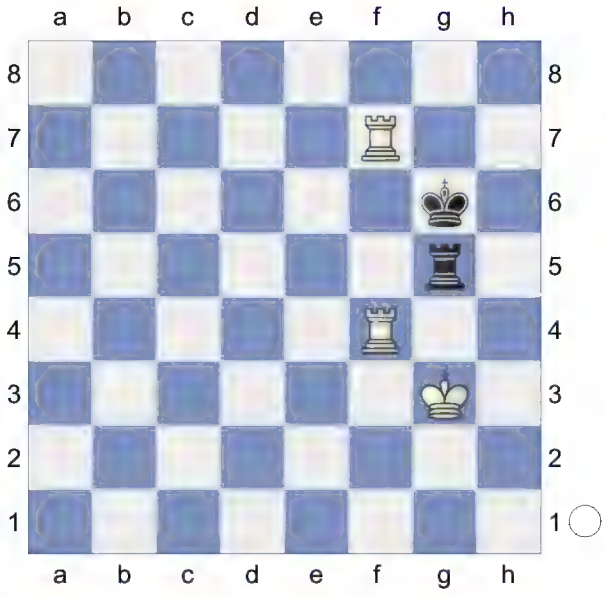


56.Re7

[56.Kxh4 Raxb5 57.axb5 Rxb5 58.Kxg3 Rb7]

56...Raxb5 57.Rexf7+ Kg6 58.axb5 Rxb5 59.Kxh4 White mates. **59...Rh5+ 60.Kxg3 Rg5+**



61.Kf2 Ra5 62.Rf3 Rd5 63.R7f4 Rd2+ 64.Kg3 Rd1 65.Rf2 Rd3+

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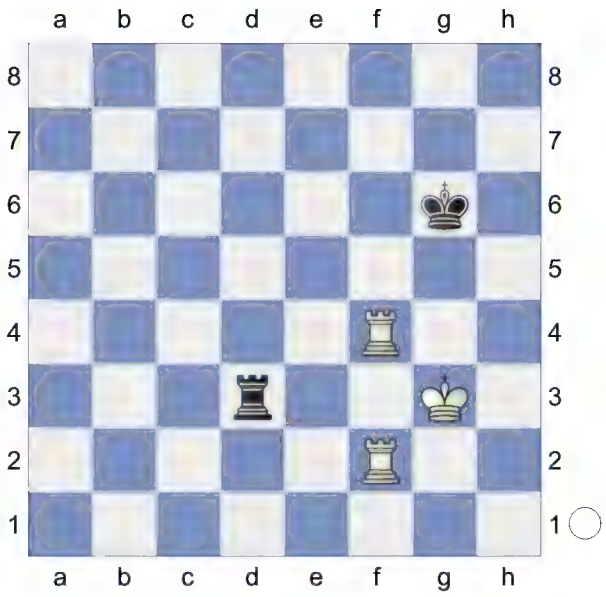
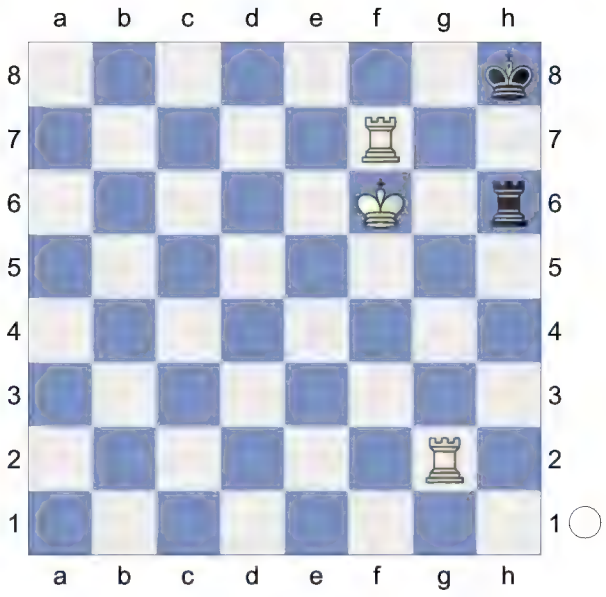


66.Kh4 Kh7 67.Rf7+ Kh8 68.Kg5 Rg3+ 69.Kf6 Rh3 70.Rg2 Rh6+



71.Rg6 Rh1 72.Rf8+ Kh7 73.Rg7+ Kh6 74.Rh8#

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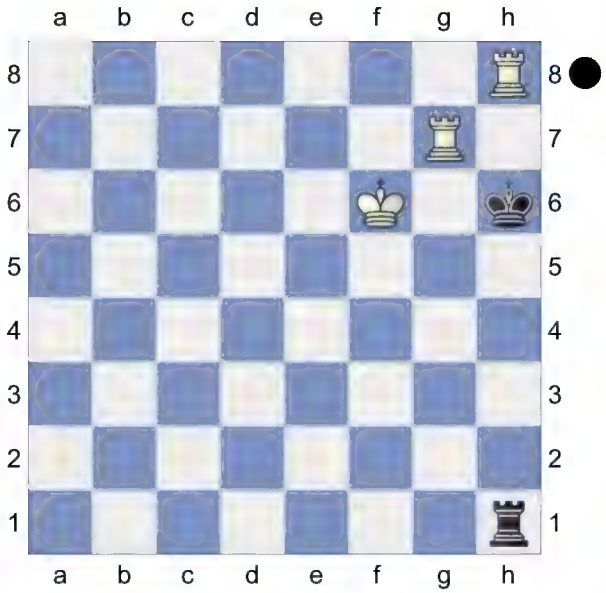

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23 **D52**
□ **Caissa,X** **2975**
■ **Admete** **2437**
Rapid 04.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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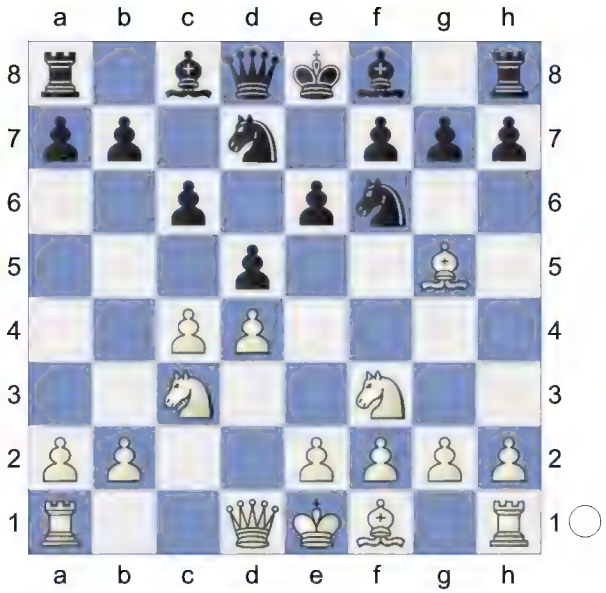
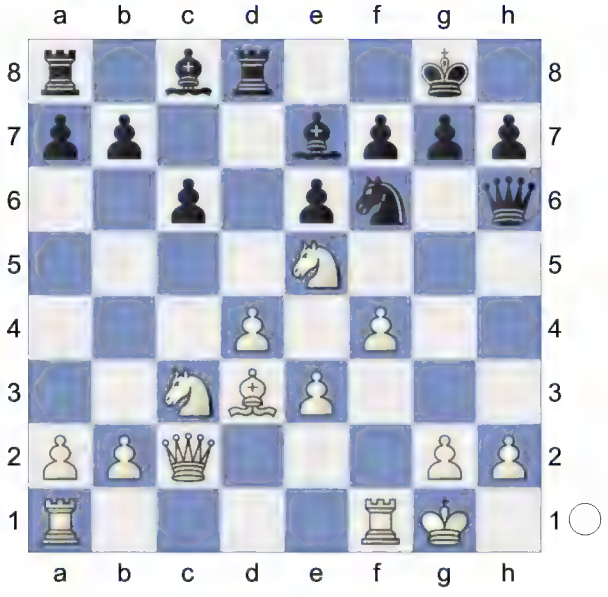


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2N
[8.Rc1 0-0 *(8...Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 f5 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.c5 Qd8 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.h3* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 9.Bh4 e5 *(9...Re8 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Be2* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ncxe4 dxe4 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg3 f6 16.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
8...0-0 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6

(Diagram)

11.Nxc4 Qf5 12.Bd3 Qg5 13.0-0 Rd8
White is slightly better. **14.f4 Qh6**
15.Ne5 Be7 0.82/19
[15...g6± 0.38/16]



16.g4!± Nd7 17.g5 Qh5 18.Be2
White has more active pieces. **18...Qh4**

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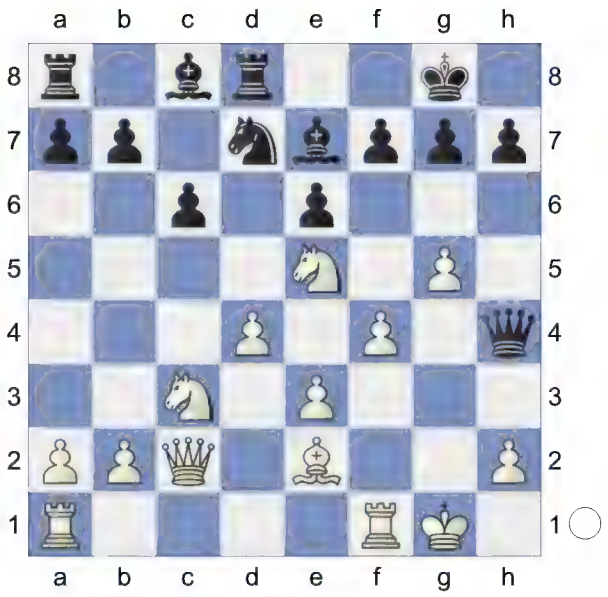
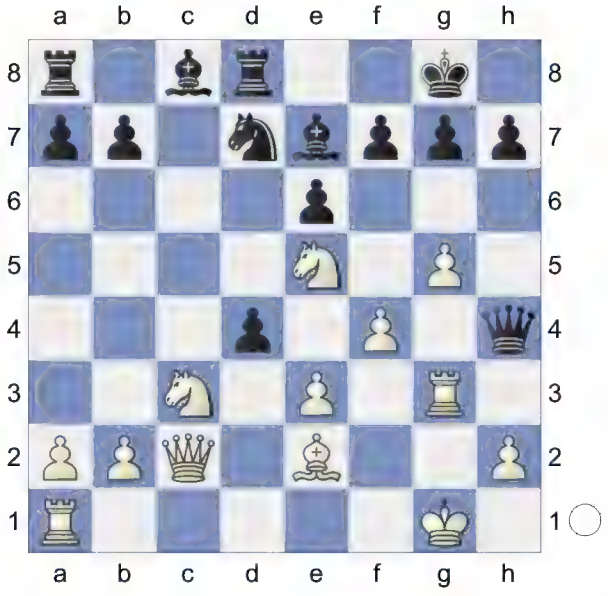
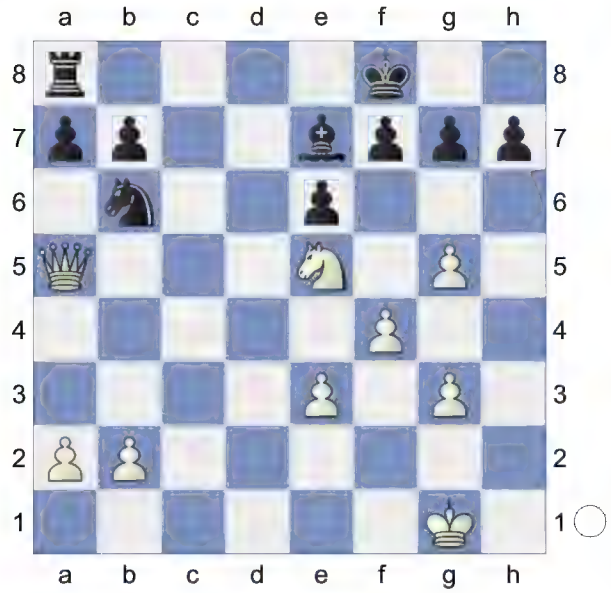


19.Rf3! Black must now prevent Rf3-g3.
19...c5 1.61/19
[19...Nxe5± 0.54/17 20.dxe5 f5]
20.Rg3 1.13/17
[White should play 20.Nxf7+- 1.61/19
Kxf7 21.Kg2 cxd4 22.Rh3 Qxh3+
(22...d3? 23.Qxd3+-) 23.Kxh3]
20...cxd4



And now ...Nd7xe5 would win. **21.Nf3**
Excellent horsemanship. **21...Qxg3+**
22.hxg3 dxc3 23.Qxc3 Nb6 24.Rd1
Bd7 25.Ne5 Rac8 2.19/20
[25...Rdc8± 1.58/19 26.Qd2 Be8]

26.Qb3 Threatens to win with Ne5xd7. **26...Be8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Bb5 Bxb5 29.Qxb5 Kf8 30.Qa5 Ra8**



31.Kg2 Bd6 32.e4 Kg8 33.Kh3 Bc7 34.Ng4 Nd5 35.Qd2 Nb6

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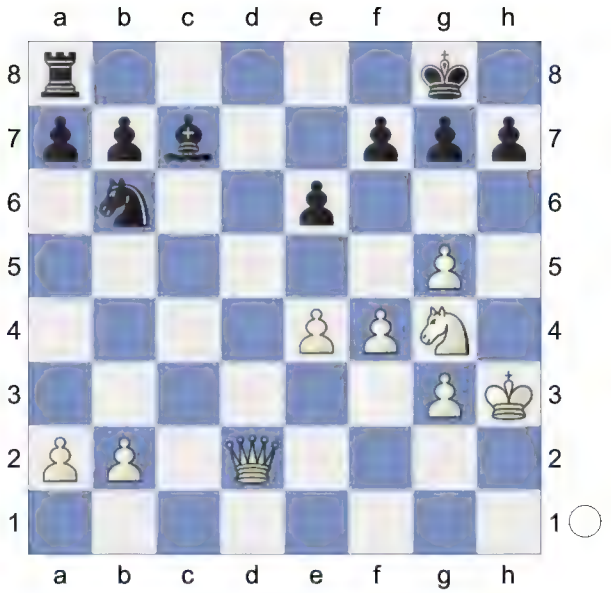
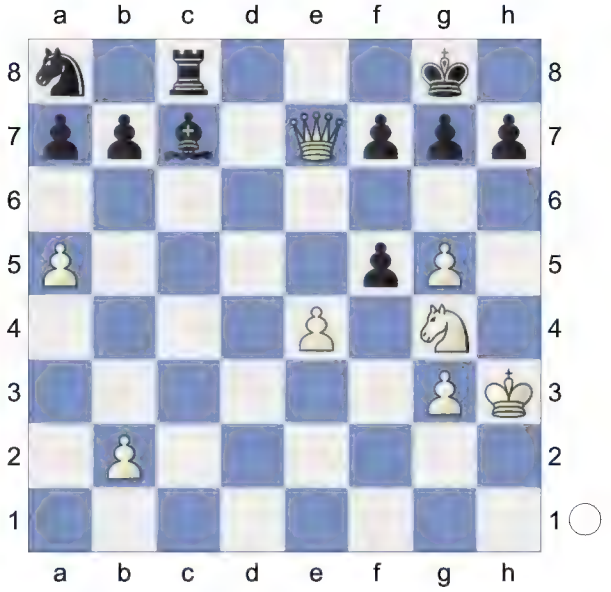


36.Qb4 Re8 37.a4 Rd8 38.Qe7 Rc8 39.a5 Na8 40.f5 exf5



41.exf5 Hoping for f5-f6. **41...Rf8 42.f6** Intending f6xg7 and mate. **42...Bd8 43.Qe5 h5 44.gxh6 g6**

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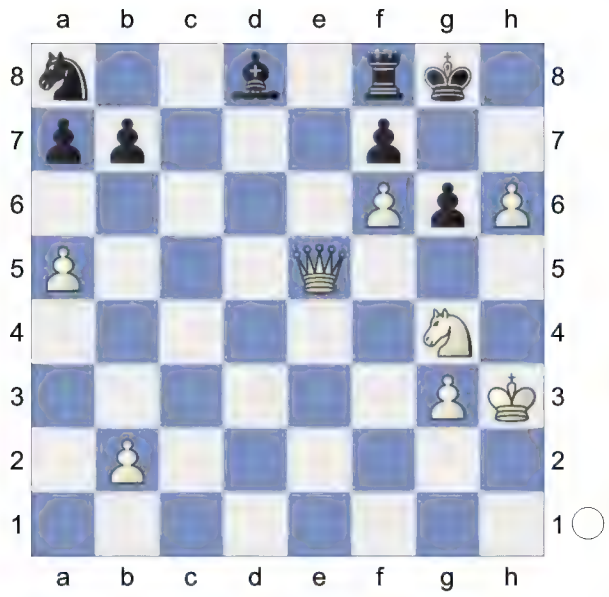

45.h7+! Kh8

46.Qd6 Re8 47.Nh6 Kxh7 48.Nxf7
White threatens Nf7-g5+ and mate.
48...Bxf6 49.Qxf6 Nc7 50.Ng5+ Kh6

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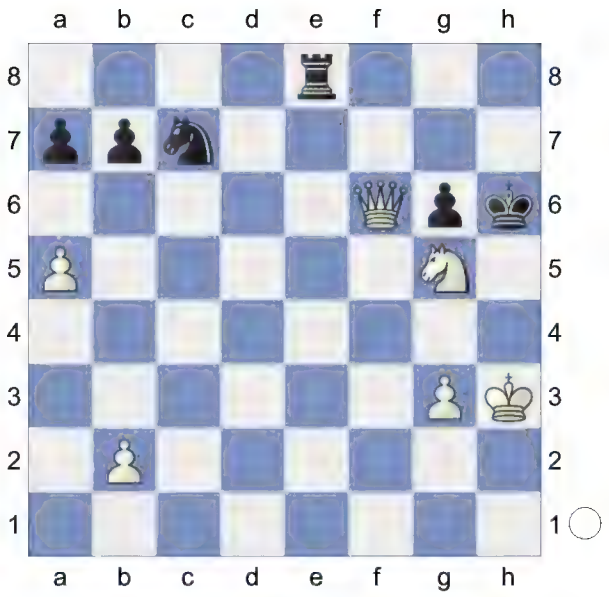
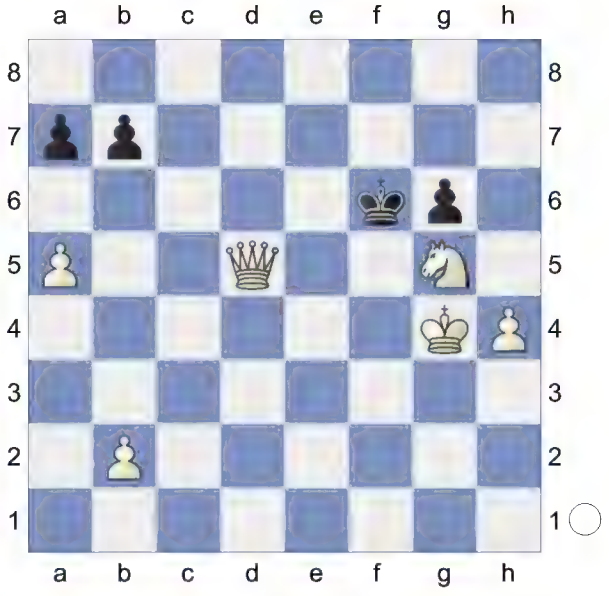


51.Kh4 White mates. **51...Nd5 52.Qf7 Rh8 53.Qxd5 Kg7+ 54.Kg4 Rh4+ 55.gxh4 Kf6**



56.Qe6+ Kg7 57.Qf7+ Kh6 58.Qf8#

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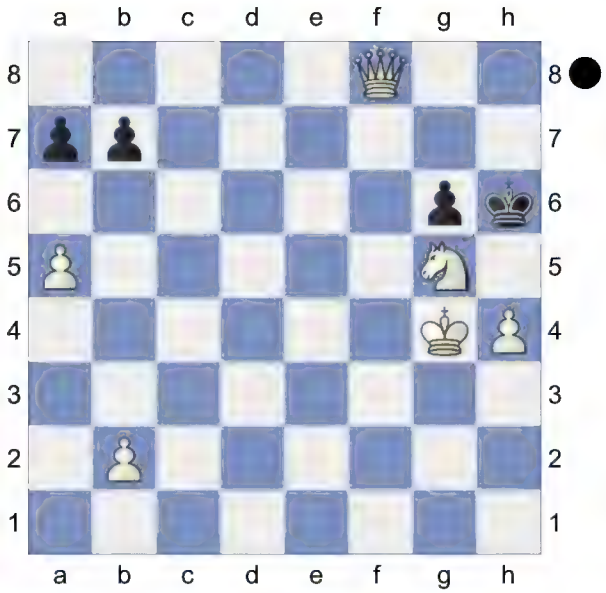

White took control after the opening.
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24 **D52**
□ **Torombot** **2974**
■ **Bitbybyte** **2795**
Rapid 09.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

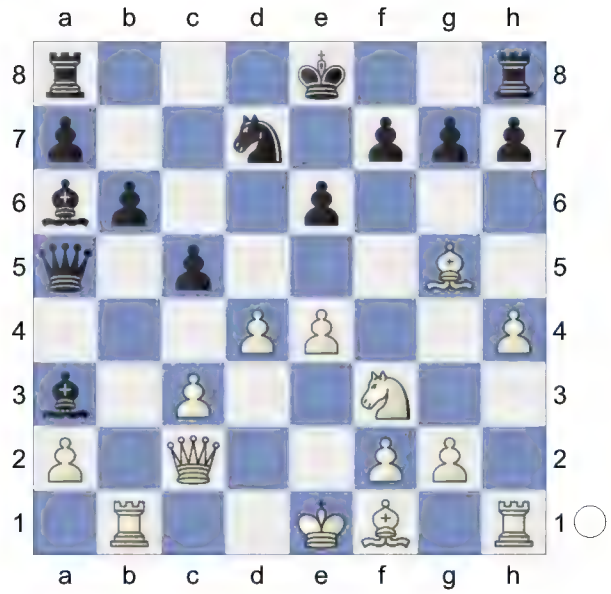
(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3

11.Rb1 b6 White has an edge.
12.Qd3N
[12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.e4 e5 16.Bh4 Rac8 17.Nd2 b5 18.f4 exd4 19.cxd4 Bb4 20.Nf3 c5 21.e5 cxd4 22.Qf5 Nc5 23.Be7 g6 24.Qh3 Rfe8 25.Ng5 h5 26.f5 Bd2 1-0 (31) 3.♘f3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 ♕e7 5, g (2595)-Vincenti,L (2604) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (14.3)]
[12.Be2 Ba6 13.c4 *(13.0-0 Bxe2*

14.Qxe2 0-0 15.Bf4 Rfe8 16.c4 Bf8 17.Qc2 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.cxd5 Nf6 20.Be5 Nxd5 21.Ng5 g6 22.Ba1 Bg7 23.Qc4 Rad8 24.Rfd1 Bxa1 25.Rxd5 b5 26.Qh4 Bg7 27.Qxh7+ Kf8 Cambridge Springs-Cambridge Springs with 6. e3*)* 13...Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 c5 15.Rb3 Bb4 Cambridge Springs-Cambridge Springs with 6. e3]

12...Nb8 13.Qc2 Nd7 14.e4 Ba6 15.h4 c5



16.Bxa6 Qxa6 17.d5 h6 0.52/18

[17...exd5= 0.13/19 should be considered. 18.exd5 f6 *(18...0-0 19.Be7±)*]

18.dxe6!± fxe6 19.Be3 0-0 20.Rd1 Rf7

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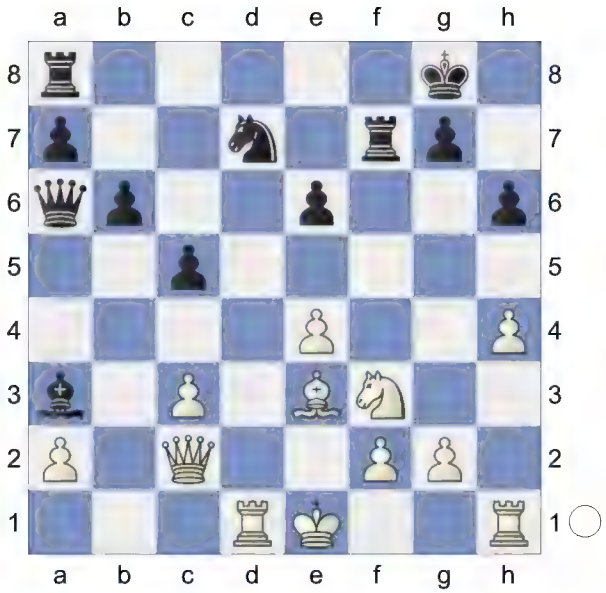


21.e5 Nf8 22.c4 Qa5+ 23.Bd2 0.38/23

[White should play 23.Ke2± 0.79/20]

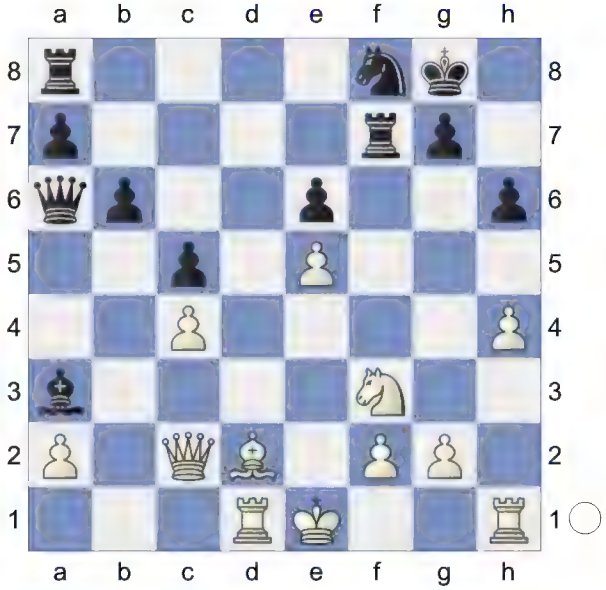
23...Qa6 24.Be3 0.01/19

[24.0-0± 0.43/20]

24...Qa5+!= 25.Bd2 -0.01/20

[25.Ke2± 0.73/18]

25...Qa6



26.0-0 Qb7 27.Be3 Rxf3 28.gxf3 Qxf3 29.Kh2 Qg4 30.f3 Qxh4+

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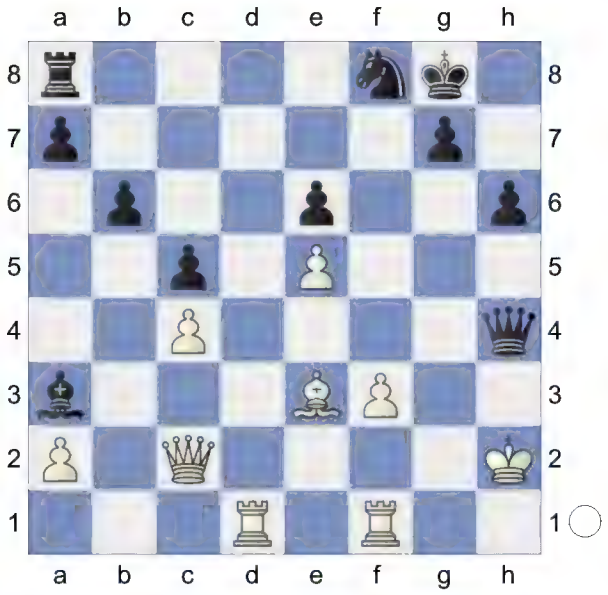
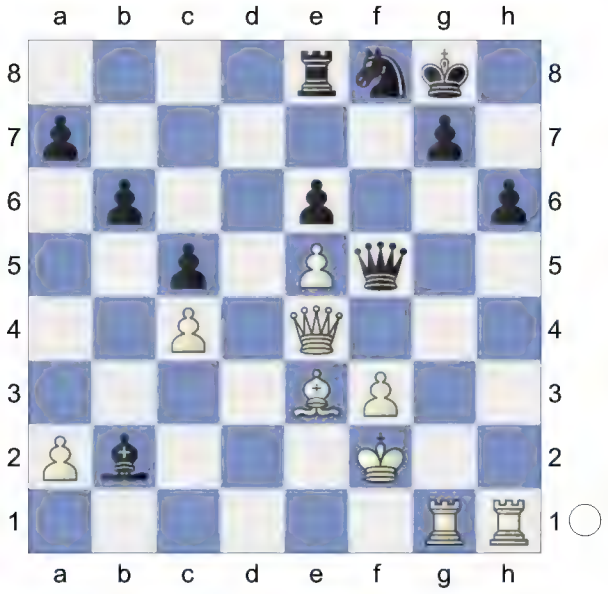
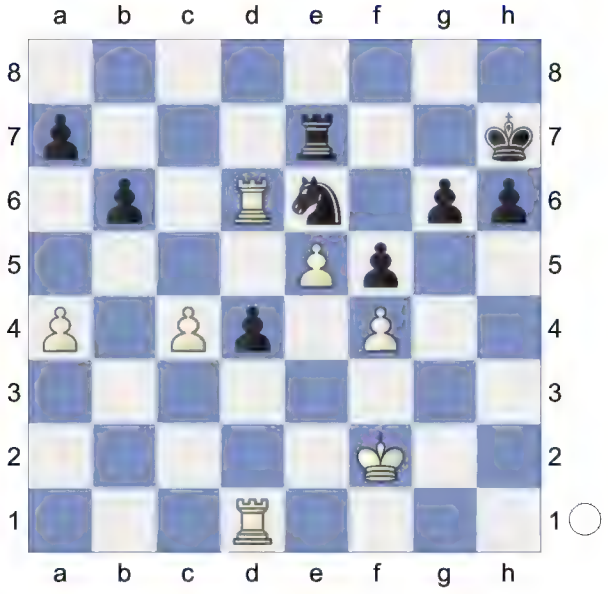


31.Kg2 Qh5 32.Qe4 White has compensation. **32...Re8 33.Rh1 Qf7 34.Kf2** Black should prevent Be3xh6!
34...Bb2 35.Rdg1
[35.f4 looks sharper. Ng6 36.Rdg1 Nxe5 37.Rxh6 Nd7 38.Qh7+]
35...Qf5



36.Qxf5
[36.Rxh6 Qxe4 37.fxe4 Nd7∓]
36...exf5 37.f4
[37.Bxh6 Bxe5 38.Rg2 Kf7-+]
37...Kh7 38.Rd1 Re7 39.Rd5 Ne6 40.a4 Bc3

41.Rd6 g6 42.Rhd1 Bd4 0.58/25
[Better is 42...Kg7= 0.01/21]
43.Bxd4± cxd4= Endgame.



KRR-KRN **44.a5! bxa5 45.Rc1 Nc5**

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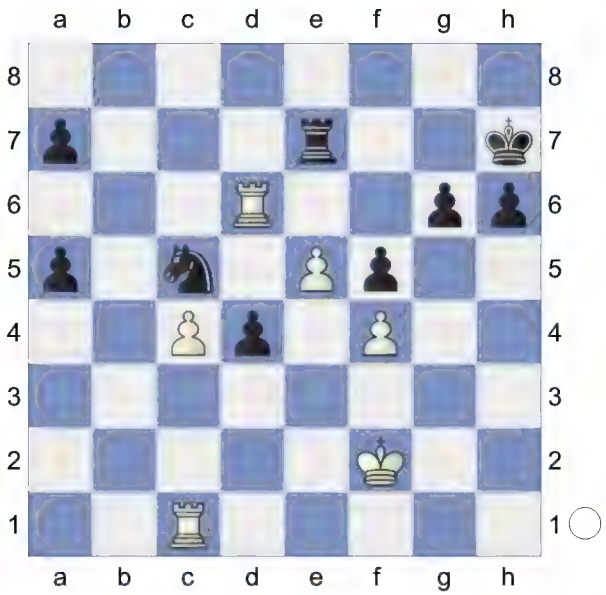
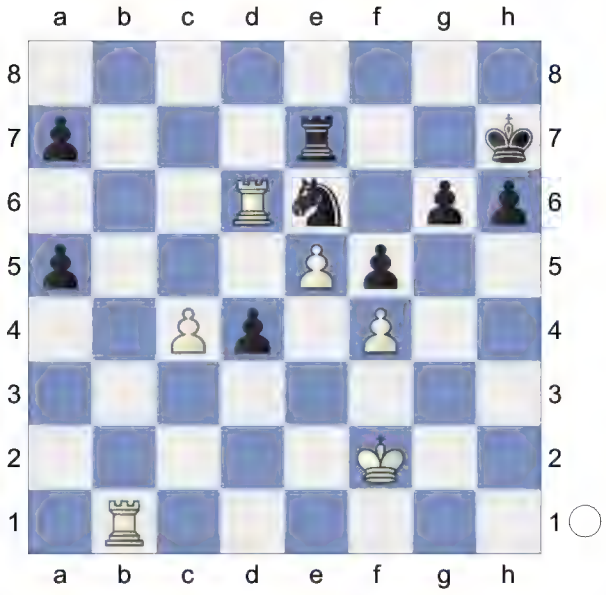


Strongly threatening ...Nc5-d3+. **46.Rb1 Ne6** 1.34/23

[46...Ne4+= -0.01/18 keeps the balance. 47.Kg1 g5 *(47...Nxd6 48.exd6 Rd7 49.c5±)*]



47.Rb5!± White is more active. White leaves nothing to chance now. **47...Nxf4 48.Rxd4 Ne6 49.Rd6 a4** 1.96/21

[49...Kg8± 1.56/20 50.Rxa5 g5]

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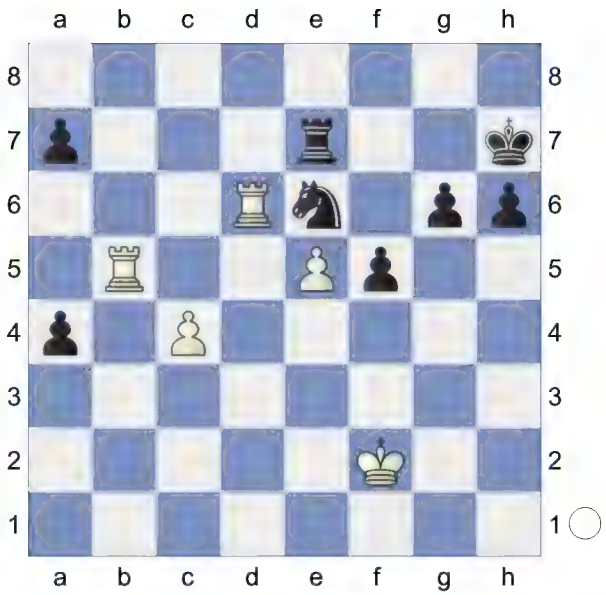
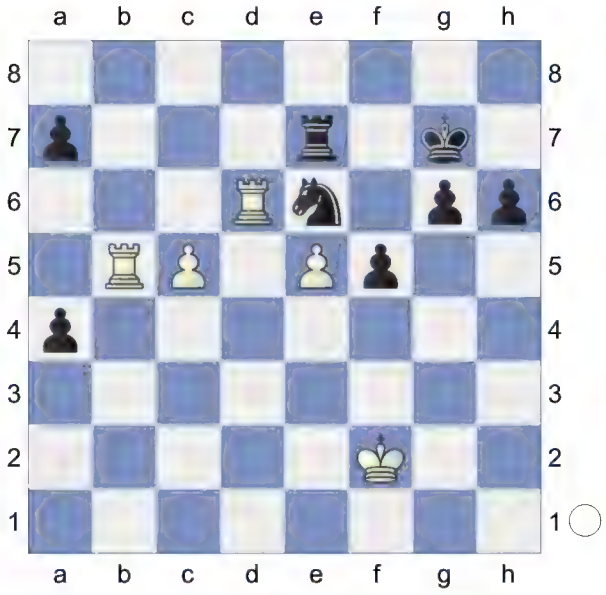


50.c5!+- Kg7



51.c6 Hoping for Rd6xe6! **51...g5 52.Ra5 Kf7 53.Rxa4 f4?** 3.47/22

[53...h5 1.89/21 was necessary. 54.Rb4 a5]

54.Rb4 a5 55.Rb7 h5

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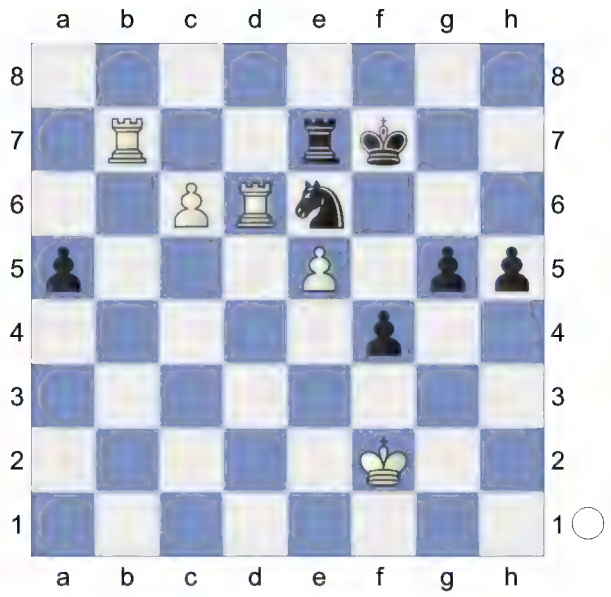
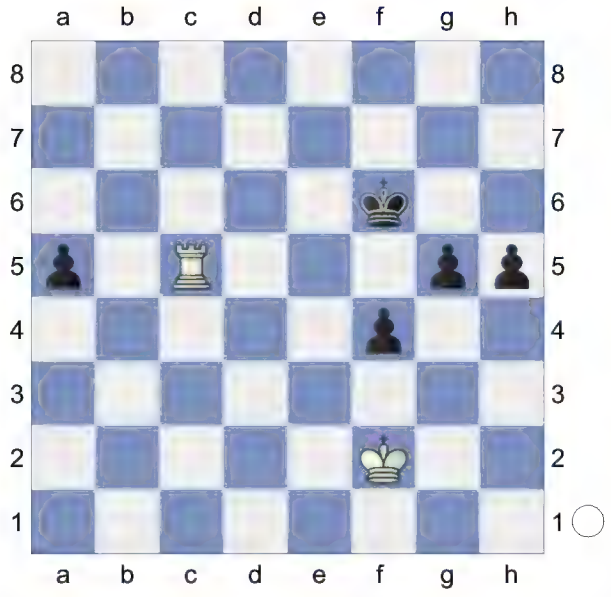


56.Rxe6! Kxe6 57.c7
[Don't blunder 57.Rxe7+? Kxe7 58.Ke2 g4-+]
57...Rxc7 58.Rxc7 Black must now prevent Rc7-g7. KR-KP **58...Kf5 59.e6 Kxe6 60.Rc5 Kf6**



61.Rxa5 g4 62.Rxh5 KR-KPP **62...Kg6 63.Re5 Kf6 64.Re8 Kf5 65.Rg8 Ke5**

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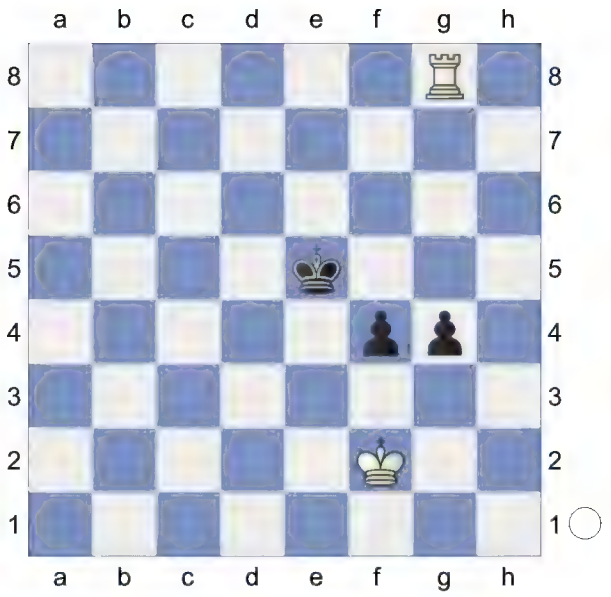
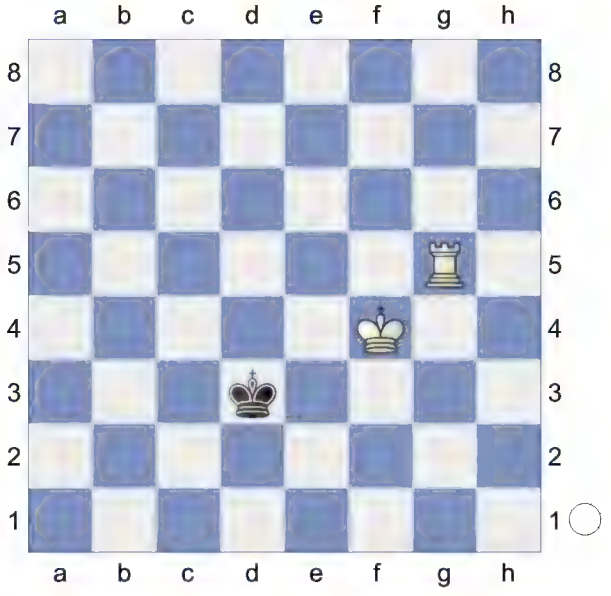


66.Rxg4 KR-KP **66...Ke4 67.Rg1 Kd4 68.Kf3 Kc3 69.Rg5 Kc4 70.Kxf4** KR-K **70...Kd3**



71.Rd5+ Kc4 72.Ke4 Kc3 73.Rd4 Kc2 74.Rd3 Kc1 75.Ke3 Kc2

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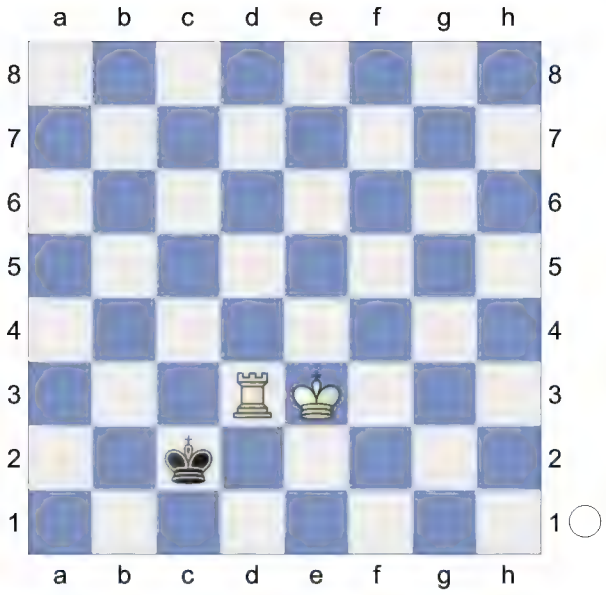
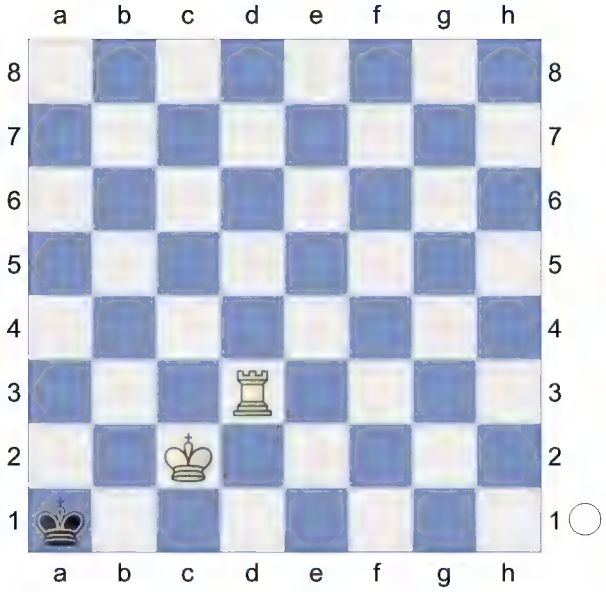


76.Ke2 Kc1 77.Rd2 Threatening mate with Ke2-e1. **77...Kb1 78.Kd1** White threatens Rd2-h2 and mate. **78...Ka1 79.Kc2** White mates. **79...Ka2 80.Rd3 Ka1**



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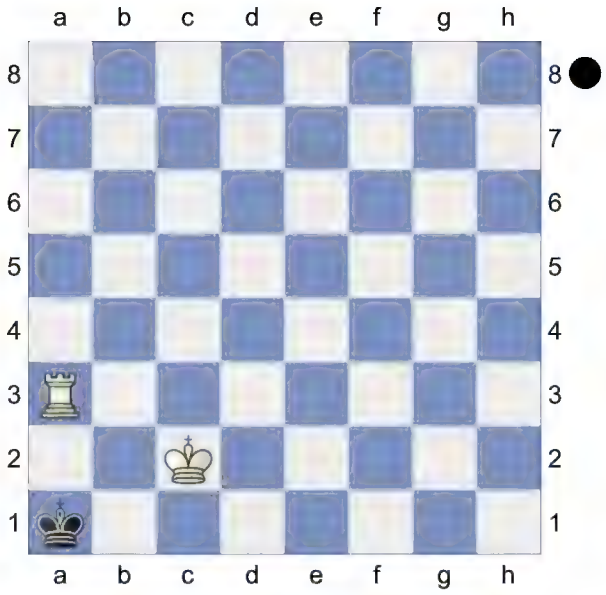

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25 **D52**
□ **Caissa,X** **2974**
■ **Pseudo** **2454**
Rapid 03.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

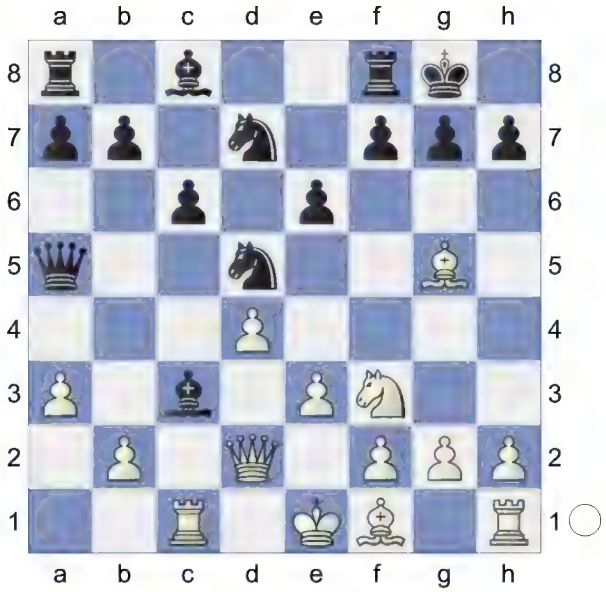
(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.a3N

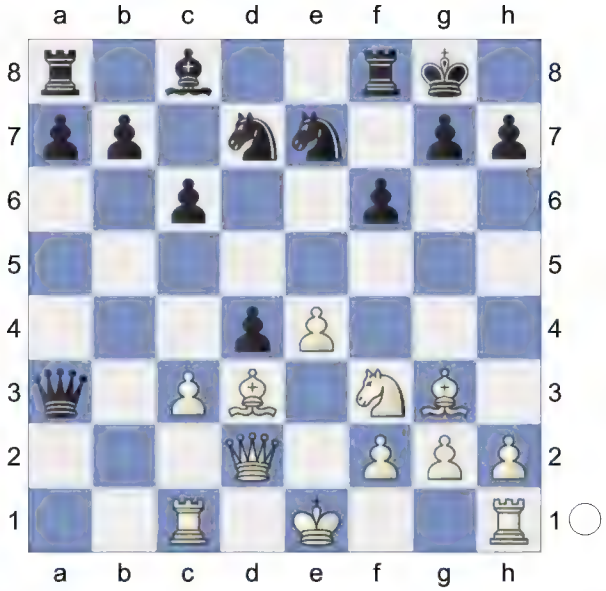
[10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 e5 13.Bd3 Re8 14.0-0 Queen'S Gambit-8. ♕d2 ♗b4 9. ♖c1 Survey 2012]

[10.Bd3 h6 *(10...c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.e4 N5f6 14.e5 Nd5 15.c4 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 h6 17.cxd5 hxg5 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Bc4 Kh8 20.Bxe6* F-F 12. ♖c3 e5 13. de5 12100 (2321)-Wiesner,N (2610) USCCC-1 Final 7476 1974 (3)) 11.Bh4 e5 *(11...c5 12.a3 cxd4 13.axb4 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qb6 15.0-0 a5 16.e4 N5f6 17.Ra1 Qc7 18.c4 b6 19.e5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Rb8 24.Ra3 e5 25.Rg3+ Kh8 26.Bf3* Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/(528) 1996) 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Re8 14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Ne7 16.0-0 exd4 17.exd4 Nf8 18.Rfe1 Bf5 19.Bf1 Neg6 20.Bg3 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rd8 22.Nb3 b6 23.d5 cxd5 24.Nd4 Be6 F-F (28) Caulkett,P (2620)-5. ♗e2 00 6.00 c6 7h3 ♕c7 (2620) 163 Linz 2012 (4)]

10...Bxc3



11.bxc3 f6 12.Bh4 The position is equal. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 Ne7 14.Bd3 e5 15.Bg3 exd4**

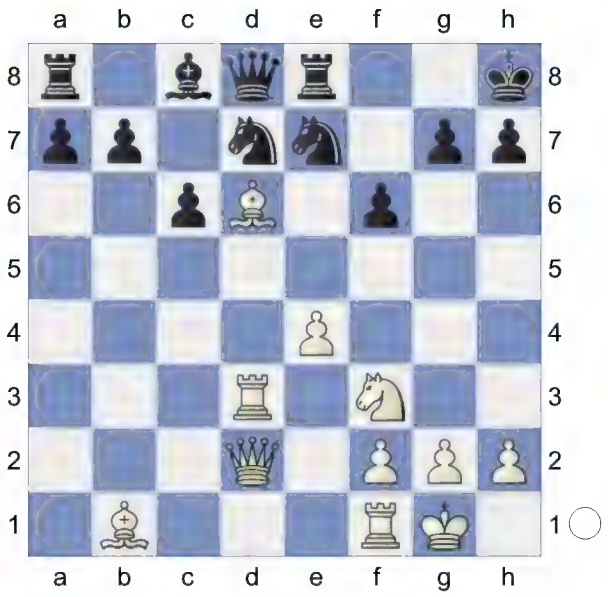


16.0-0 dxc3 17.Rxc3 Qa5 18.Bd6 White has compensation. **18...Qd8** 0.58/21

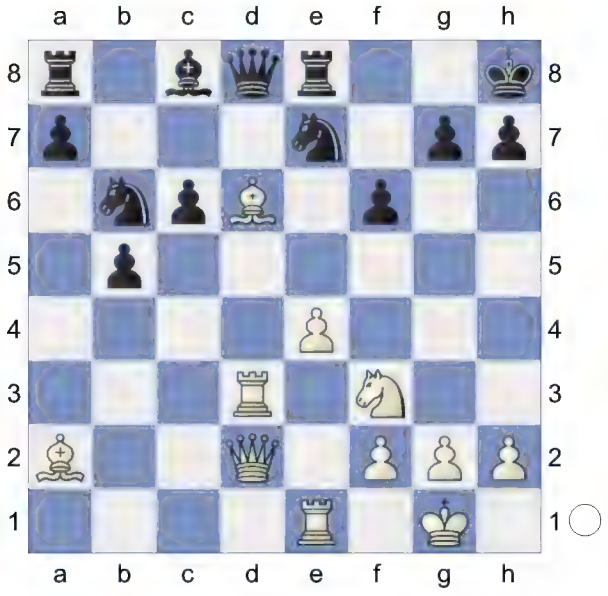
[18...Re8= 0.20/21]

19.Bb1 This pair of bishops is nice. **19...Kh8 20.Rd3 Re8**

(Diagram)



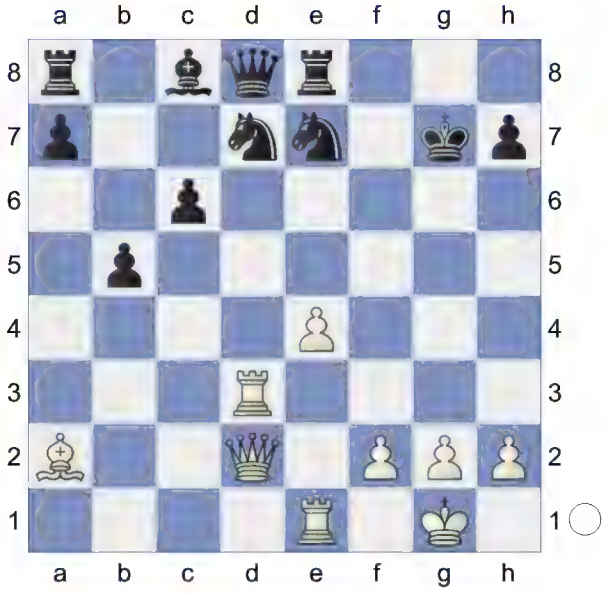
21.Ba2 b5 1.54/21
[21...Nb6!± 0.54/19]
22.Re1± White is much more active.
22...Nb6 3.02/21
[⌓22...b4 1.73/20 23.Bf7 *(23.Bxb4 Qb6+-; 23.Qxb4 c5+-)* 23...Rf8]



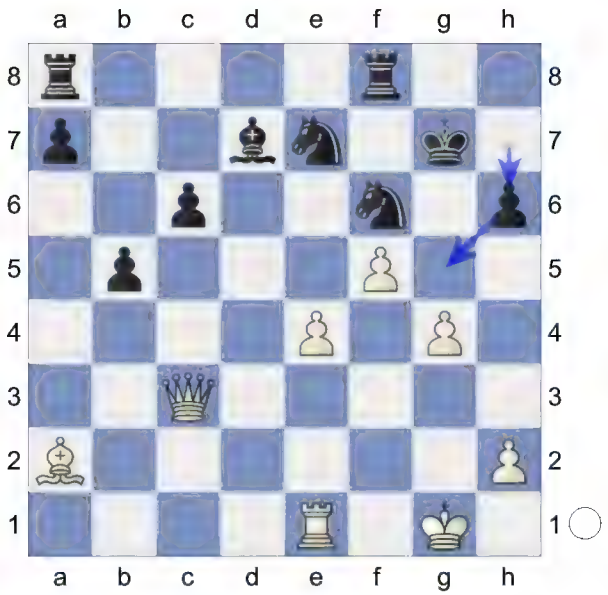
23.Ne5!+- fxe5 24.Bxe5 Nd7

(Diagram)

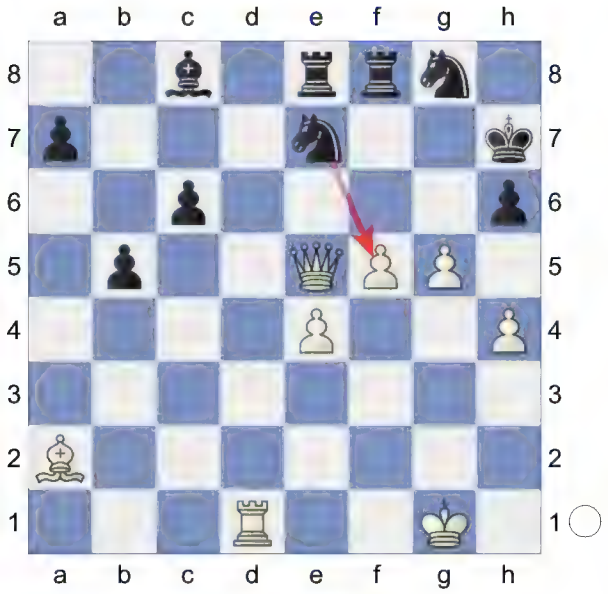
...Ne7-g6 would now be deadly.
25.Bxg7+!→ Decoy. White attacks with force. **25...Kxg7**



This costs Black the game. **26.Qc3+ Nf6** Strongly threatening ...b5-b4! **27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.f4** Threatens to win with f4-f5. **28...Bd7 29.f5 Rf8?** 5.28/22
[29...Re8 3.07/18 30.g4 Ned5 31.exd5 b4 *(31...Rxe1+? 32.Qxe1 Re8 33.Qh4+-)* 32.Qxb4 c5 *(32...Rxe1+? 33.Qxe1 Re8 34.Qc3+-)*]
30.g4 h6

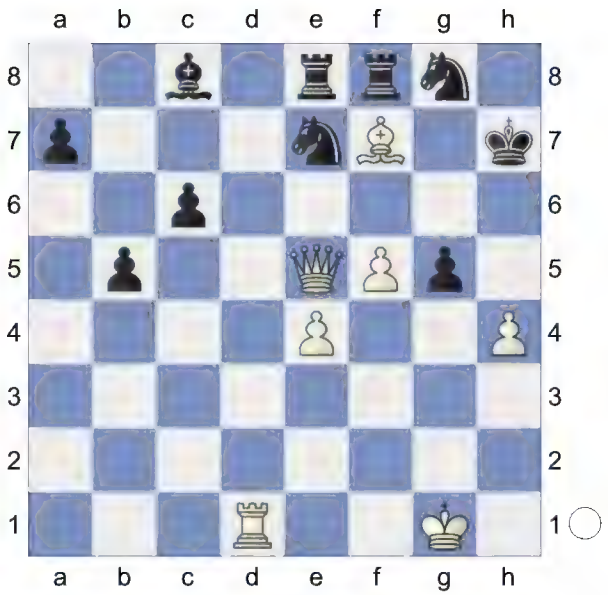


31.h4 Kh7 32.g5 Nfg8 33.Qe5 aiming for Re1-d1. **33...Rae8** 8.43/23
[⌓33...hxg5 5.09/19 34.hxg5 a6]
34.Rd1 Bc8

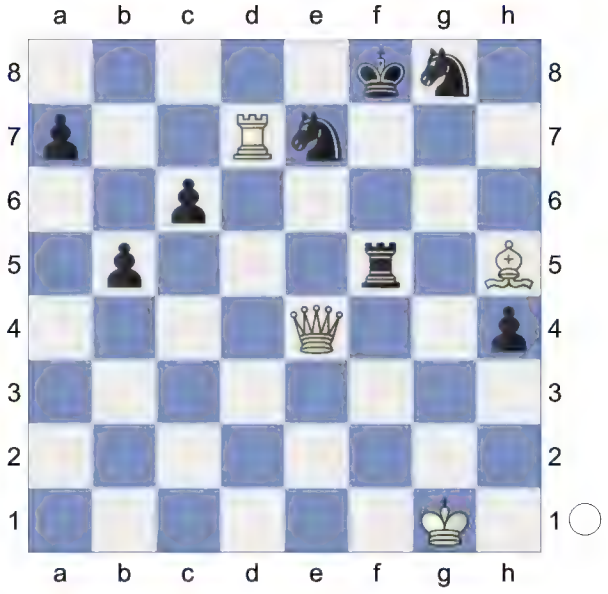


35.Bf7! Decoy **35...hxg5**
[35...Rxf7 36.g6+]

(Diagram)

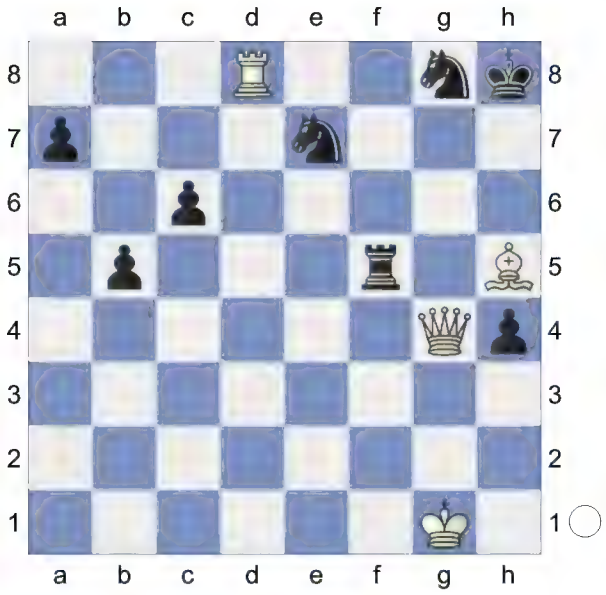


36.Bxe8 Bxf5 37.exf5 Rxf5 38.Qe4 Intending Rd1-d7 and mate. **38...Kg7**
39.Rd7 Kf8 40.Bh5 gxh4

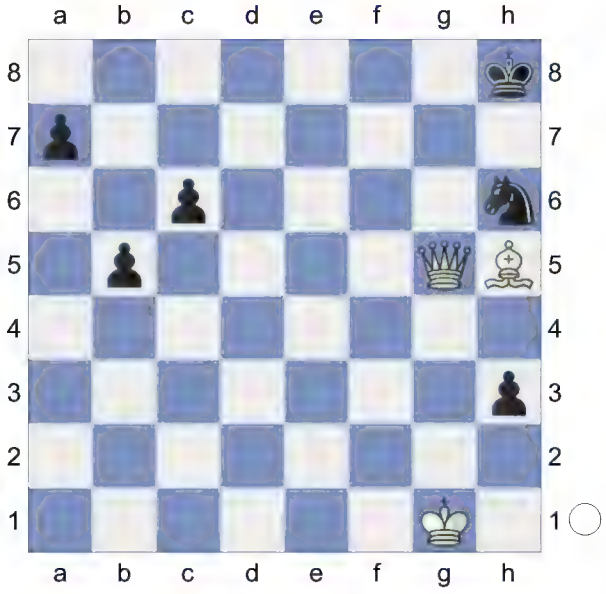


41.Rd8+ Kg7 42.Qg4+ Kh8

(Diagram)

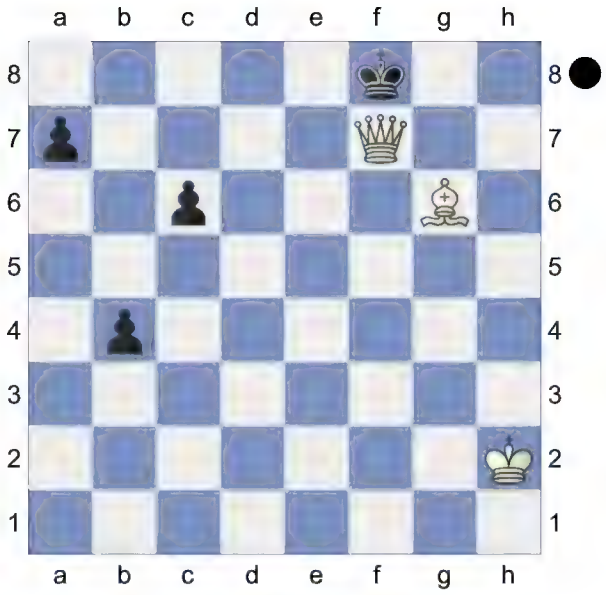


43.Rxg8+! D e f l e c t i o n **43...Nxg8 44.Qxf5** White mates. **44...Nh6 45.Qg5 h3**



46.Qxh6+ Kg8 47.Bg6 h2+ 48.Kxh2 b4 49.Qh7+ Kf8 50.Qf7#

(Diagram)



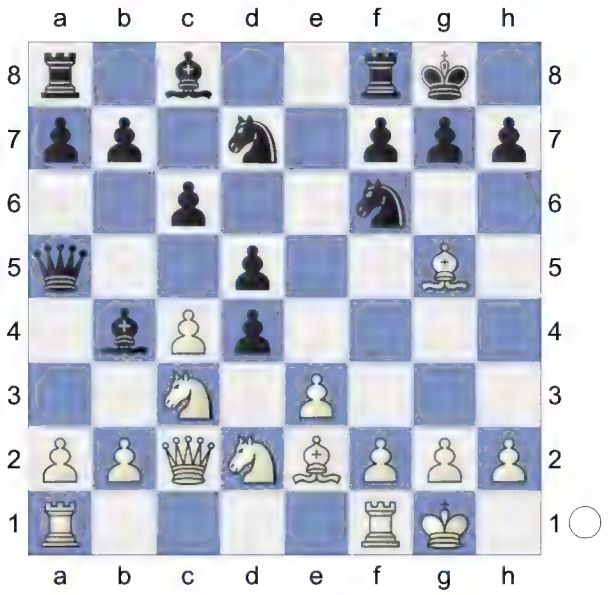
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.78
1-0

26 **D52**
□ **Caissa,X** **2974**
■ **Admete** **2425**
Rapid 25.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Nxd4 Bd6 13.h3 Be5 14.Rad1 White is better. **14...Re8** 1.29/21

[⌓14...dxc4 0.72/16 15.Nf3 *(15.Bxc4 Nb6∓)* 15...Nb6]

15.f4 0.82/20

[⌓15.cxd5 1.29/21 cxd5 16.Bb5]

15...Bxd4

(Diagram)

16.Rxd4

[16.exd4 b6±]

16...dxc4 17.Bxc4 Hoping for Nc3-b5!

[17.Rxc4 Qb6±]

17...Rxe3

18.Rfd1! White has more active pieces.

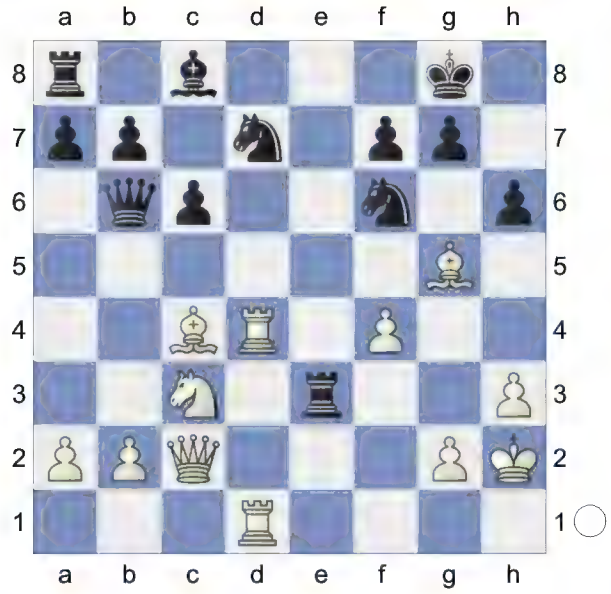
18...Qb6N 1.93/20 Dodges Nc3-b5

[18...h6± 1.47/19 was worth a try.]

[18...Nf8 19.f5 Qe5 20.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 21.Qf2 Qxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Bxf5 23.Rd8 Rxd8 24.Rxd8 b5 25.Be2 a5 26.Bf3 Bd7 27.Ra8 g5 28.Ra6 Ne6 29.Bxc6 Bxc6 30.Rxc6 b4 31.Ne2

a4 32.Rc4 Nd5 33.g3 1-0 (53) Hantel,T (2685)-9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2655) Yerevan (ol) 67/477 1996]

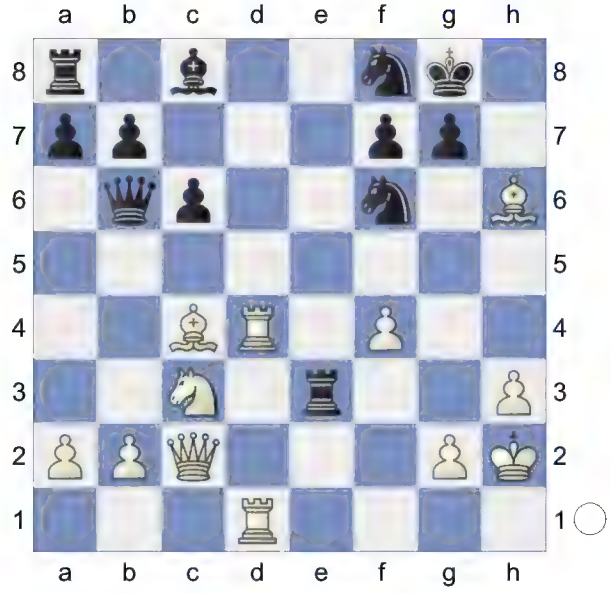
19.Kh2+- h6



20.Bxh6 Nf8 2.36/22

[20...Qc5 1.96/20 might work better. 21.Bg5 b5]

[20...Qd8 21.Bg5]



Dodges Qc2-g6 **21.Bg5** Threatens to win with Bg5xf6.

[Not 21.Rd8 Re8 22.Rxe8 Nxe8±]

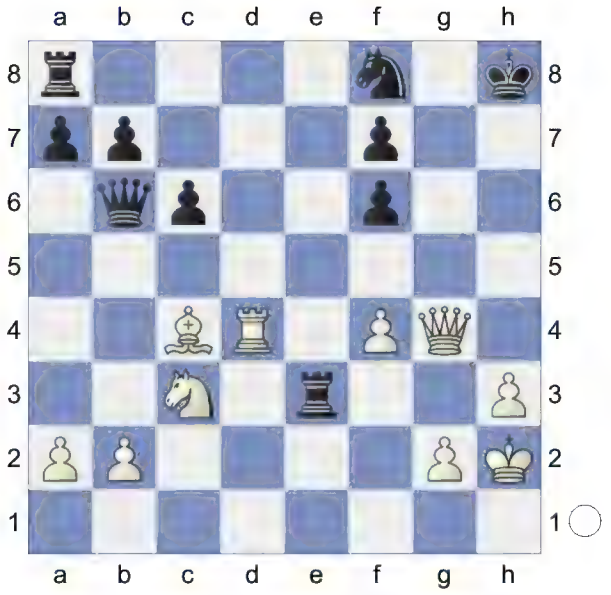
21...Bg4? 5.33/21

[21...Be6 2.40/19 22.f5 Bxc4 23.Bxe3 Ba6]

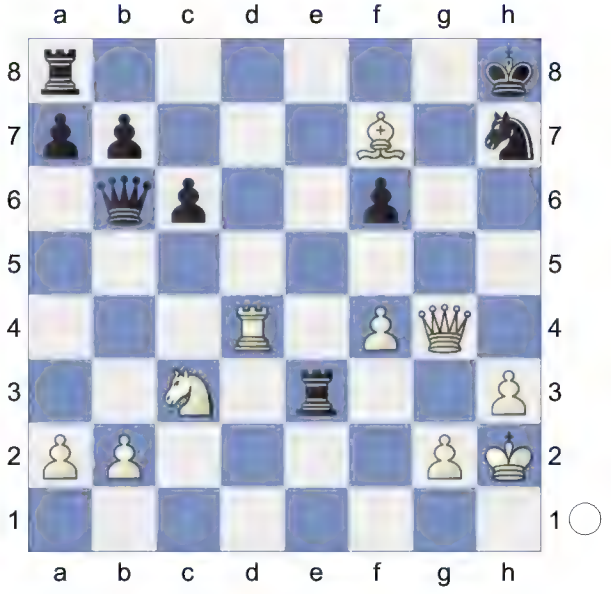
22.Bxf6

[22.hxg4? perishes. Nxg4+ 23.Kh1 Qxd4 24.Bxf7+ Kh8-+]

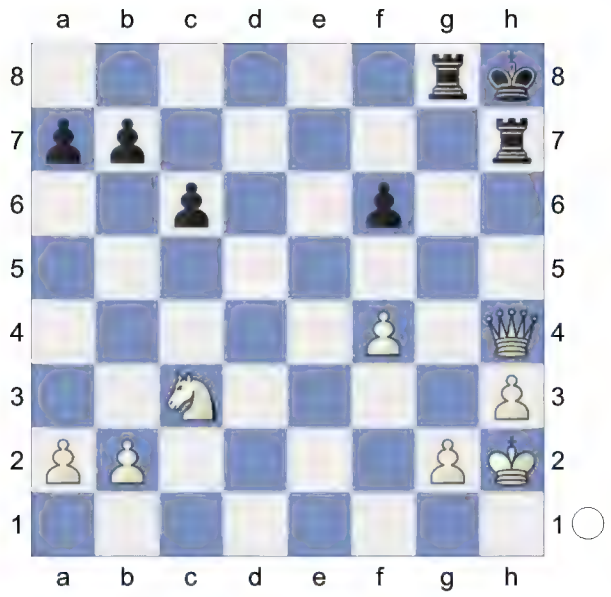
22...Bxd1 23.Qxd1 gxf6 24.Qg4+ Deflection **24...Kh8**



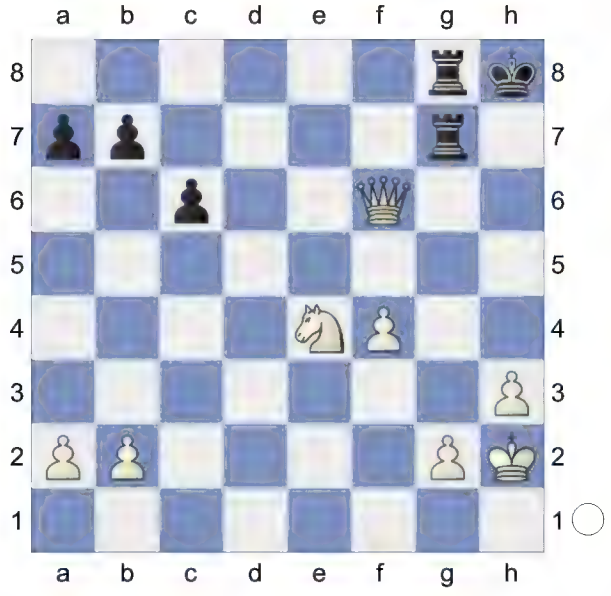
25.Bxf7! Black is weak on the light squares **25...Nh7**



26.Rd7 White threatens Bf7-c4 and mate. **26...Qd8 27.Bg6 Re7 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Qh4 Rg8 30.Bxh7 Rxh7**

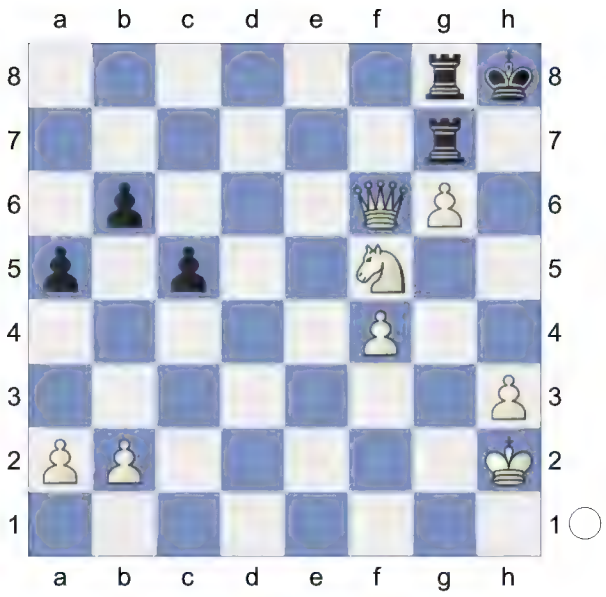


31.Qxf6+ Rhg7 32.Ne4 Ne4-d6 would kill now. **32...Re8 33.Qh6+ Rh7 34.Qg6 Rg8 35.Qf6+ Rhg7**

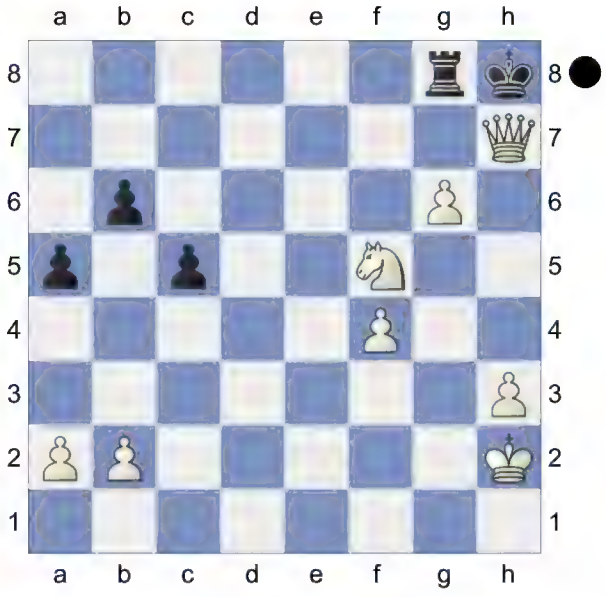


36.Nd6 Rb8 37.Nf5 Rbg8 38.g4 White mates. **38...a5 39.g5 c5 40.g6 b6**

(Diagram)



41.Qh4+ Rh7 42.Qxh7#



Normal. Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.74
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27 **D52**
□ **Caissa,X** **2973**
■ **Admete** **2429**
Rapid 25.01.2024
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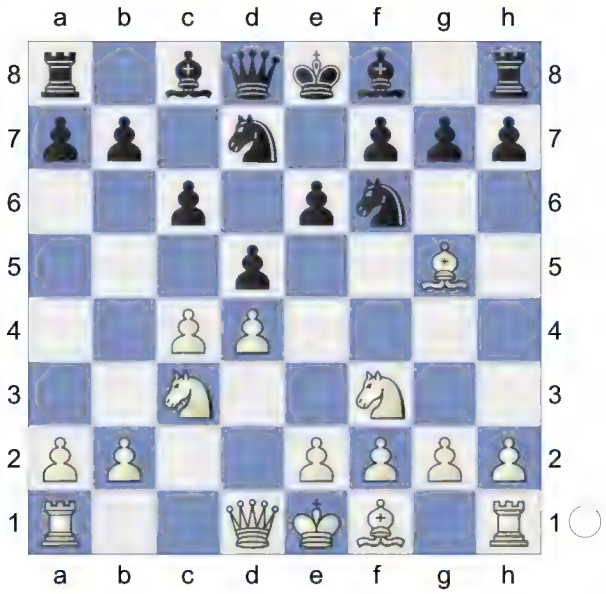
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 f6N

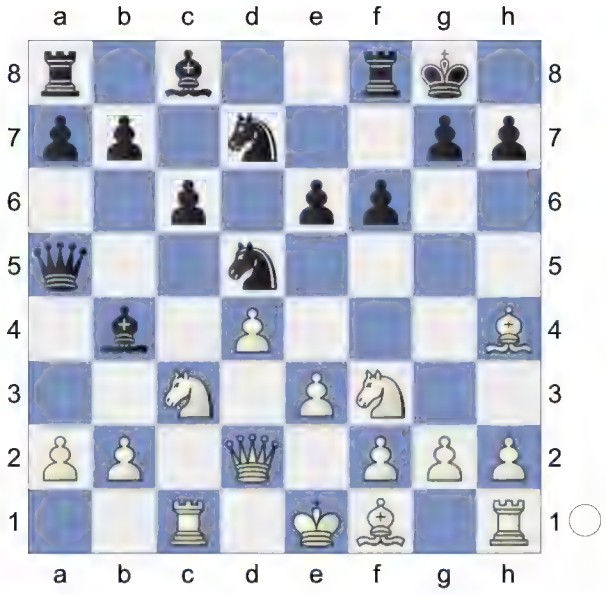
[9...h6 10.Bh4

A) 10...b6 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.c4 *(13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 g5 15.Bg3 Bb7 16.e4 Ne7 17.h4 Bxe4 18.hxg5 h5 19.Qb2 0-0-0 20.Qb4 Qxb4 21.cxb4 Bd3 22.bxc5 b5 23.Rh4 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Kb7 25.a4 a6 26.Rf4 Nf5 27.c6+ Kb6* (66) Chapter-Games 31. Chapter 14*)* 13...Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.f3 f5 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Bc6 19.Rb1 Ba4 20.Bg3 Rhd8 21.Bc7 Rdc8 22.Bg3 Kf6 23.Nc1 e5 24.d5 b5 25.e4 (33) Can,E (2471)-Laznicka, V (2679) 117/(150) Legnica 2013;

B) 10...0-0 11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 Re8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 17.Kh1 Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kh7 12.Nb5 0-0 13.Bc2-Oltean,G T-10/93 9395 1993;

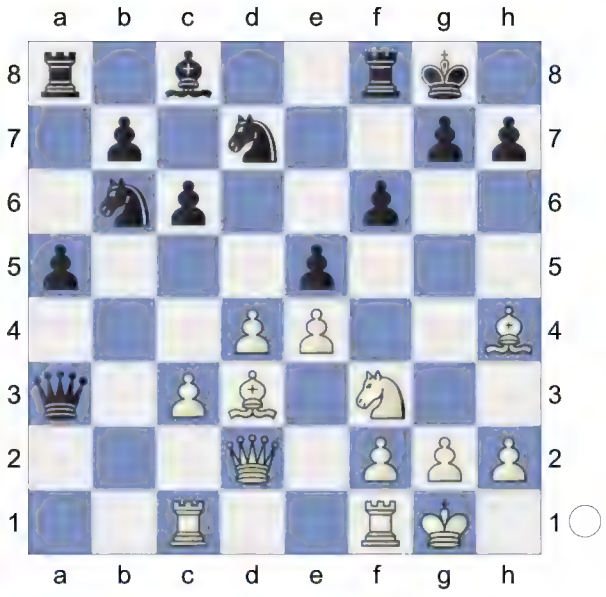
C) 10...c5 11.Bc4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 a6 14.Be2 0-0 15.0-0 b5 16.c4 Bb4 17.Qc2 Bb7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.d5 exd5 20.cxd5 c4 21.a4 Nc5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ne5 Na4 Cambridge-Springs Variation 2012]

10.Bh4 0-0

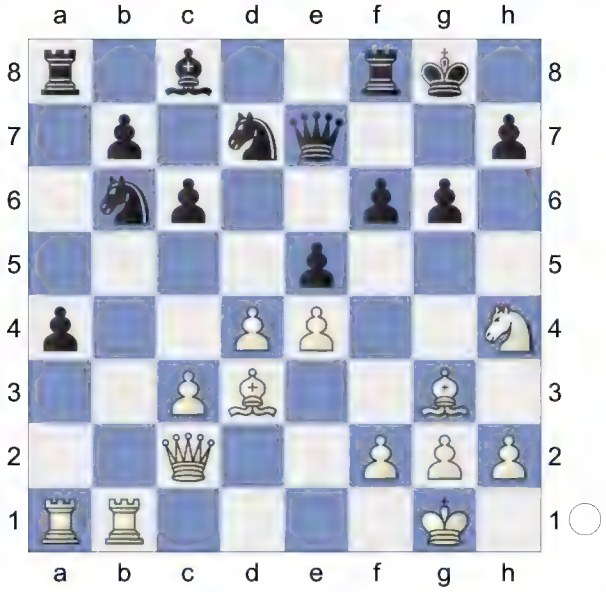


11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 The position is equal. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...a5 15.0-0 e5**

(Diagram)



16.Ra1 Qe7 17.Qc2 a4 18.Rfb1 Qd6 19.Bg3 Qe7 20.Nh4 g6

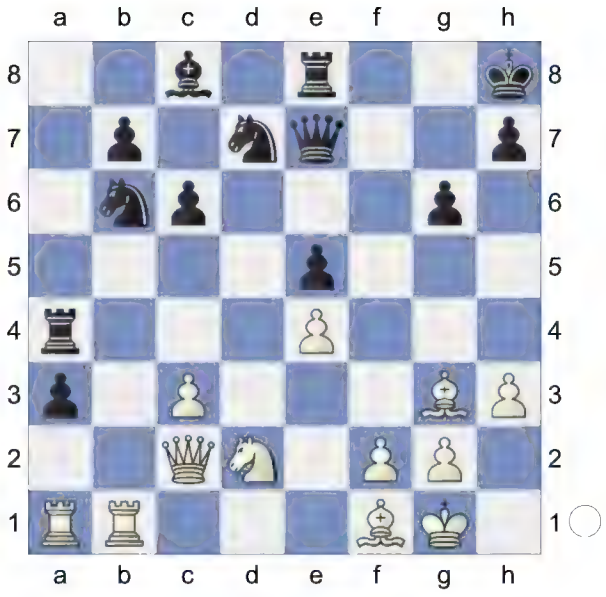


Dodges Nh4-f5 **21.Nf3 Kh8 22.h3 Re8 23.Nd2** White is more active. **23...a3** 1.20/19 White stays focused until the end.

[Better is 23...Rd8± 0.47/17]

24.Bf1 Ra4 25.dxe5 fxe5

(Diagram)



26.f3 Qc5+ 1.92/21

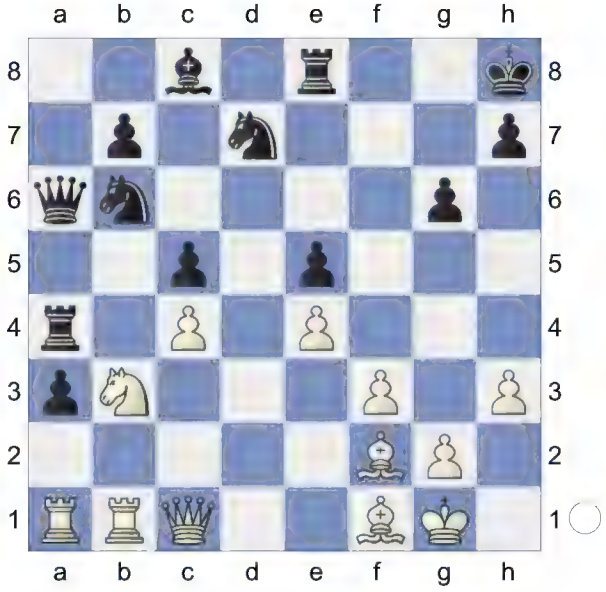
[26...Qd6± 1.34/19 was called for. 27.Bf2 Ra8]

27.Bf2+- Qa5 28.Nb3 Repels Nd7-c5

28...Qa8 29.c4 c5 30.Qc1

[30.Bxc5?! Nxc5 31.Nxc5 Ra5+-]

30...Qa6



31.Nxc5 Nxc5 32.Bxc5 Nxc4

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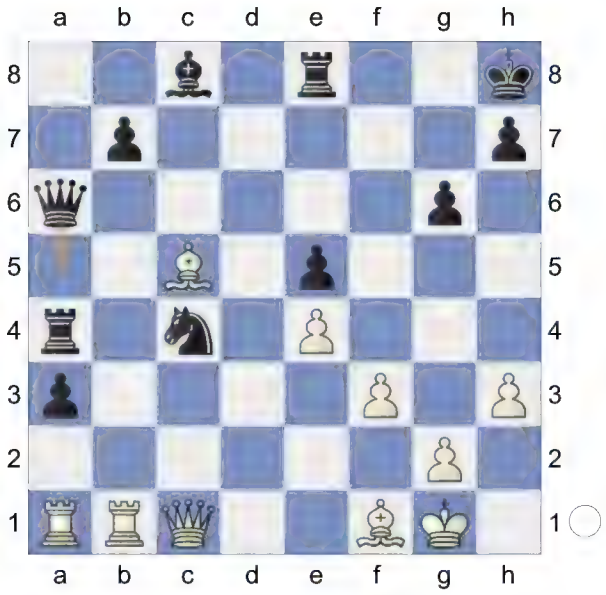
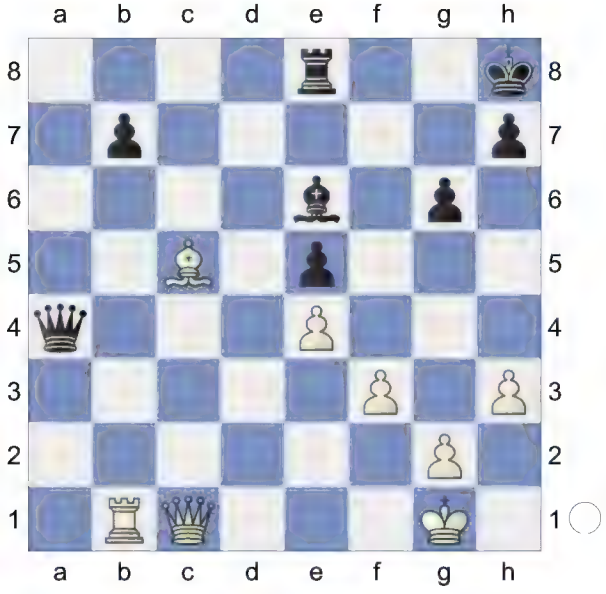
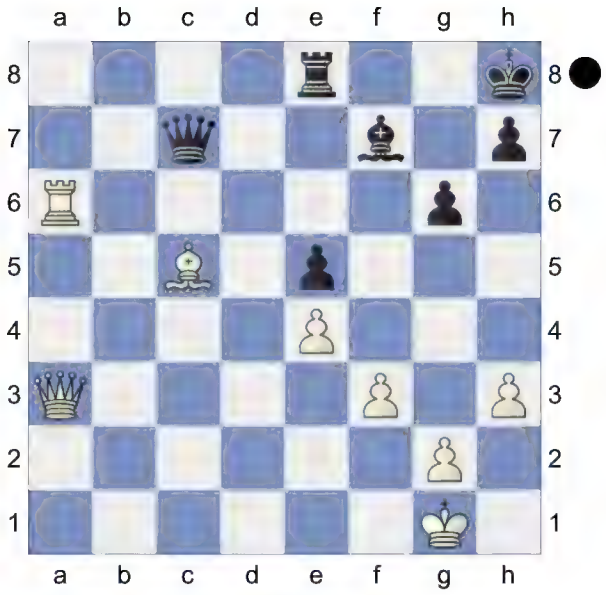


33.Rxa3!! Pin **33...Be6**
[33...b6 34.Bxc4]
34.Bxc4
[Not 34.Rxa4 Qxa4 35.Qc3 *(35.Rxb7 Qc6∓; 35.Bf2 b5+-)* 35...Rc8+-]
34...Qxc4 35.Rxa4 Qxa4

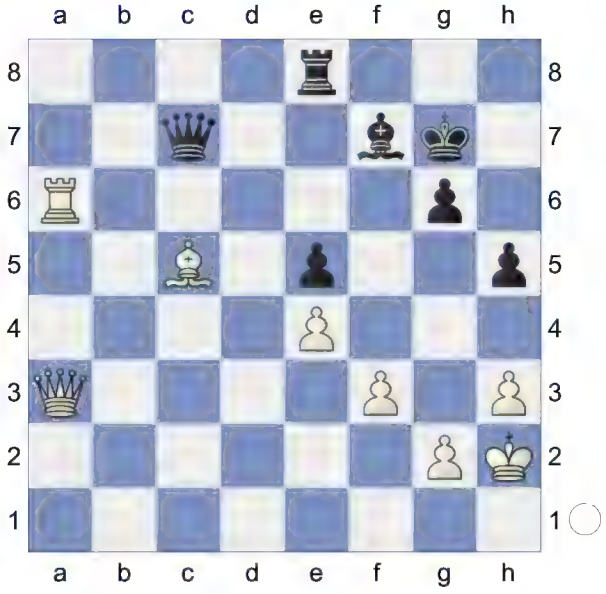


36.Rxb7 White wants to mate with Qc1-h6. **36...Qc6 37.Rb6 Qc7 38.Qa3 Bf7 39.Ra6**

(Diagram)

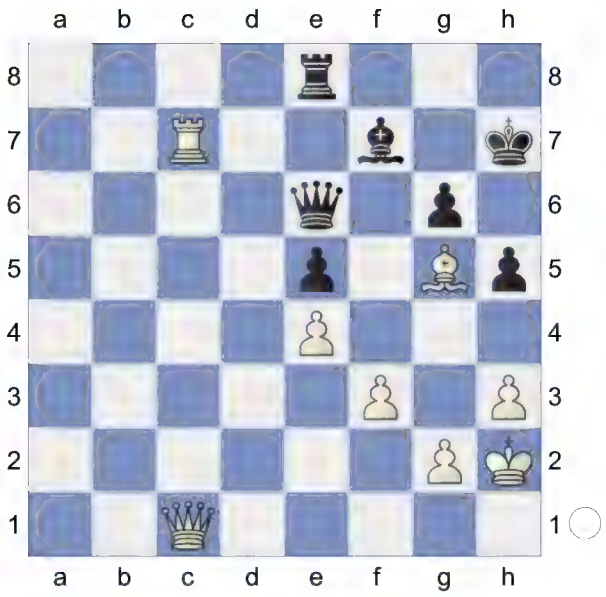


aiming for Ra6-a7. Black is weak on the dark squares **39...Kg7 40.Kh2 h5**



41.Be3 Qe7 42.Qc1 Kh7 43.Ra7 Qe6 44.Bg5 Kg7 45.Rc7 Kh7

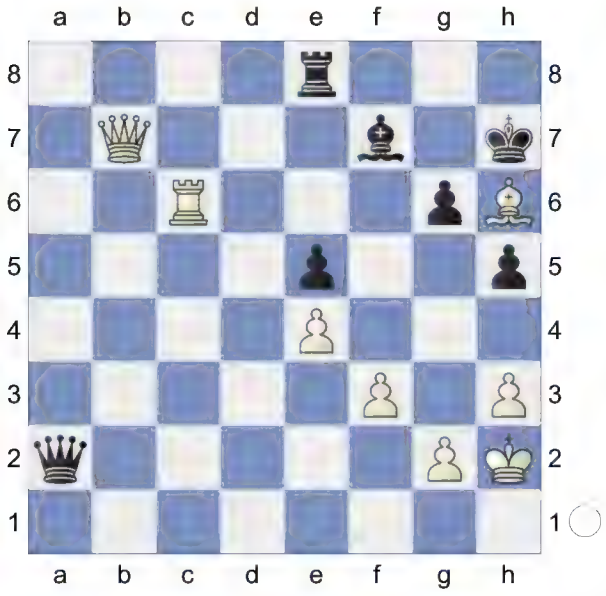
(Diagram)



46.Qc5 Kh8 47.Qb5 Kh7 48.Qb7 Kg8 11.74/25

[⌓48...Kg7 4.56/27 49.h4 Rf8]

49.Rc6 Qa2 50.Bh6 Kh7



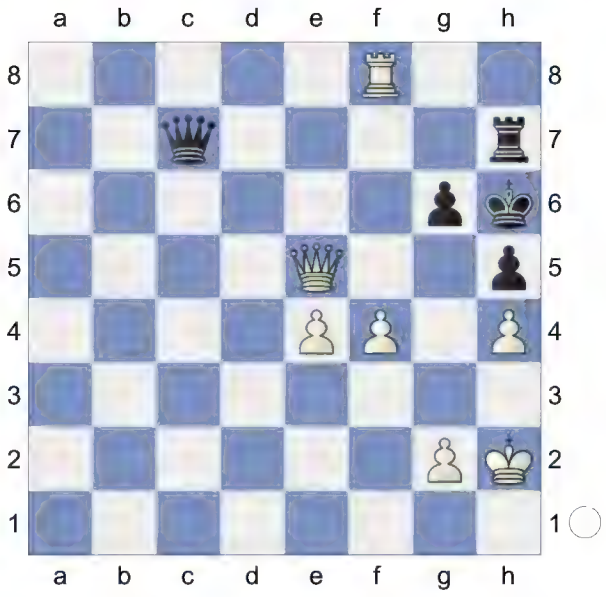
51.Rf6 Kxh6 52.Rxf7 Endgame. KQR-KQR

[Weaker is 52.Qxf7 Qxf7 53.Rxf7 h4±]

52...Rh8 53.Qe7 Qd2 54.h4 Qc1 55.Qd6 Re8

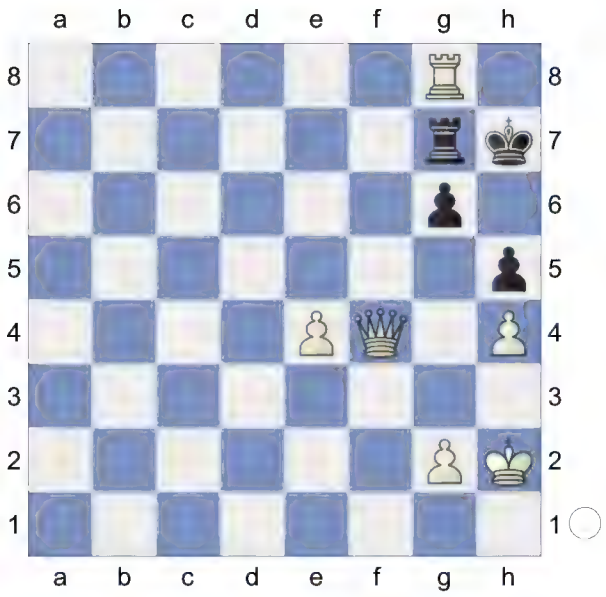
(Diagram)

56.Qd7 Rh8 57.Qe7 Qd2 58.Qxe5 Rh7 59.Rf8 Qc1 60.f4 Qc7

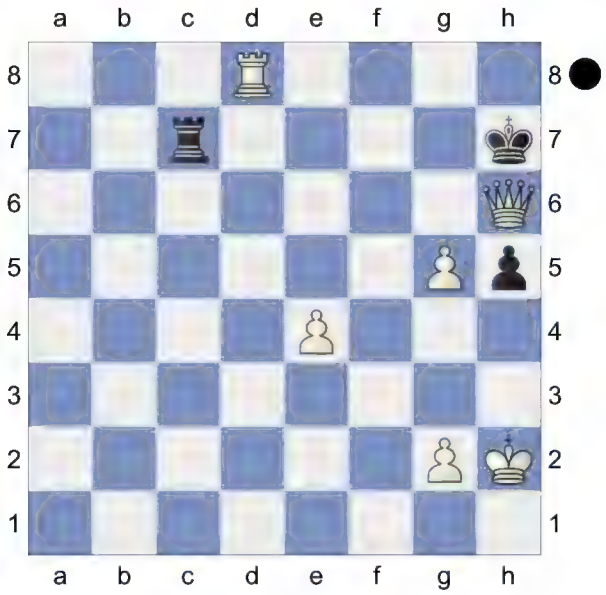


61.Qg5+ Kg7 62.Qf6+ Kh6 63.Rg8 Rg7 64.Qf8 Qxf4+ 65.Qxf4+ Kh7

(Diagram)



66.Rd8 White mates. **66...Rg8 67.Qf7+ Rg7 68.Qf6 g5 69.hxg5 Rc7 70.Qh6#**



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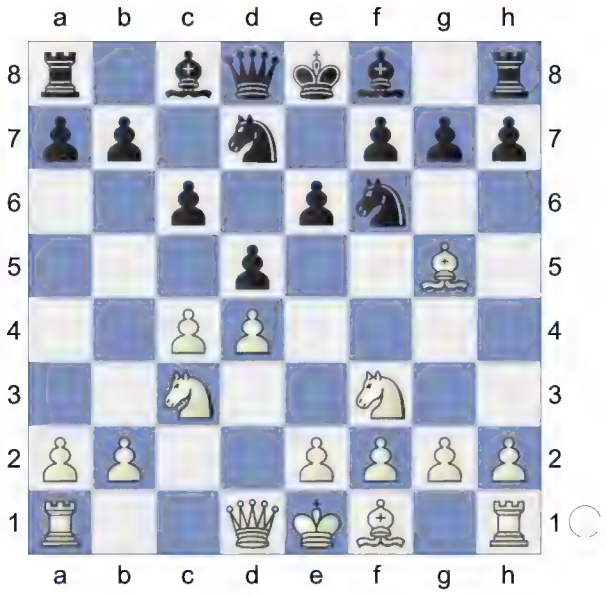
28 **D52**
□ **Yobot V2** **2969**
■ **Magnusglad** **2782**
Rapid 27.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 a5N
The position is equal.
[13...Nd5 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Queen'S Gambit-5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 Survey 2012 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 Qxa5 26.Rc1 b6 Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19.♗e4]
[13...Bd7
A) 14.e4 b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 *(17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 Ra1 30.a3 a5 31.bxa5 Ke7* F-F (38) Janata (2489)-6.♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1] *)* 17...Be8 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rd2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4;
B) 14.Qc2 Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3)]
14.Qe2 Nd5 15.Ne5 Nxc3

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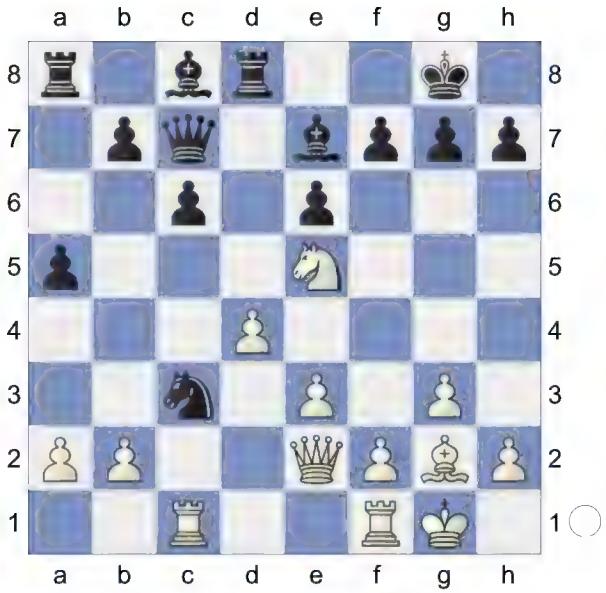
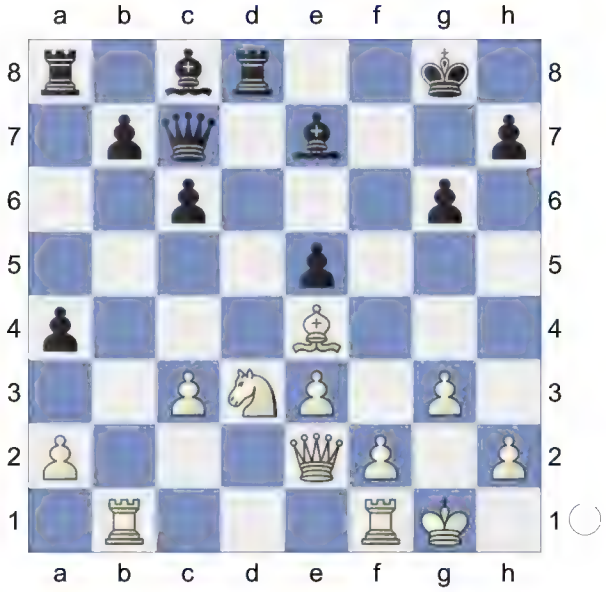


16.bxc3 f6 17.Nd3 e5 18.dxe5 fxe5 19.Be4 Wards off Bc8-f5 **19...a4 20.Rb1 g6**



21.h4 a3 22.Qc2 Bh3 23.Rfc1
[23.Qb3+ looks sharper. Kf8 24.Rfc1 Ra7 25.h5]
23...Kg7 24.c4 Ra7

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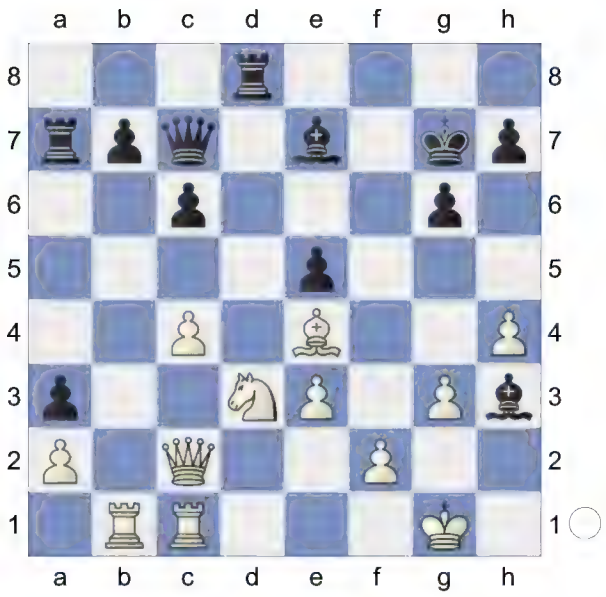
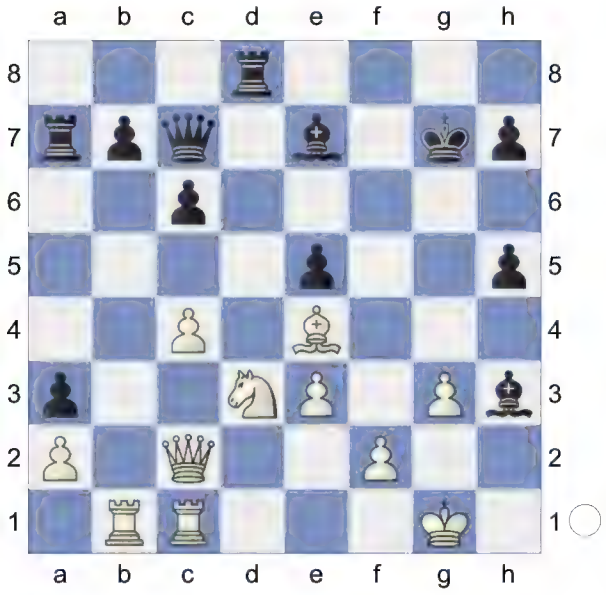
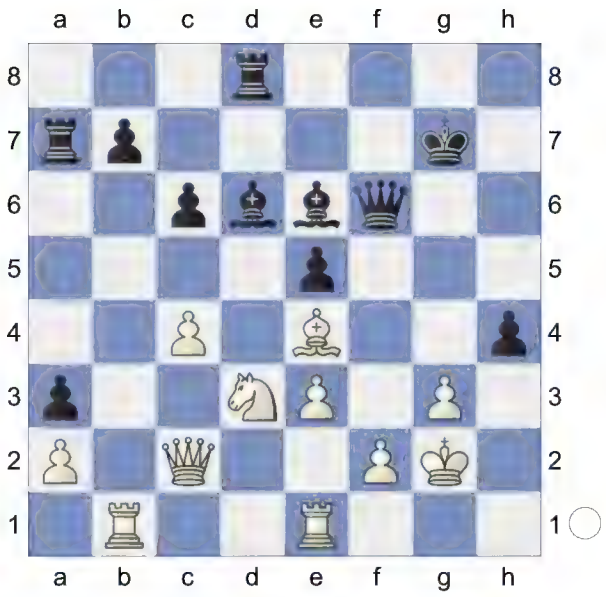


25.h5! gxh5

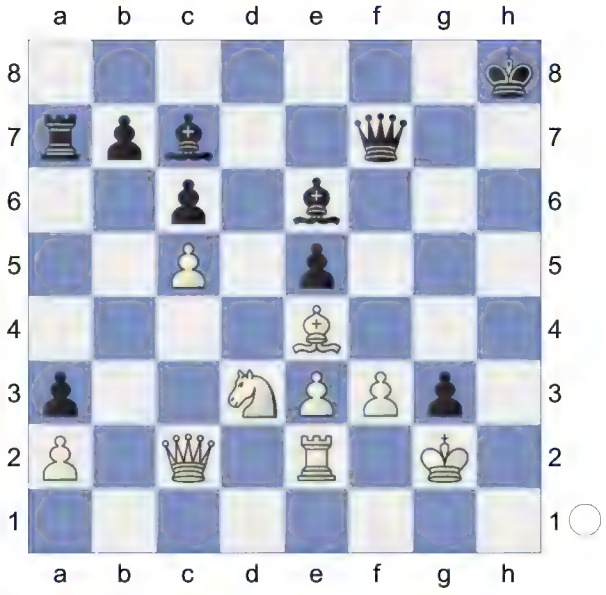


26.Bxh7! Decoy **26...Qd6**
[26...Rh8 27.Kh2]
27.Be4 Qf6 28.Re1 -0.73/18
[28.Kh2= 0.09/18 Be6 29.Rg1]
28...Bd6 -0.01/18
[28...h4∓ -0.73/18]
29.Kh2= Be6 30.Kg2 h4

(Diagram)



31.c5 Bc7 32.f3 -0.62/16
[32.Rh1= -0.21/19 Rh8 33.gxh4]
32...Qf7 -0.01/18
[Black should play 32...Rh8!∓ -0.62/16 33.g4 Rf8]
33.Re2P White has counterplay
33...hxg3 Strongly threatening ...Rd8-h8.
34.Rh1 Rh8 Wards off Rh1-h7+
35.Rxh8 Kxh8



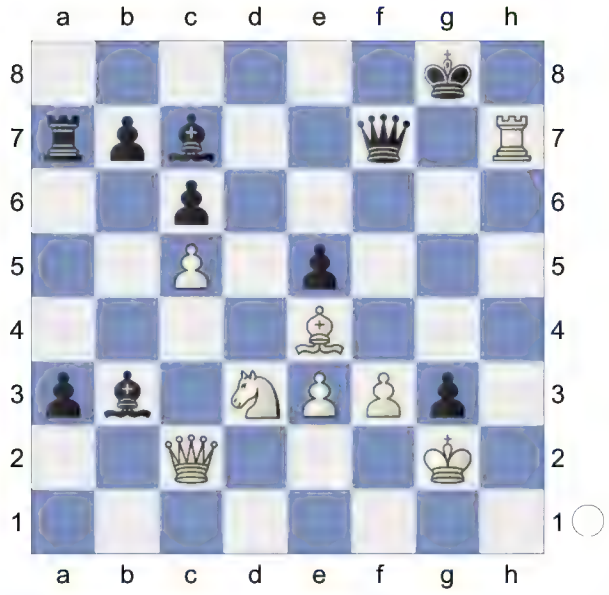
36.Re1 0.01/21
[36.Kxg3± 0.63/22 Qg7+ 37.Kh2]
36...Bxa2 Hoping for ...Ba2-e6. A strong pair of Bishops. **37.Rh1+ Kg8**

Threatens to win with ...Ba2-e6. **38.Rh7** White has strong compensation. Really sharp! White is more active.

[38.Kxg3? Qg7+ 39.Kf2 Bf7-+]

38...Bb3? 5.35/21

[38...Be6± 0.83/21 is more resistant. 39.Rxf7 Bxf7]



A mistake that costs the game.

39.Qb1!+-

[39.Rxf7? Bxc2 40.Rxc7 a2-+]

39...a2 40.Qh1 White wants to mate with Rh7-h8+.

[40.Qa1? Qxh7 41.Bxh7+ Kxh7-+]

40...Kf8

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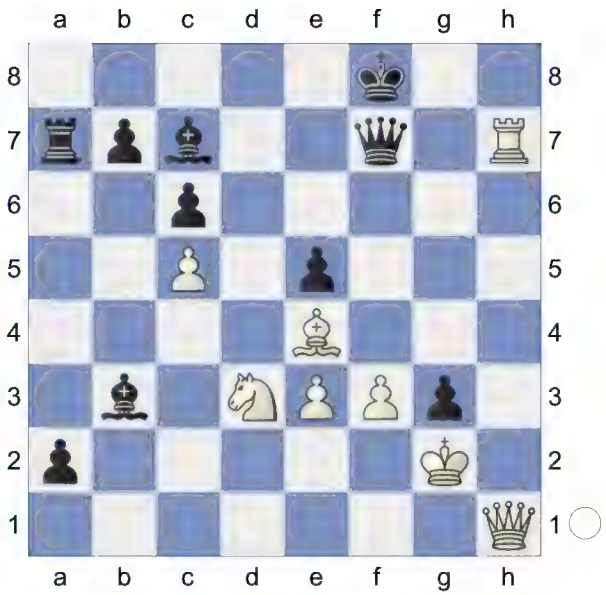
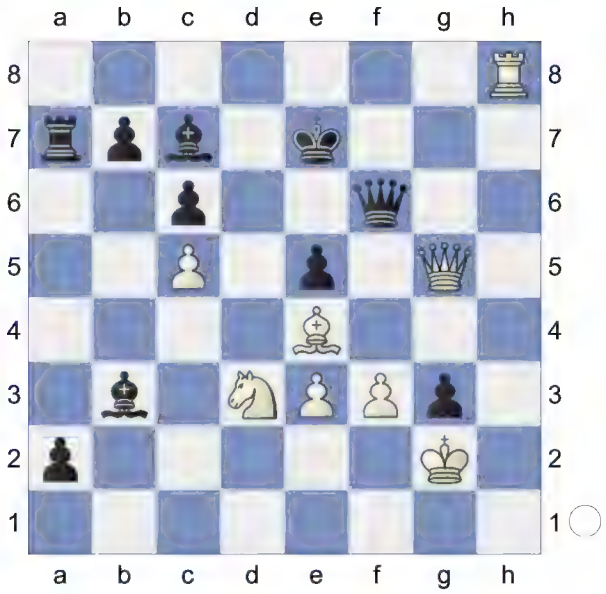


41.Rh8+!

[41.Rxf7+ Bxf7 42.Qh8+ *(42.Kxg3 Ra4=)* 42...Ke7=]

41...Ke7 42.Qh4+ Ke6 43.Qg4+ Ke7 44.Qg5+ Qf6



45.Re8+!! Deflection **45...Kxe8**

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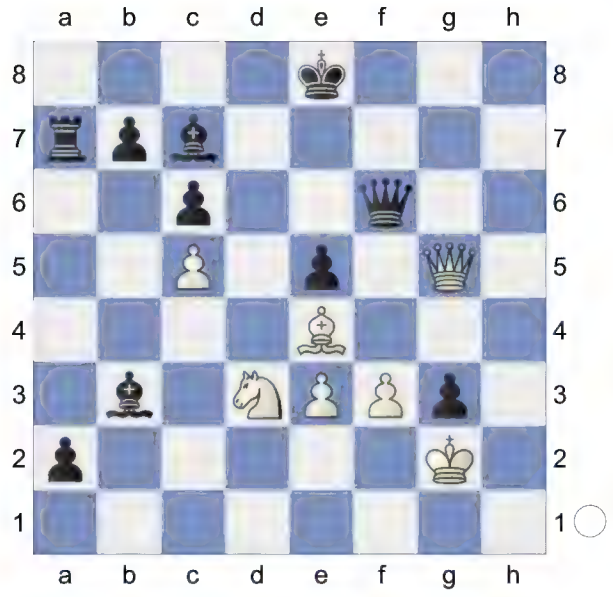

46.Qxf6 Bf7 Repels Be4-g6 **47.Nxe5**
[Stronger than 47.Kxg3 a1Q *(47...a1B? 48.Qh8+ Ke7 49.Qc8+-)* 48.Qh8+ Ke7 49.Qh4+ Kd7 50.Bf5+ Ke8 51.Qh8+ Ke7 52.Qh4+ Ke8 *(52...Kf8 53.Qh6+ Ke7 54.Qh4+ Ke8 55.Qh8+ Ke7 56.Qh4+=)* 53.Qh8+ Ke7 54.Qh4+ Kf8 55.Qh8+ Ke7= *(55...Bg8 56.Qh6+ Ke8 57.Bg6+ Bf7 58.Qh8+ Kd7 59.Bf5+ Ke7=)*]
[47.Qh8+ Ke7=]
47...Bxe5 48.Qxe5+ Kf8 49.Qb8+
[Inferior is 49.Qxg3 a1Q *(49...a1B?* loses. *50.Qb8+ Be8 51.Qxa7+-)*
50.Qd6+ Ke8 51.Qb8+ Ke7
52.Qd6+ Ke8 53.Qb8+ Ke7
54.Qd6+ Ke8=]
49...Be8 50.Qxa7 Bf7

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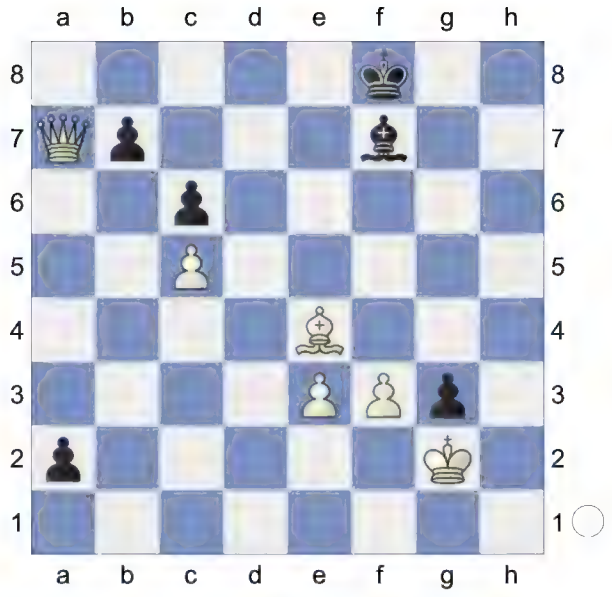
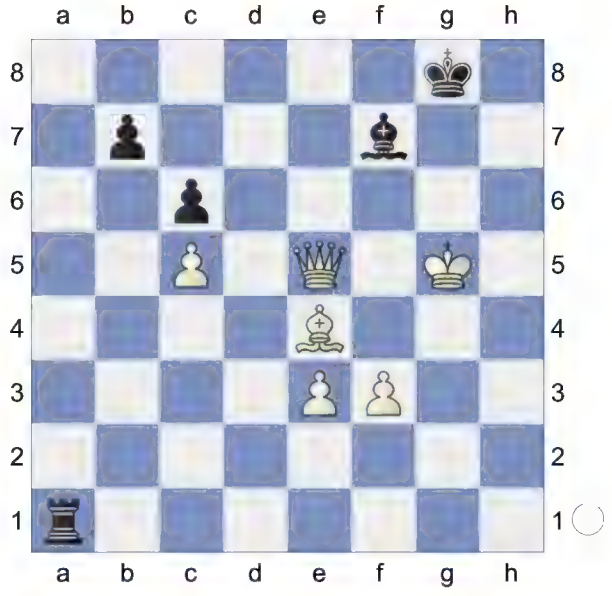


51.Kxg3 Intending Kg3-f4! and mate. **51...Kg7 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.Qb8 Kg7 54.Qe5+ Kg8 55.Kg5 a1R**



56.Kf6 White threatens Qe5-b8+ and mate. **56...Ra8 57.Qe7** White mates. **57...Rf8**

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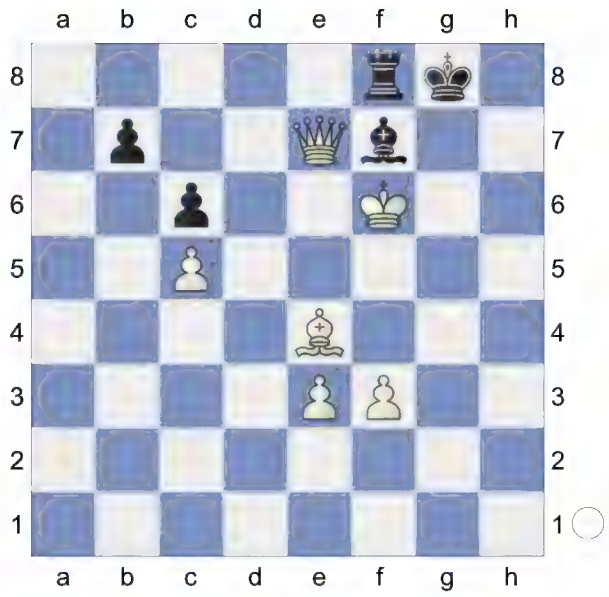
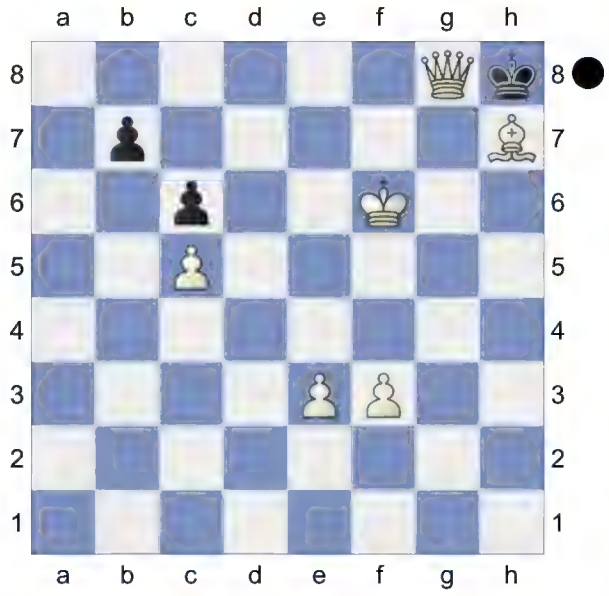


58.Bh7+! Kh8
[58...Kxh7 59.Qxf8]
59.Qxf8+ Bg8 60.Qxg8#



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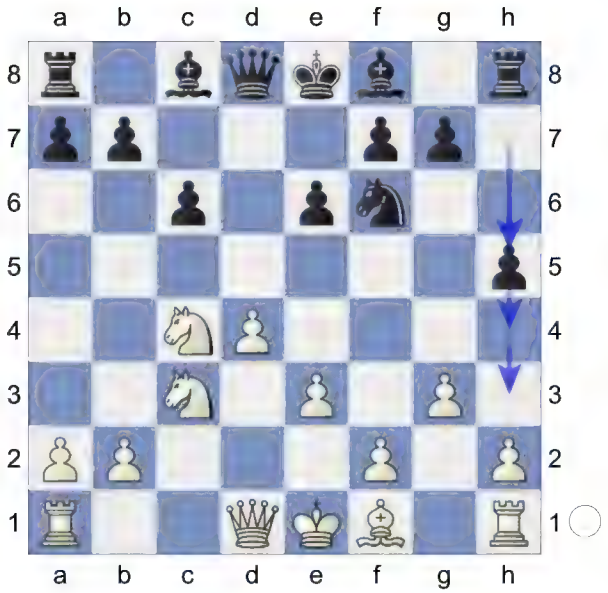
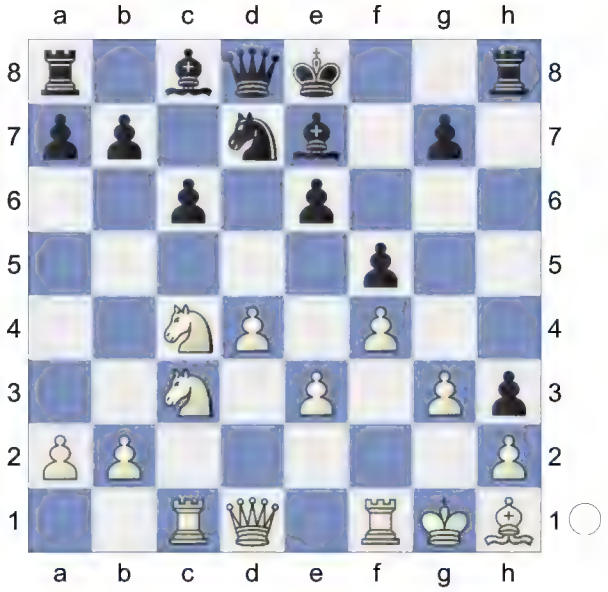
29 **D52**
□ **Caissa,X** **2969**
■ **Admete** **2434**
Rapid 05.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qd8
[9...Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Rc7 24.Rb3 (26) Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19.♗e4]
10.g3N
[10.Rc1 Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Bd7 13.0-0 Rc8 14.Qe2 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w]
10...h5
(Diagram)



11.Bg2 h4 12.0-0 White is slightly better. **12...h3 13.Bh1 Be7 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.f4 f5**



16.Bf3 White is more active. **16...0-0**
17.g4 Qe8 1.26/19
[⌓17...Rb8 0.75/18]
18.Kh1± Rb8 19.Rg1 Rf6 1.97/19
[19...b5± 1.38/18]
20.g5+- Rf8

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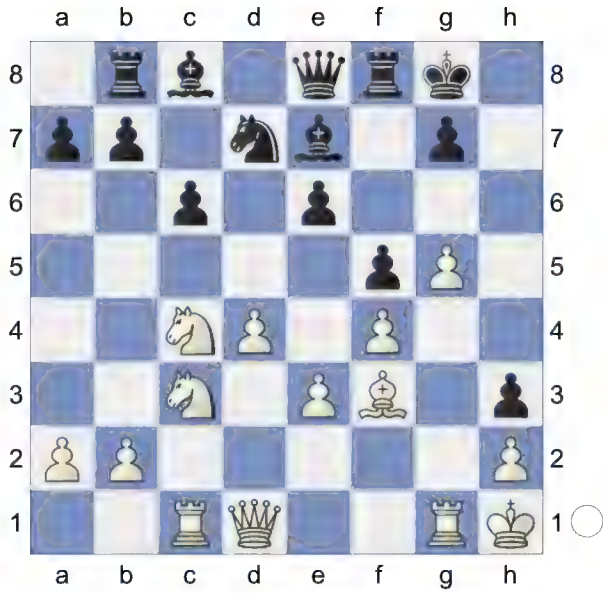
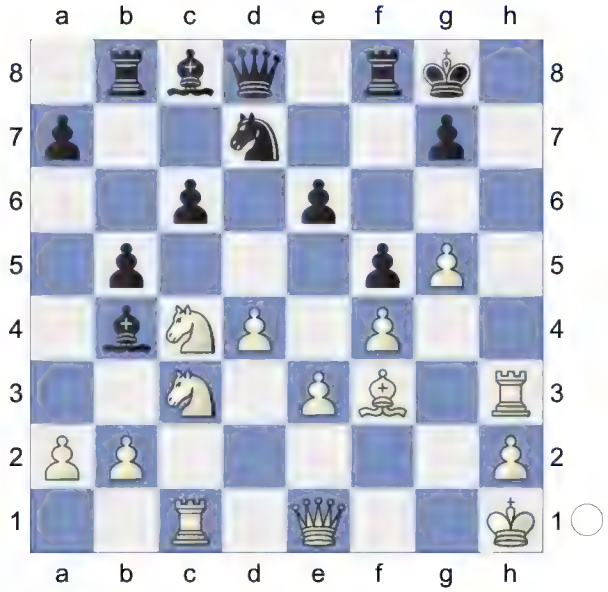


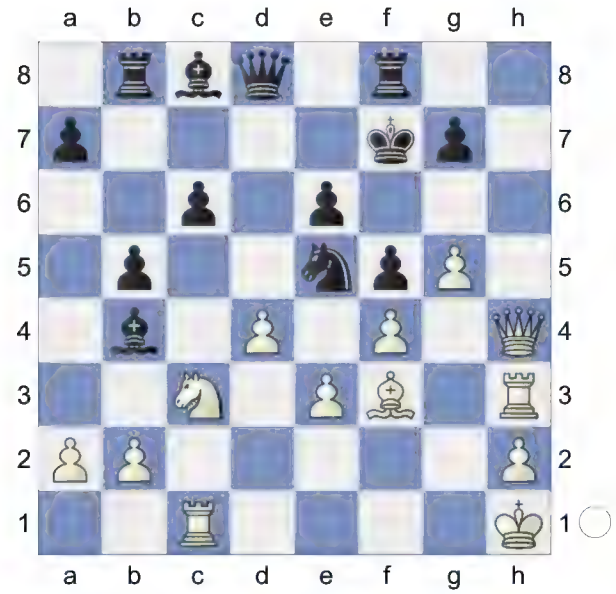
21.Rg3 Bb4 2.57/23
[⌓21...g6 1.91/19 22.Qe1 *(22.Rxh3 Qd8±)* 22...Kg7 23.Rxh3 Rh8]
22.Rxh3 Hoping for Qd1-e1. **22...b5**
23.Qe1 Qd8? 4.03/19
[23...bxc4 2.16/22 keeps fighting. 24.Qh4 Qd8]



24.Qh4 2.33/21 **Kf7?** 4.25/19
[24...bxc4 2.33/21 25.Qh5 *(25.Bxc6 Bxc3 26.Qh5 Re8=)* 25...Re8 *(25...Bxc3 26.g6)* 26.Qh8+ *(26.Bxc6 Bb7±)* 26...Kf7 27.Bh5+

Ke7 28.Qxg7+ *(28.Qxe8+ Qxe8 29.Bxe8 Kxe8∓)* 28...Kd6]

25.Ne5+ Nxe5



26.dxe5

[26.fxe5 Rg8 27.Ne2 *(27.Bxc6 Be7+-)* 27...g6]

26...Bxc3 27.Rd1 White wants to mate with g5-g6+.

[27.Rxc3 Ke8 28.Qh7 *(28.Rxc6 Rb6+-; 28.Bxc6+ Bd7+-)* 28...Qe7]

[27.Bxc6 Bd7 28.g6+ *(28.Rxc3? Bxc6+ 29.Rxc6 Qd5+ 30.e4 Qxc6-+)* 28...Ke8 29.Qxd8+ *(29.Rxc3? Bxc6+ 30.Rxc6 Qd5+ 31.e4 Qxc6-+)* 29...Kxd8+-]

27...Bd2 9.27/23

[⌓27...Bd7 4.51/19 28.Qh7 *(28.bxc3 Rg8+-)* 28...Ke7 29.bxc3 Rg8]

28.Qh7 Intending Bf3-h5+ and mate.

[28.Bxc6 Bd7 29.Bf3 Bxe3+-]

28...Ke7 29.Qxg7+

[29.Bxc6? Bb7 30.Bxb7 *(30.Qxg7+? Rf7-+)* 30...Rxb7-+]

29...Rf7

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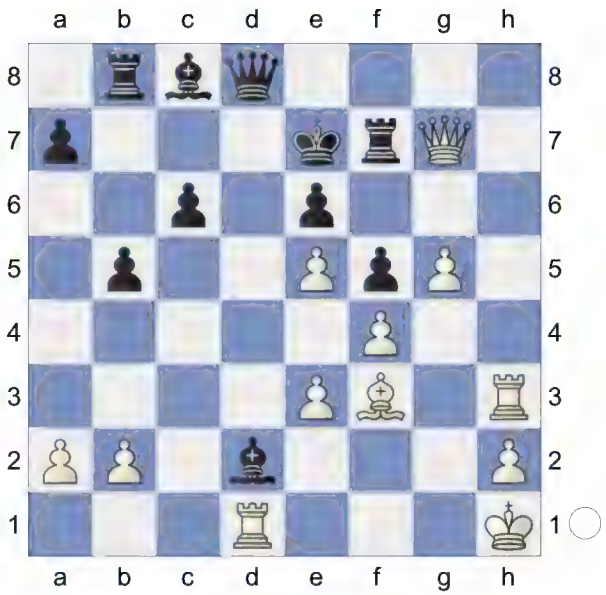
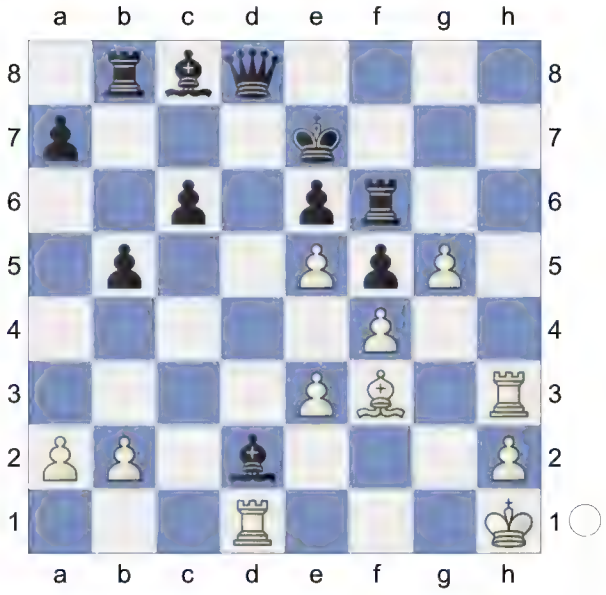


30.Qf6+ Rxf6



31.gxf6+ Kf7 32.Rh7+ Kg6 33.Rg7+ Kh6 A mistake that costs the game.

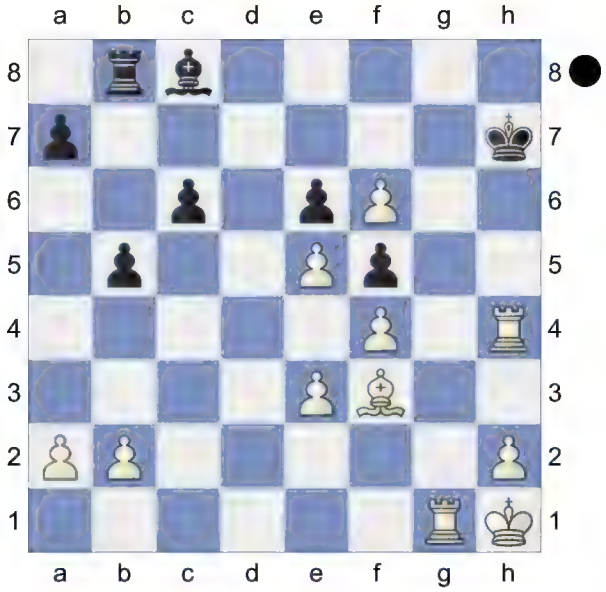
34.Rdg1 Qe8 35.R7g3 Threatening mate with Rg3-h3+.

[And not 35.Rxa7 Rb7 *(35...Bxe3? too greedy. 36.Rg3+-)* 36.Rg3 Kh7 *(36...Rxa7 37.Rh3+)* 37.Rh3+ Kg8 38.Rg3+ Kf8∓]

35...Qh5

(Diagram)

36.Bxh5 White threatens Bh5-g6 and mate. **36...Be1 37.Rh3** White mates. **37...Kh7 38.Bf3+ Bh4 39.Rxh4#**



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30 **D52**

□ **Africaata** **2968**

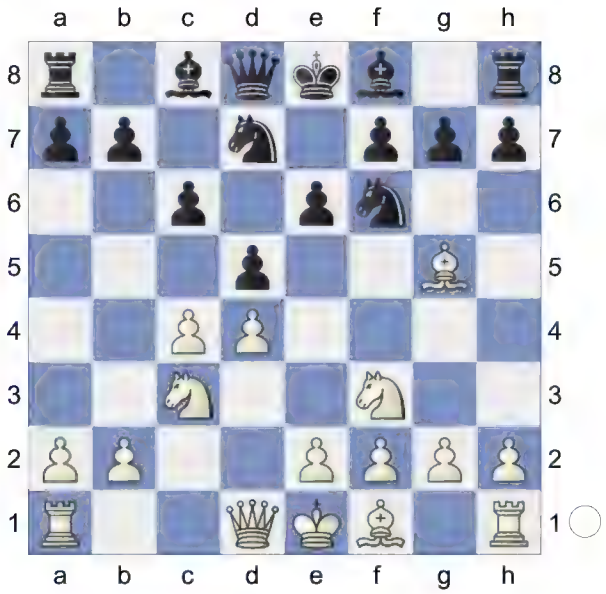
■ **Torombot** **2943**

Rapid 16.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Current Reputation: Playable for both sides **1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

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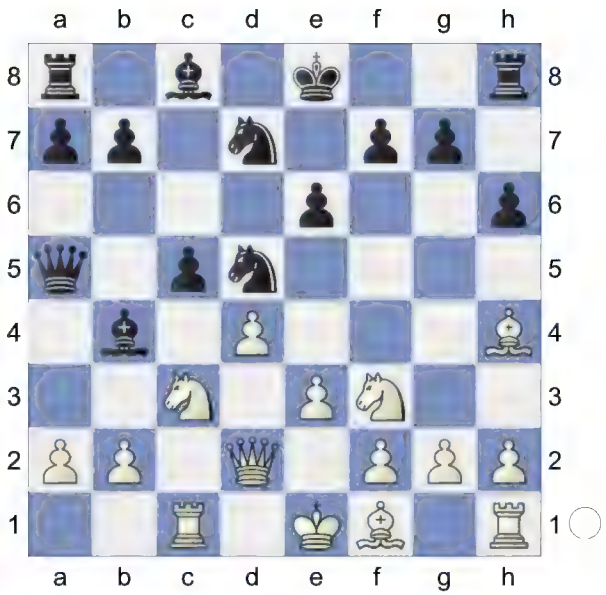
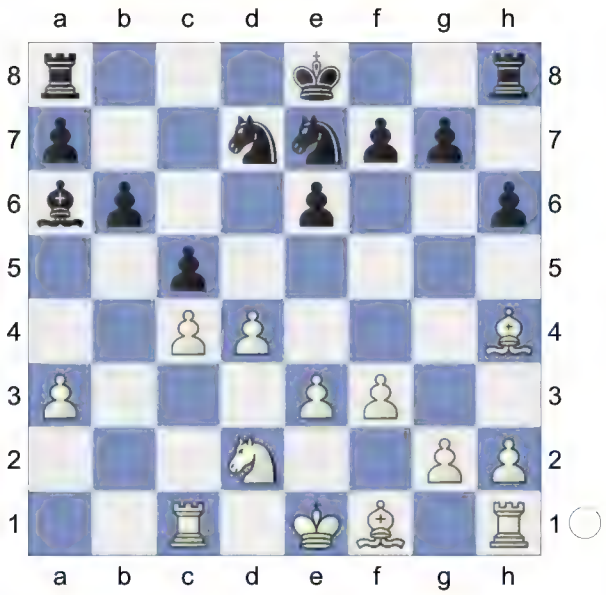
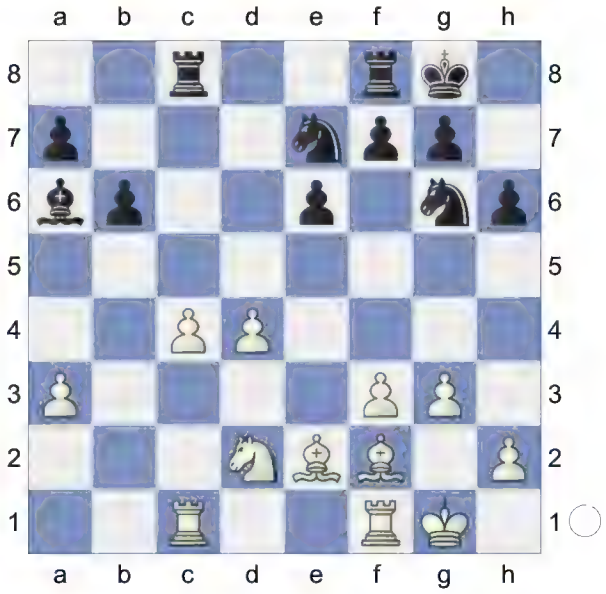


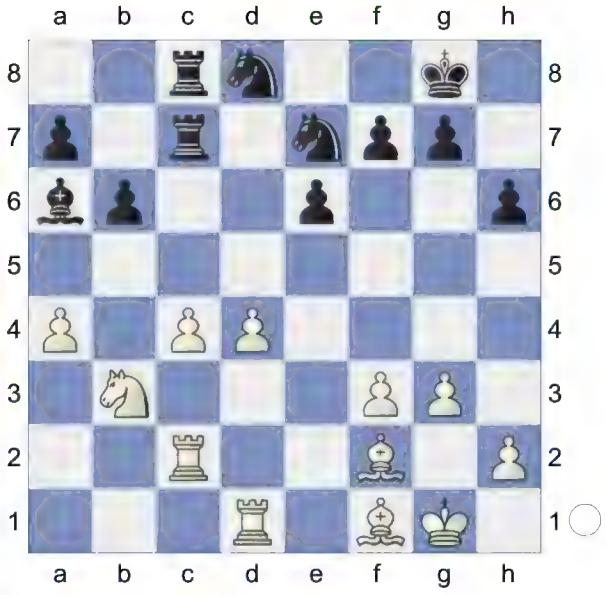
11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.c4
White is slightly better. **13...Qxd2+**
14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.f3
[15.Bd3 Bb7 16.0-0 Rd8 17.Be4 Ba6 18.Nb3 g5 19.Bg3 f5 20.Bf3 h5 21.Bd6 Rc8 22.Rfd1 g4 23.Be2 Kf7 24.dxc5 bxc5 25.f3 Bb7 26.Rb1 Ba8 27.Nc1 Ng6 28.Kf2 gxf3 29.gxf3 Kf6 1-0 (47) 13.♖ad1 ♕b6 14. b3 (2679)-Vit spelar 7.Sgf3 (2749) Chapter 15 Game 5]
15...Ba6



16.Be2 cxd4 17.exd4 Nf8N
[17...Rc8 18.0-0 Nf5 19.Bf2 0-0 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.g4 Ne7 22.Bf1 4.d3 d6 5.0-0 g6 6.c3-Almeida,J consultation 1897]
18.Bf2 Nfg6 19.g3 0-0 20.0-0 Rac8

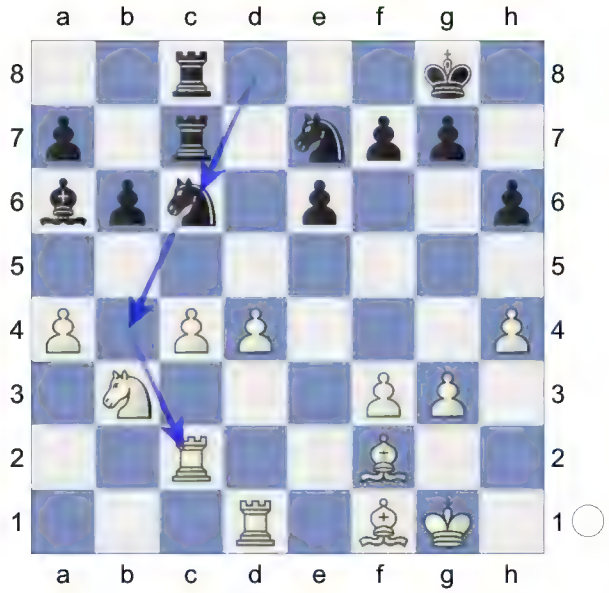


21.a4 Nc6 22.Nb3 Rc7 23.Rfd1 Rfc8 24.Bf1 Nd8 25.Rc2 Ne7
[25...Bxc4? perishes. 26.Rdc1+-]

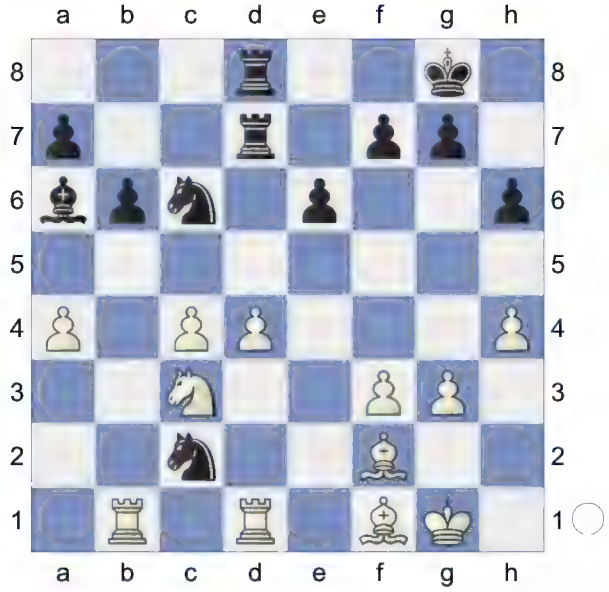


26.Be1 Nf5
[26...Bxc4? loses. 27.Rdc1+-]
27.Bf2 Wards off Nf5-e3 **27...Ne7**
[27...Bxc4? 28.Rdc1+-]

28.h4 Ndc6
[28...Bxc4? 29.Rdc1+-]
29.Rb2 Nd8 30.Rc2 Ndc6
[30...Bxc4? too greedy. 31.Rdc1+-]

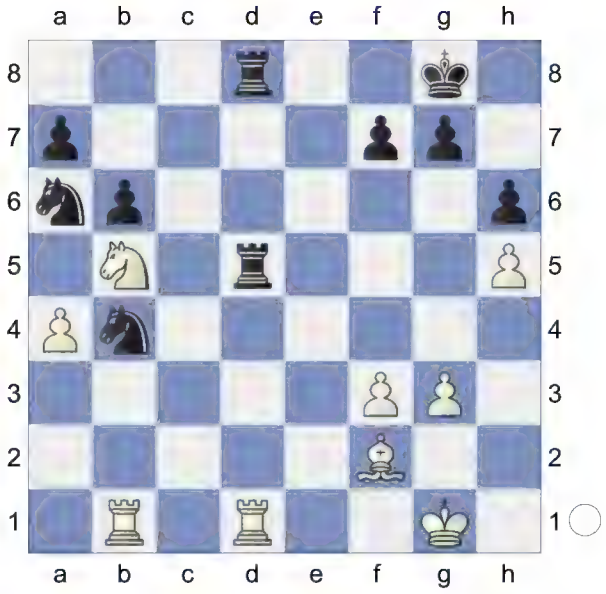


Threatens to win with ...Nc6-b4. **31.Rcc1** -0.39/18
[31.Rc3= 0.16/20]
31...Nb4∓ 32.Nd2 Nec6 33.Ne4
Hoping for Bf2-e1. **33...Rd8 34.Nc3 Rcd7 35.Rb1 Nc2**

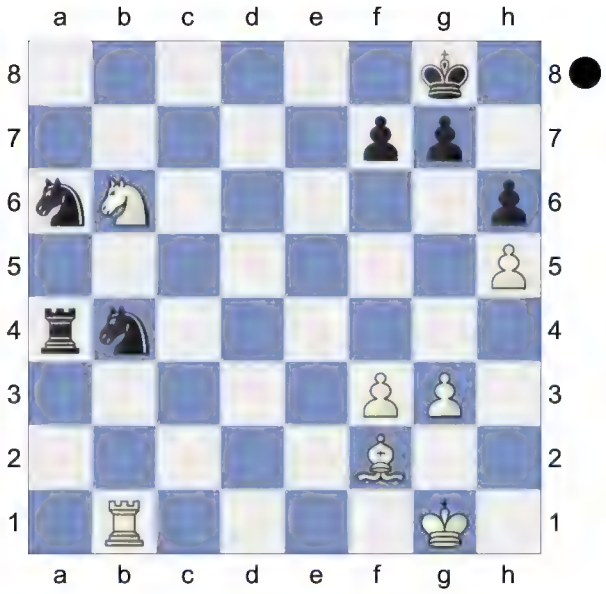


Excellent horsemanship. **36.d5 exd5**
37.cxd5 N6b4 38.Bxa6 Nxa6

The position is equal. **39.h5 Ncb4**
40.Nb5 Rxd5



41.Rxd5 Rxd5 42.Nxa7 Ra5 43.Nc8 Rxa4 44.Nxb6



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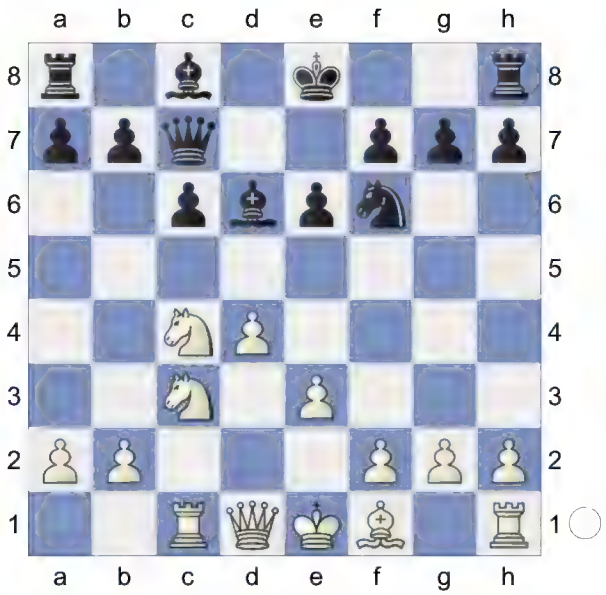
½-½

31 **D52**
□ **Buletten Karl** **2955**
■ **Torombot** **2980**
Blitz 20.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

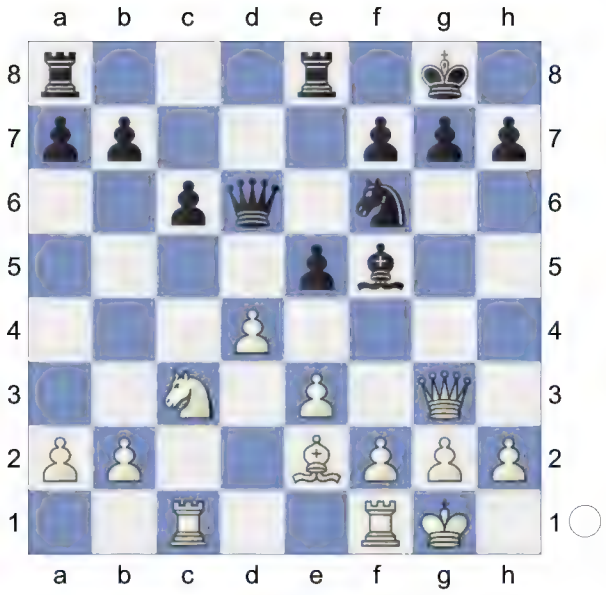
Blitz 3min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd6
[10...Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nd5 *(13...Bd7 14.Qc2 Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2* 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3)*)* 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 (26) Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19.♗e4]



11.Qf3N
[11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7 16.Qe2 Bd7 *(16...b6 17.e4 Bb7 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 17.a3 a5 18.e4 b5 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.b4 Rxa3 21.bxc5 b4 22.Nb1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
11...0-0 12.Be2 e5 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.Qg3 Re8 15.0-0 Bf5

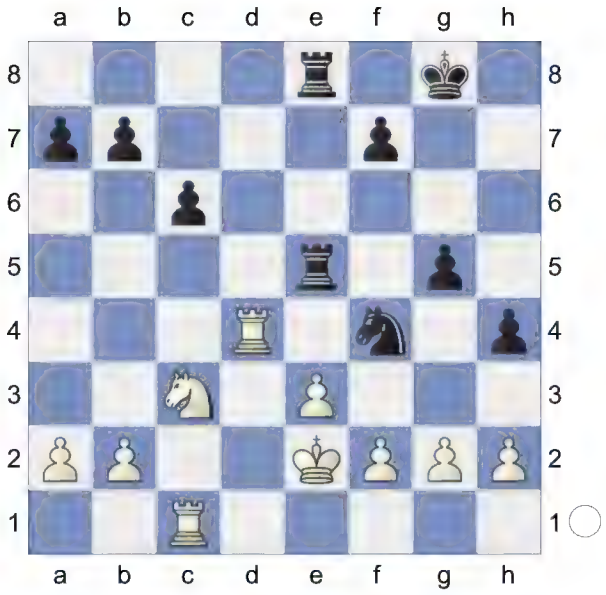
(Diagram)



16.Rfd1 Qe7 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Rxd3 Rae8

21.Kf1 h5 22.Ke2 h4 23.Rd4 g5 24.Nb1 Nd5 The position is equal. **25.Nc3 Nf4+**

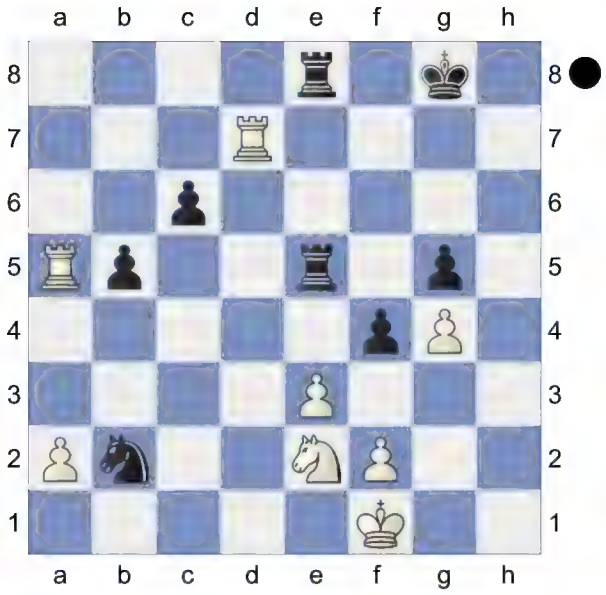
(Diagram)



26.Kf1 Ne6 27.Ra4 a5 28.g3 hxg3 29.hxg3 f5 30.g4 b5

31.Rxa5 Threatens to win with g4xf5. **31...f4 32.Re1 Nc5 33.Ne2 Nd3 34.Rd1 Nxb2 35.Rd7!**

(Diagram)



An uneventful encounter.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

32 **D52**
□ **Flaxen Uci** **2954**
■ **Torombot** **2987**
Blitz 19.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd6

11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 The position is equal. **13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7**

(Diagram)

16.Ne4N

[16.Qe2 Bd7 *(16...b6 17.e4 Bb7 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 17.a3 a5 18.e4 b5 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.b4 Rxa3 21.bxc5 b4 22.Nb1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

16...Nxe4 17.Bxe4 g6 18.Qc2 a5 19.Rfd1 e5 20.f5

[20.Nxe5? loses. Bxe3 21.Ra1 Bxf4-+]

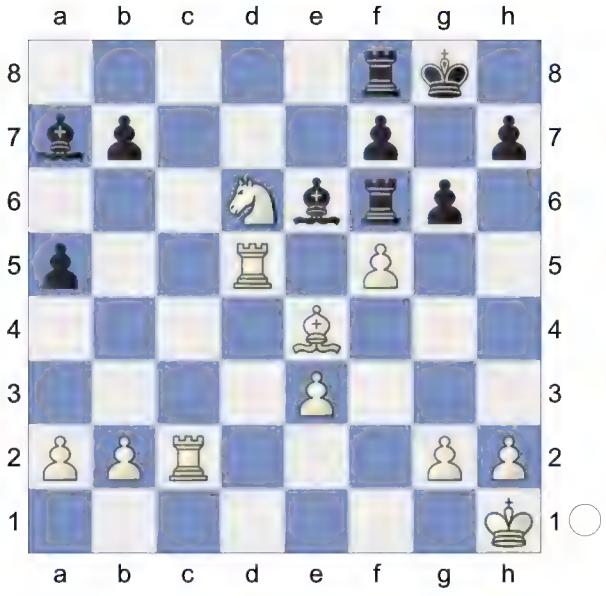
20...Ra6!

(Diagram)

21.Rd5 Rf6 22.Rxe5 Black is weak on the light squares

[22.Nxa5 Bxe3 23.Re1 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Rxf5∓]

22...Qc7 23.Rd5 Threatens to win with Nc4xa5! **23...Ba7! 24.Nd6 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 Be6**



Back Rank **26.Rxa5**

[26.fxe6? Rf1#]

26...Bxe3 27.Nxb7

[27.fxe6? Rf1#]

27...Bb6! This pair of bishops is nice.

28.Ra6 Bxf5 29.Bxf5 gxf5

[Of course not 29...Rxf5?! 30.g3 Rf1+ 31.Kg2 Rg1+ 32.Kh3±]

30.g3 Re8

...f5-f4 would now be deadly. **31.Nc5** White wants to play Kh1-g2. **31...f4** **32.gxf4 Rg6** Against Rc2-g2 **33.h4** aiming for h4-h5. **33...Re1+** 0.54/5

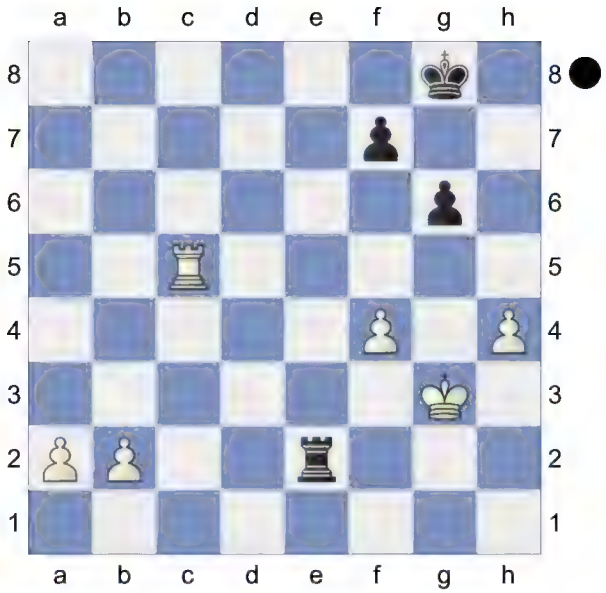
[33...h5= 0.01/22]

34.Kh2± And now h4-h5 would win.

34...Bxc5 35.Rxg6+ hxg6

36.Rxc5 Black must now prevent Rc5-b5. **36...Re2+ 37.Kg3**

(Diagram)



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½-½

33	**D52**
□ **Raspfish**	**2947**
■ **Torombot**	**2972**
Rapid	06.03.2024

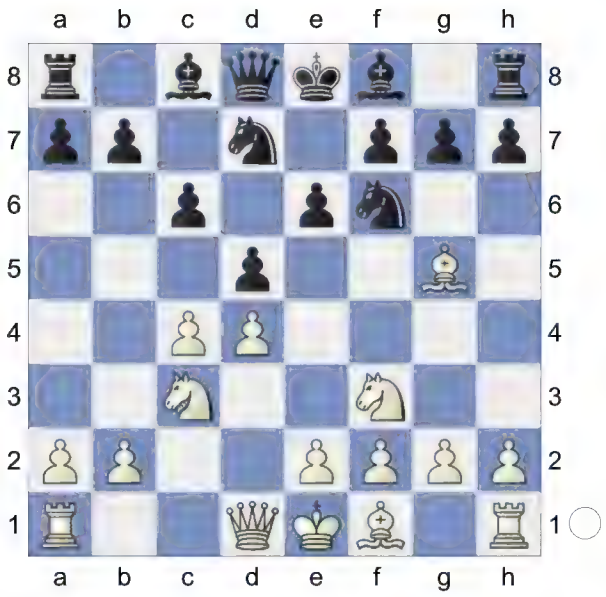
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.c4 c6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd6

11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7

(Diagram)

16.Ne4N

[16.Qe2 Bd7 *(16...b6 17.e4 Bb7 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 17.a3 a5 18.e4 b5 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.b4 Rxa3 21.bxc5 b4 22.Nb1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

16...Nxe4 17.Bxe4 a5 18.Qc2 g6 19.Rfd1 e5 20.f5

[20.Nxe5 Bxe3 21.Rb1 Bxf4∓]

20...Ra6

(Diagram)

21.Rd5 Rf6 22.Rxe5 Black is weak on the light squares

[Stronger than 22.Nxa5 Bxe3 23.Re1 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Rxf5∓]

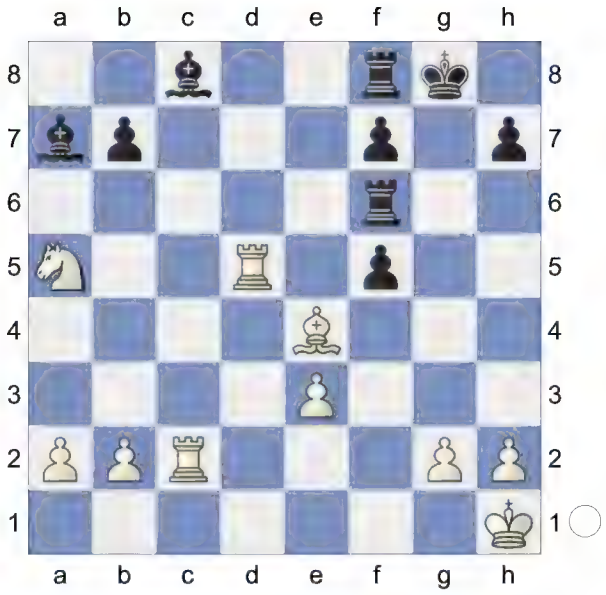
22...Qc7 23.Rd5

aiming for Nc4xa5! **23...Ba7 24.Nxa5 Qxc2 25.Rxc2**

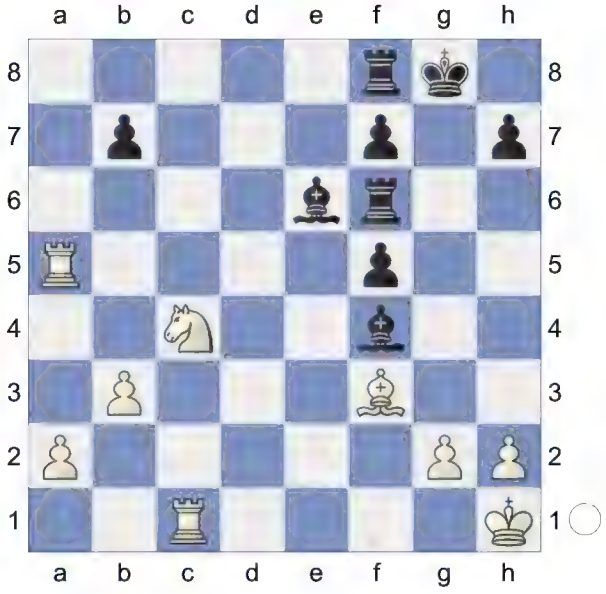
[25.Bxc2 simplifies Bxe3 26.Rcd1 gxf5 27.Nc4]

25...gxf5

(Diagram)

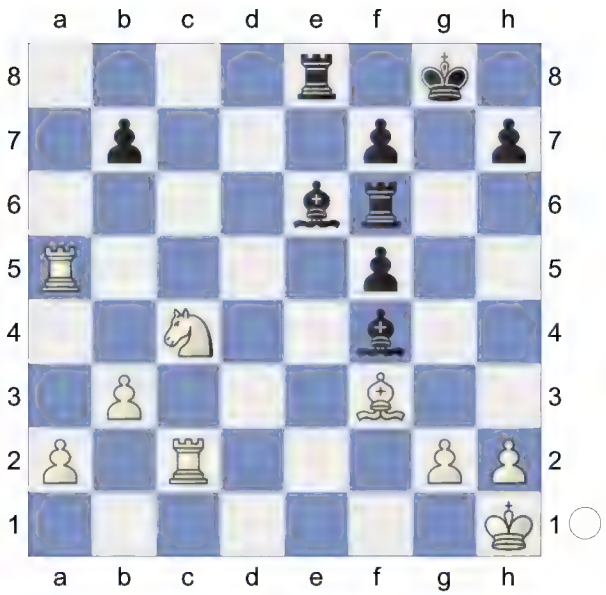


26.Bf3 Bxe3 27.Nc4 Ba7 28.Rc1 Be6 29.Ra5 Bb8 30.b3 Bf4



The position is equal. **31.Rc2 Re8**

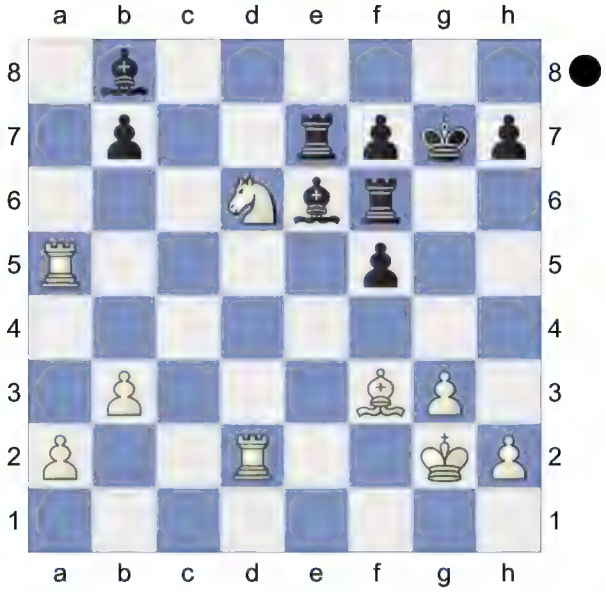
(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Be6xc4. **32.g3 Bb8**

[Wrong is 32...Bxg3? 33.hxg3 Rb8 34.Rb5+-]

33.Kg2 Kg7 34.Rd2 Re7 35.Nd6



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½-½

34 **D52**

□ **Caissa,X** **2944**

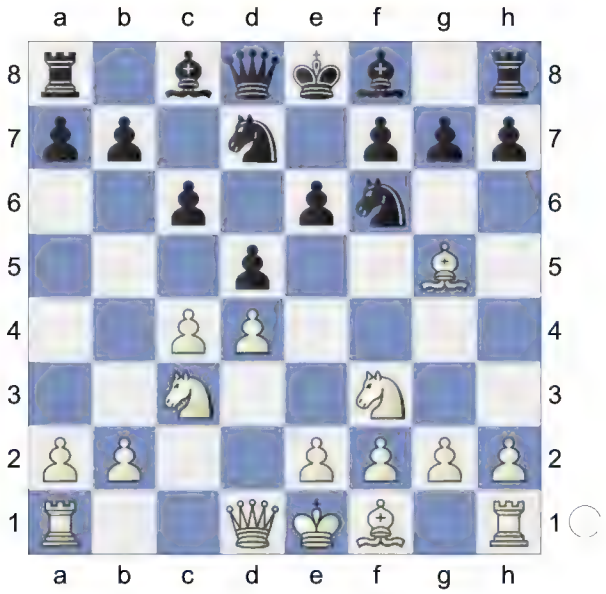
■ **Torombot** **2921**

Blitz 04.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

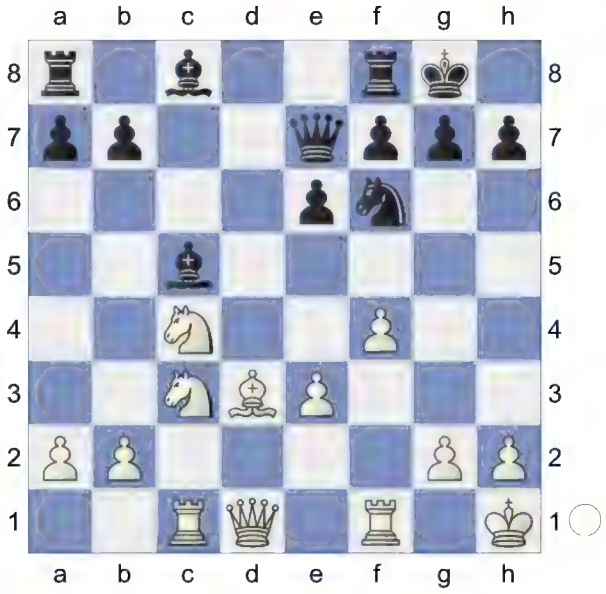
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.c4 c6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd6

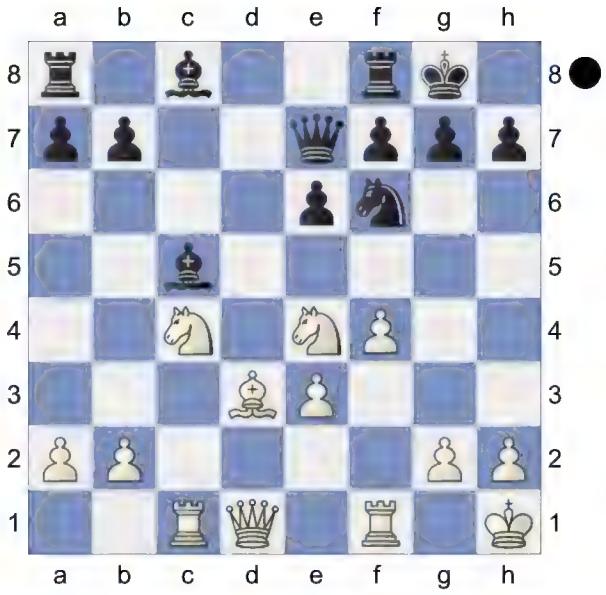
11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7



16.Ne4N

[16.Qe2 Bd7 *(16...b6 17.e4 Bb7 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 17.a3 a5 18.e4 b5 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.b4 Rxa3 21.bxc5 b4 22.Nb1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

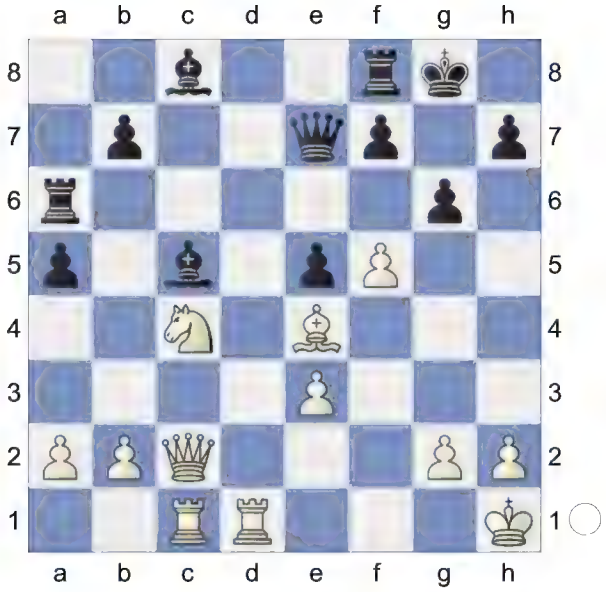
(Diagram)



Ne4xf6+ would now be deadly. **16...Nxe4 17.Bxe4 g6 18.Qc2 a5 19.Rfd1 e5 20.f5**

[20.Nxe5 Bxe3 21.Ra1 Bxf4∓]

20...Ra6



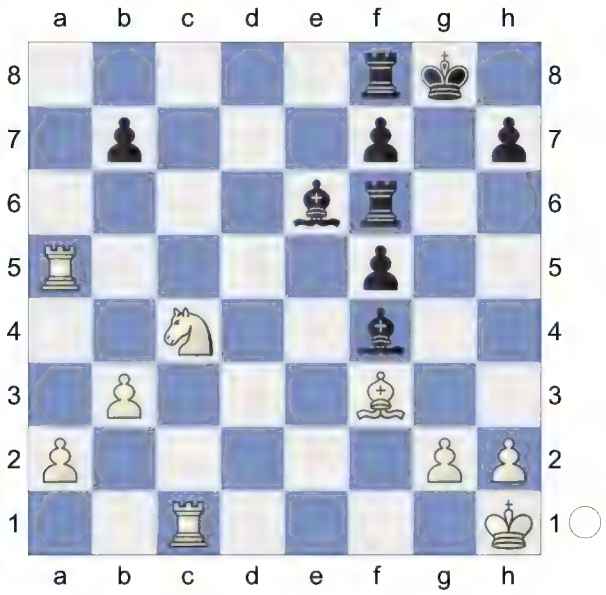
21.Rd5 Rf6 22.Rxe5 White is more active. Black is weak on the light squares

[22.Nxa5? Bxe3 23.Re1 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Rxf5∓]

22...Qc7 23.Rd5 Ba7 24.Nxa5 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 gxf5

(Diagram)

26.Bf3 Bxe3 27.Nc4 Ba7 28.Rc1 Be6 29.Ra5 Bb8 30.b3 Bf4



31.Rc2 Re8

(Diagram)

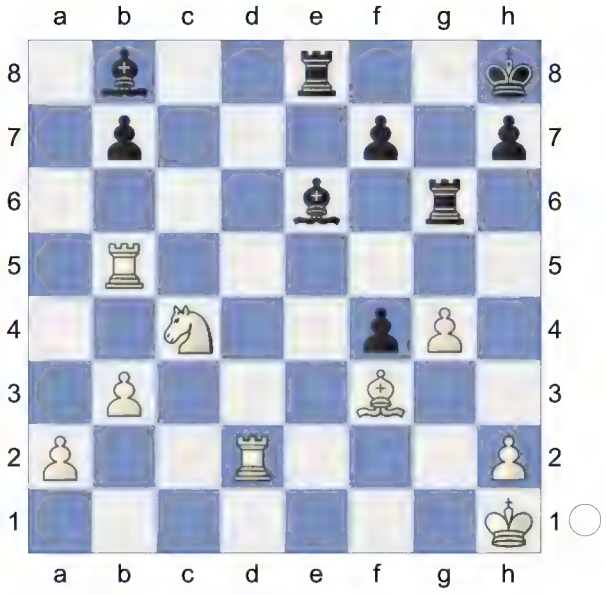
Strongly threatening ...Be6xc4. **32.g3 Bb8**

[32...Bxg3? 33.hxg3 f4 34.Nd6+- *(34.Bxb7 f3+-)*]

33.Rd2 Kh8 34.Rb5 f4 35.g4

[35.Rxb7? fxg3 36.Rxb8 Rxb8-+]

35...Rg6



36.h3

[36.Rxb7? Bxg4 37.Bxg4 Rxg4-+]

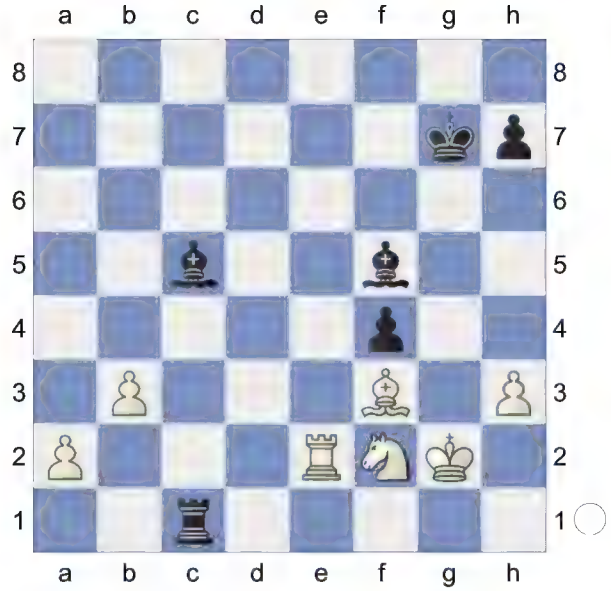
36...f5! 37.Ne5

[37.gxf5 Bxc4 38.bxc4 Rg3]

[Of course not 37.Rxb7 fxg4 38.hxg4 Bxg4∓]

37...Rg7 38.Re2 Hoping for g4xf5. **38...Rc8 39.Rxb7 fxg4** The position is equal. **40.Nxg4 Bf5**

41.Rbe7 Rxe7 42.Rxe7 Bd6 43.Re2 Rc1+ 44.Kg2 Bc5 45.Nf2 Kg7



46.a4 Kg6 47.a5 Ra1 Wards off Re2-a2 **48.Re5**

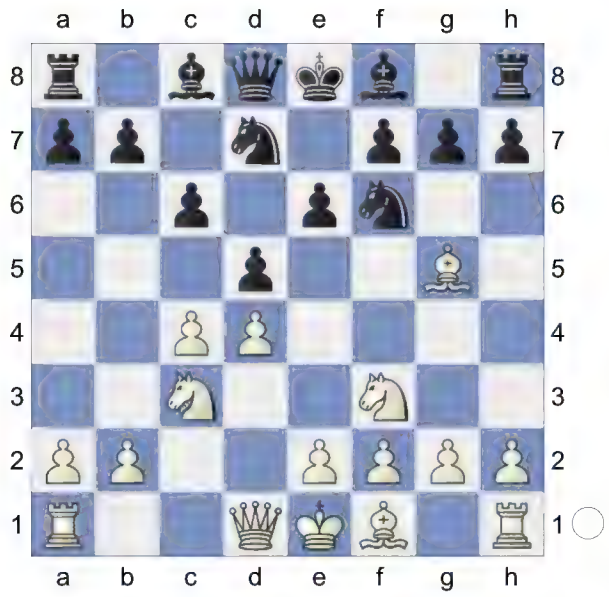
(Diagram)

Normal.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

35 **D52**
□ **May6Enexttime** **2936**
■ **Brown Player** **2907**
Blitz 21.06.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



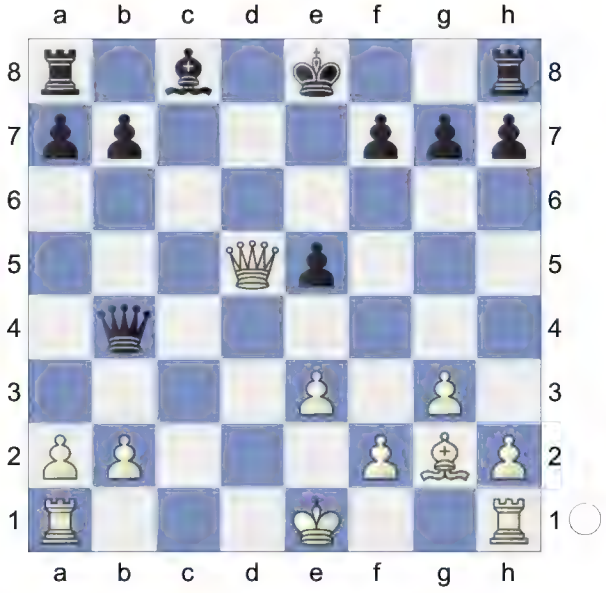
6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3N

[10.Rc1 Be7 *(10...Bd6 11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.a3 a5 18.e4 b5 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.b4 Rxa3 21.bxc5 b4 22.Nb1* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w*)* 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Queen'S Gambit-5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 Survey 2012 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 Qxa5 26.Rc1 b6 Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19.♗e4]

[10.Be2 Be7 11.a3 *(11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Qb3 Rac8 15.f4 Be8 16.f5 exf5 17.Rxf5 Qb6 18.Qc4 c5 19.d5 Qd6 20.e4 g6 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.e5 Qb6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Rf3 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 f5* (47) Part Chapter-Games Part 4 Chapter 5 *)* 11...0-0 12.b4 Rd8 13.0-0 b6 14.Bf3 Cambridge Springs Novelty,T-Nakamura,H Magnus Carlsen Invitational | Final 4 2020 (13. 1)]

10...Bd6

11.Bg2 e5 12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 The position is equal. **13.d5 cxd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Qb4+**



16.Qd2 Qxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Bd7 0.60/20

[17...Ke7= 0.12/20 feels stronger.]

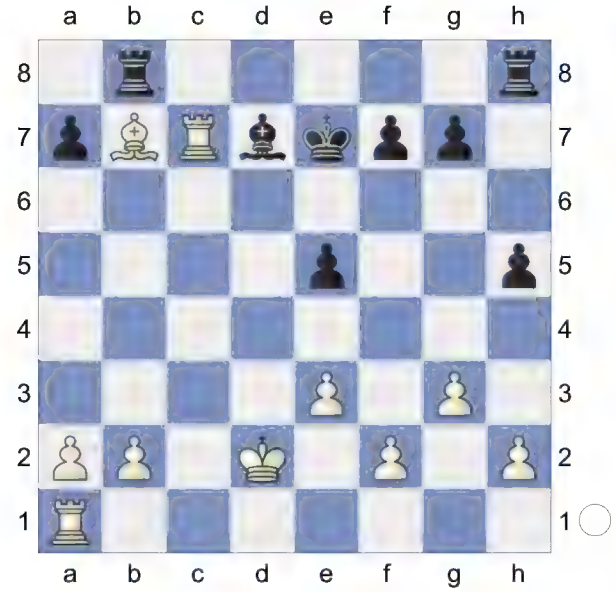
18.Rhc1!±

[18.Bxb7 Rb8 19.Bd5 Rxb2+ 20.Kc3 Rxf2∓]

18...Ke7 1.49/21

[⌓18...Kd8 0.76/19]

19.Bxb7± Rab8 20.Rc7 h5



21.h4 Rh6 22.b3 Rd6+ 23.Ke1 Kd8 24.Rac1 Be6 25.Be4 1.16/22

[25.Bf3 Ra6±]

[25.e4+- 1.73/21]

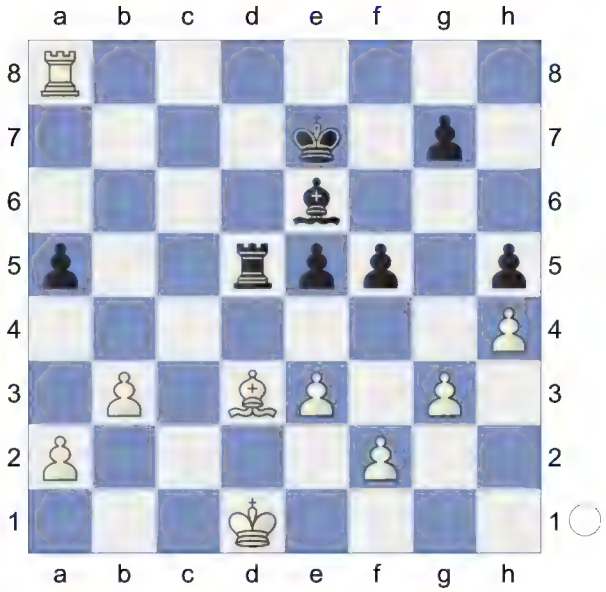
25...a5 2.60/23

[25...Ra6± 1.16/22 might work better.]

A mistake that costs the game. **26.Ra7+- Rb5 27.Ra8+ Ke7 28.Rd1 Rxd1+ 29.Kxd1** Endgame. KRB-KRB **29...f5** 2.17/26

[⌓29...Kf6 1.78/21 30.f4 g6]

30.Bd3 Rd5

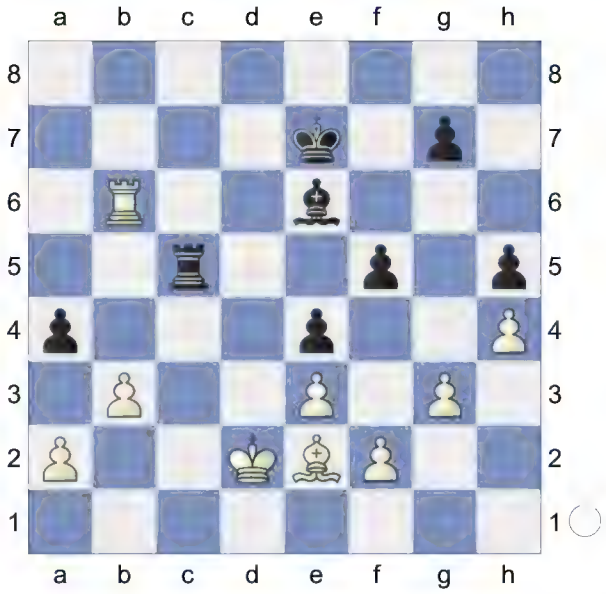


31.Kc2 Rc5+ 32.Kd2 Kf6 33.Ra6 Ke7 34.Rb6 e4 2.54/22

[34...g6 1.91/22 is a better defense. 35.Rb7+ Kf6]

35.Be2 a4? 3.38/23

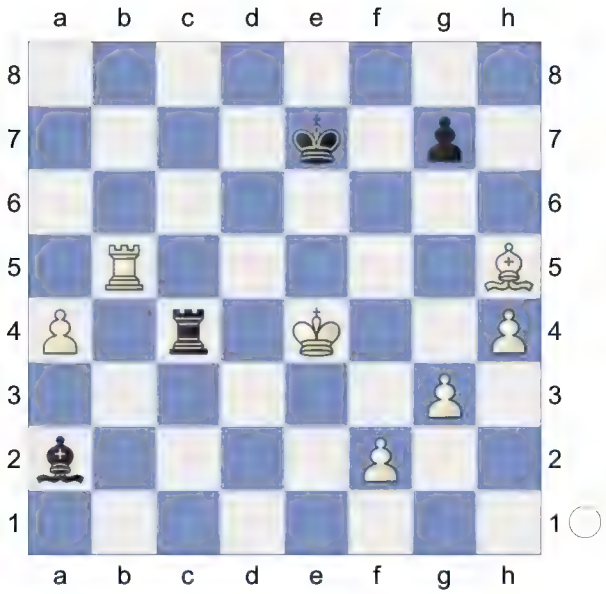
[35...Bf7 1.86/20 36.Rb8 Rd5+ 37.Kc3 Rc5+ 38.Bc4 Bxc4 39.bxc4 Rc6]



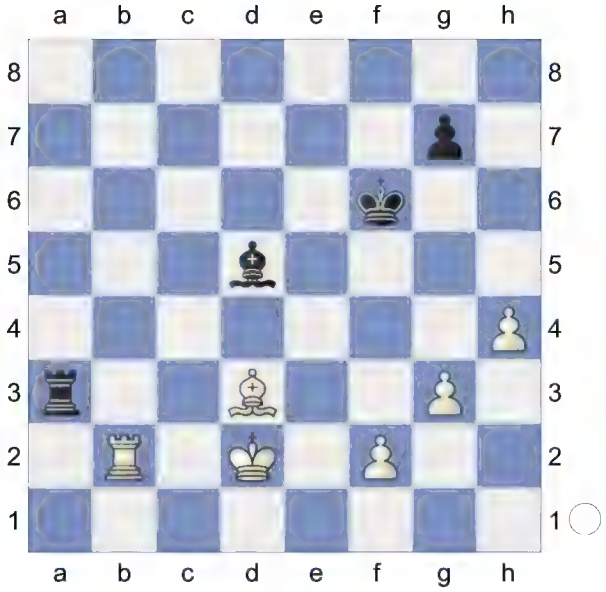
36.bxa4 Bxa2 37.Bxh5 f4 38.Rb5 fxe3+ 39.Kxe3 Rc3+ 40.Kxe4

[40.Kf4 Rc1 41.a5 *(41.Kxe4 g6+-)* 41...Bc4]

40...Rc4+



41.Ke3 Rxa4 42.Be2 Be6 43.Rb2 Ra3+ 44.Kd2 Kf6 45.Bd3 Bd5



46.Rb4 Ke5 47.Rg4 Be6 48.Rf4 Ra2+ 49.Ke3

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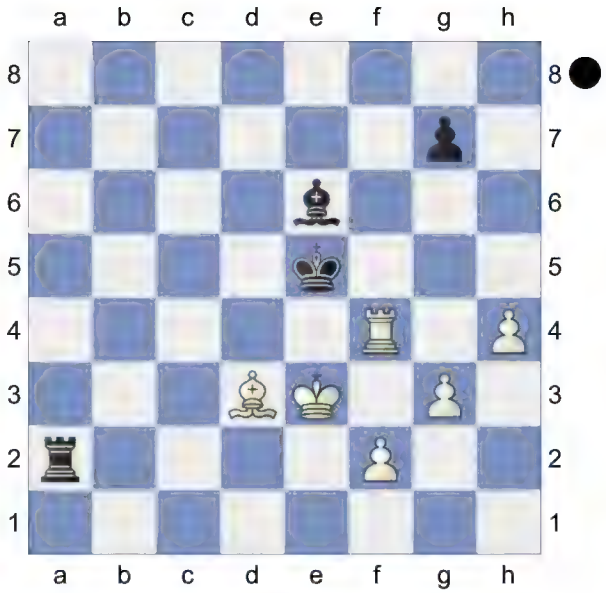
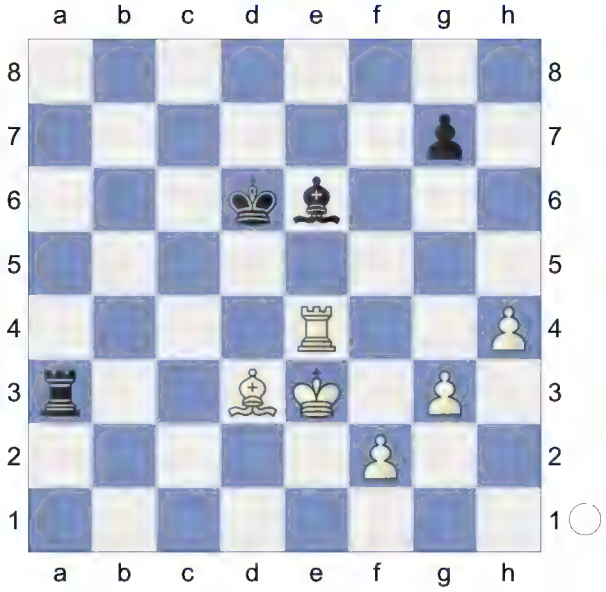


Rf4-e4+ is the strong threat. **49...Ra3 50.Re4+ Kd6**



51.Kd2 Ra2+

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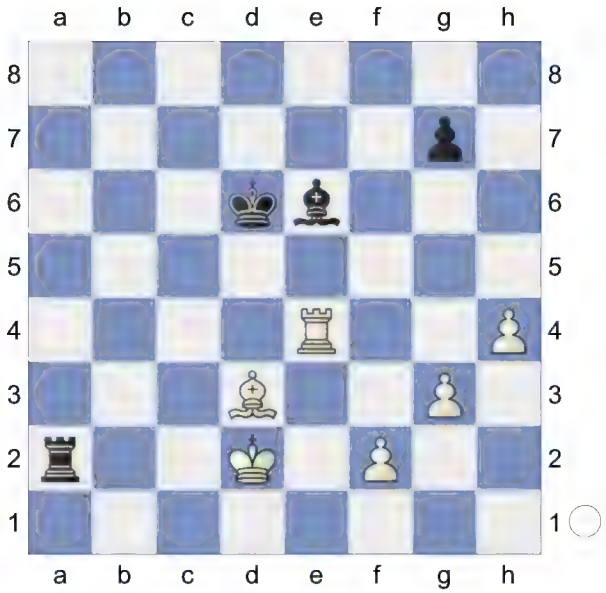
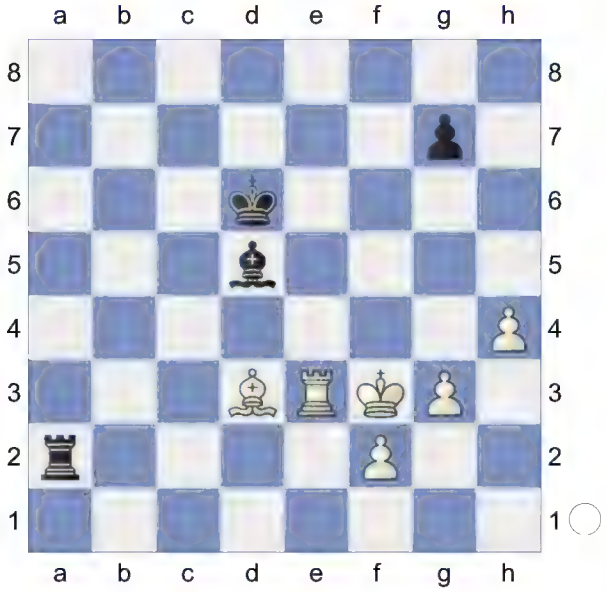


52.Ke1! Ra3 53.Re3 Ra1+ 54.Ke2 Ra2+ 55.Kf3 Threatens to win with Re3xe6+! **55...Bd5+**



56.Be4 And now Re3-d3 would win. **56...Be6 57.g4 Ra4 58.Kg3 Rb4 59.f3 Bc4 60.h5 Rb2**

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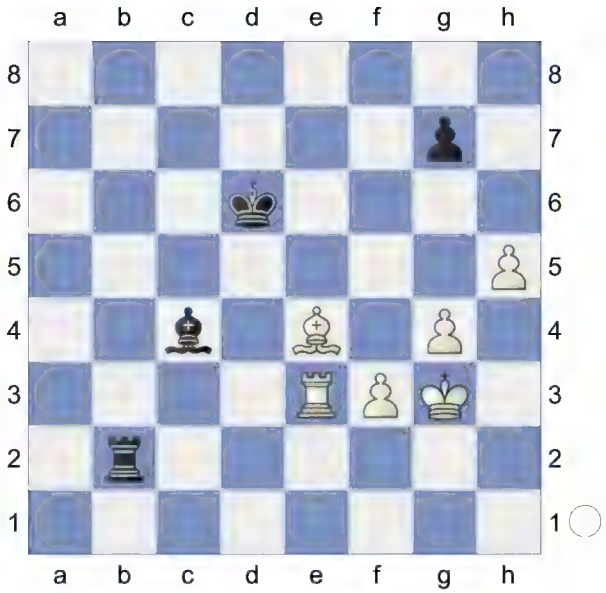
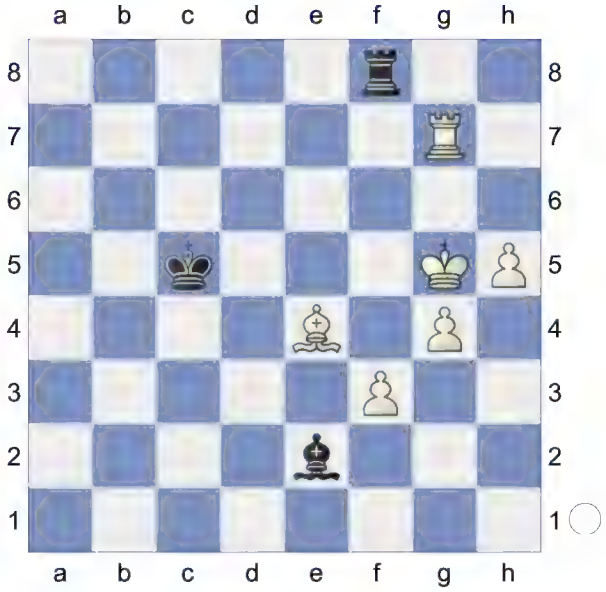


61.Kf4 Kc5? 6.58/21
[61...Bf7 3.81/21 62.Ra3 Ke7]
62.Ra3 Rb6 63.Ra7 Rf6+ 64.Kg5 Be2 65.Rxg7 Threatening mate with Rg7-c7+. **65...Rf8**



66.h6 Kd4 67.h7 Intending Rg7-g8 and mate. **67...Ke3 68.Rg8** White mates. **68...Rf7 69.h8Q Kf2 70.Qd4+ Kg3**

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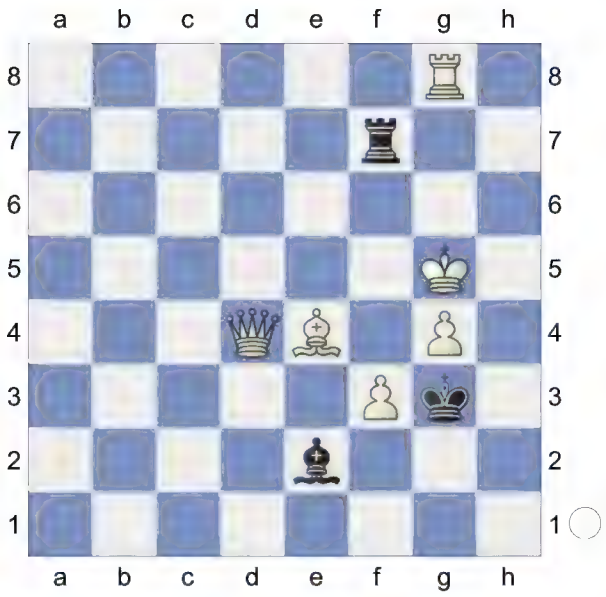
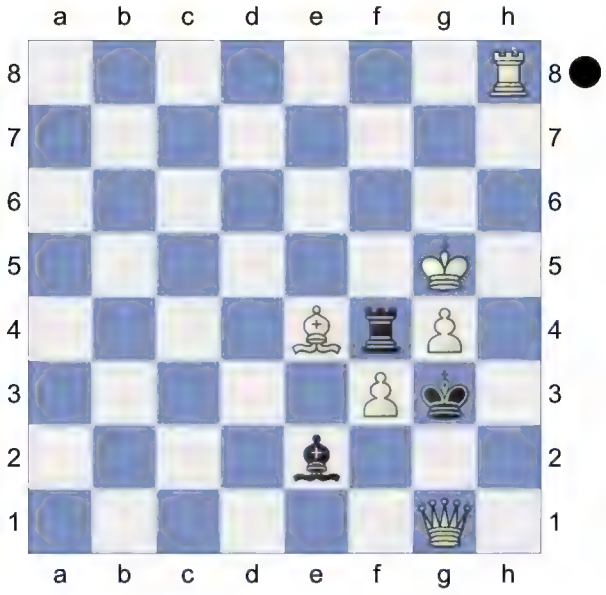


71.Rh8 Rf4 72.Qg1#



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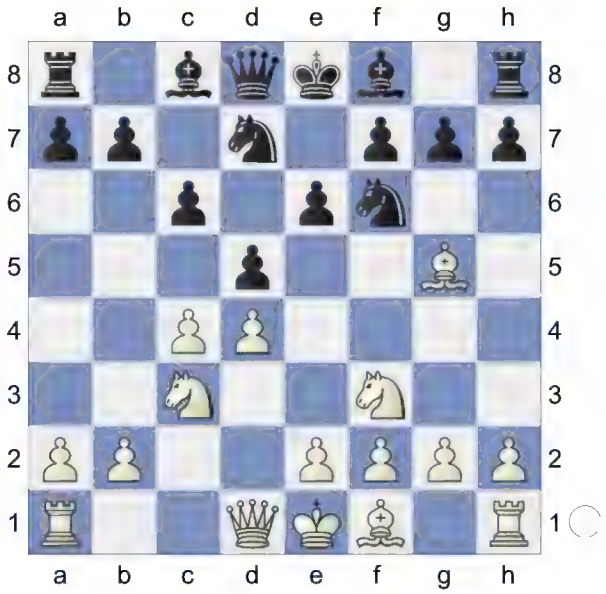
36 **D52**
□ **Englishlongbow** **2934**
■ **Saraci,Nderim** **2797**
Blitz 03.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.Bd3N

[11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0

A) 13...Bd7

A1) 14.e4 b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 *(17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 Ra1 30.a3 a5 31.bxa5 Ke7* ½-½ (38) Janata (2489)-6. ♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1]*)* 17...Be8 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rd2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4;

A2) 14.Qc2 Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3);

B) 13...Nd5 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Queen'S Gambit-5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 Survey 2012 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 Qxa5 26.Rc1 b6 Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19.♗e4]

11...0-0 12.0-0 b6 13.Ne4 Bb7 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 White has an edge. **15.b4 Rac8**

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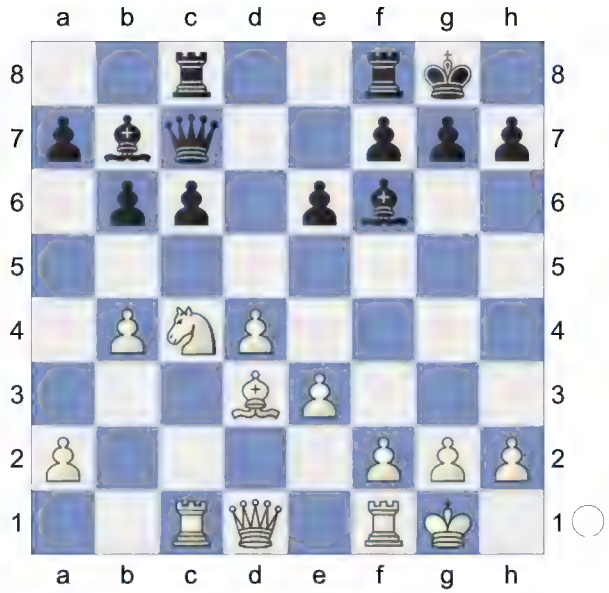
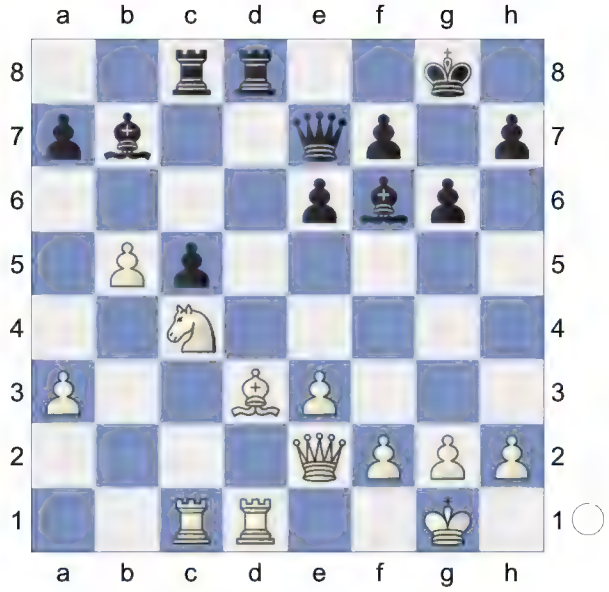


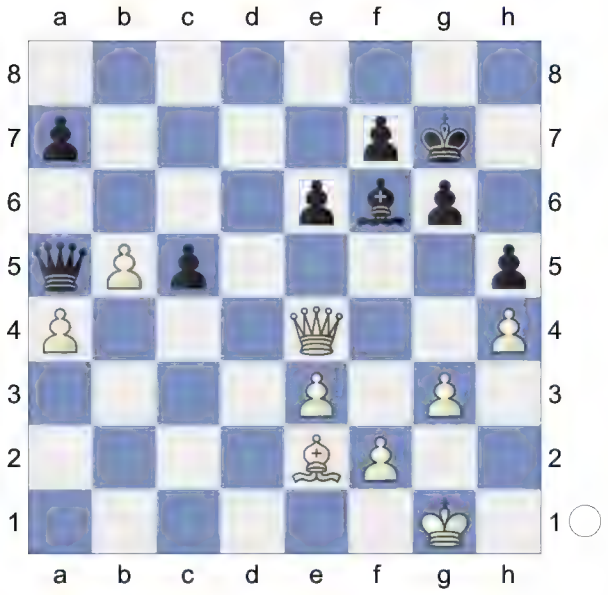
16.Qe2 Qe7 17.a3 c5 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 g6



21.a4 Bd5 22.Qc2 Qc7 23.Be2 Bxc4 24.Qxc4 Qa5 25.g3 Rxd1+

(Diagram)

26.Rxd1
[26.Bxd1 looks sharper. Qe1+ 27.Kg2 Bb2 28.Rb1]
26...Rd8 Against Rd1-d7 **27.Rxd8+ Bxd8=** Endgame. KQB-KQB **28.h4 h5 29.Qd3 Bf6 30.Qe4 Kg7**



31.Kg2 Qd2 32.Bc4 Black must now prevent Qe4-b7. **32...Qb4 33.Qc2 Bc3 34.Be2 Be5 35.Qd1 c4**

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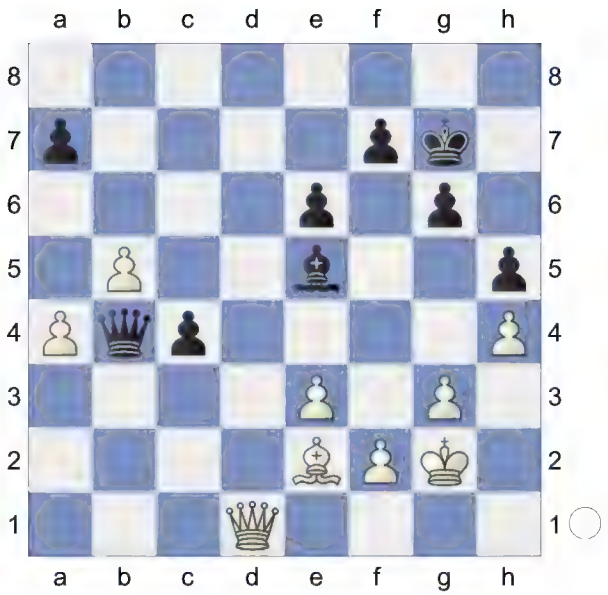
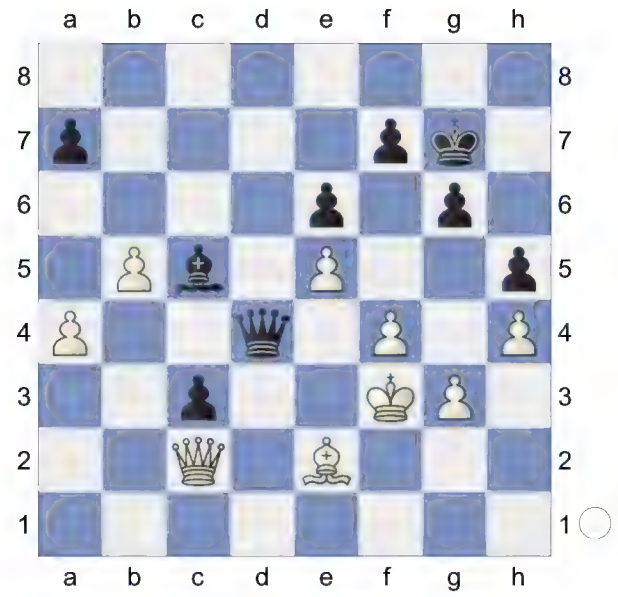


36.f4 -0.63/21
[36.Qc2= -0.16/21]
36...Bf6∓ 37.e4 -1.08/21
[37.Kf3∓ -0.60/20 should be considered.]
37...c3 38.e5? -2.34/23
[38.Bd3∓ -0.76/20]
38...Be7 -1.14/24
[38...Bxe5-+ -2.34/23 aiming for ... Qb4-b2! 39.Qc1 *(39.fxe5 Qb2-+)* 39...Bf6]
39.Qc2 Bc5↑ Black has strong initiative.
40.Kf3? -2.85/28
[40.Bd3∓ -1.09/24]
40...Qd4-+

(Diagram)



41.Bf1? -16.64/23
[41.Bd3 -2.74/25]
41...Qe3+ 42.Kg2 Qg1+ Deflection
43.Kf3 Qe3+? -0.01/5
[Better is 43...Qxf1+-+ -16.76/24 44.Ke4 Kh7 45.a5 Qxb5 46.Qd1 Qc4+ *(46...Qxa5? 47.Kd3-+)* 47.Kf3 c2 48.Qa1 c1Q *(48...c1B* leads to mate. *49.Qxc1 Qxc1 50.Ke2 Qc2+ 51.Ke1 Qf2+ 52.Kd1 Be3 53.a6 Qd2#)* 49.Qxc1 Qxc1 50.Ke2 Qc2+ 51.Ke1 Be3 52.g4 Qf2+ 53.Kd1 Qd2#]
44.Kg2= Bb6? -2.65/23
[44...g5 -10.31/24 (-> ...g5-g4) 45.hxg5 Qg1+ Deflection 46.Kf3 Qxf1+ 47.Ke4 Bb6]
45.Bd3-+ Qg1+

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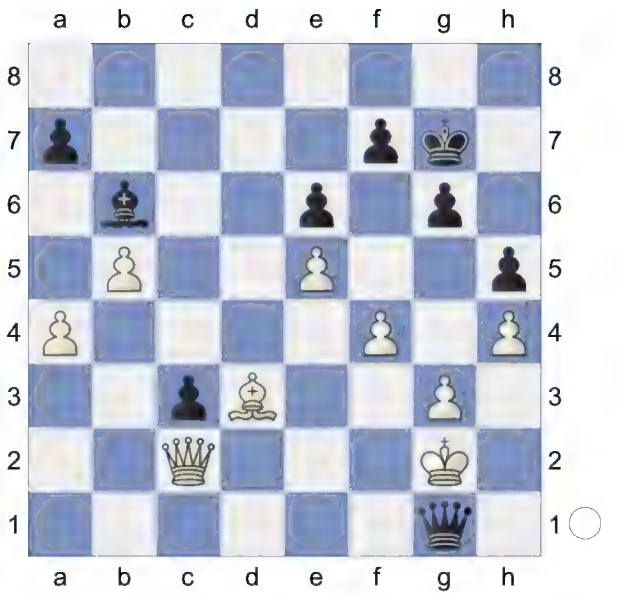
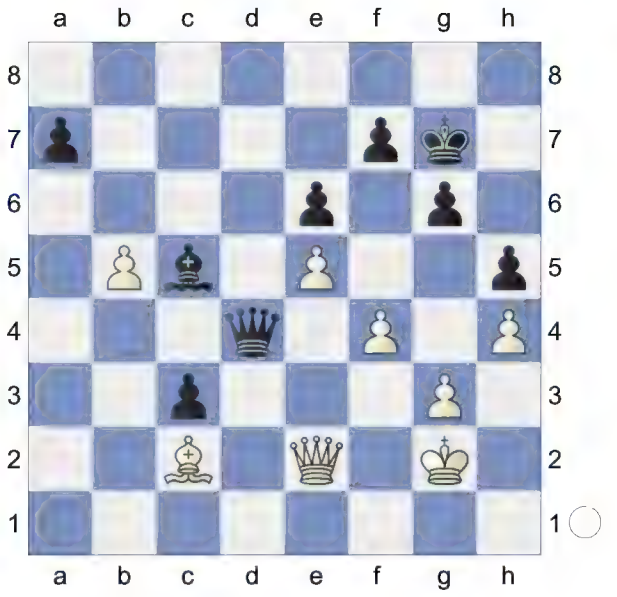


46.Kf3 Qh1+ 47.Qg2 Qd1+ 48.Qe2 Qxa4 49.Bc2 Qd4 50.Kg2 Bc5



51.Kf3 f6 -1.08/22
[51...Kf8-+ -2.67/27 is more deadly. Strongly threatening ...Qd4-g1. 52.Kg2 Qg1+ 53.Kf3 Kg8]
52.exf6+∓ Kxf6 53.Bb3 e5 54.fxe5+ Qxe5 55.Qxe5+ Kxe5

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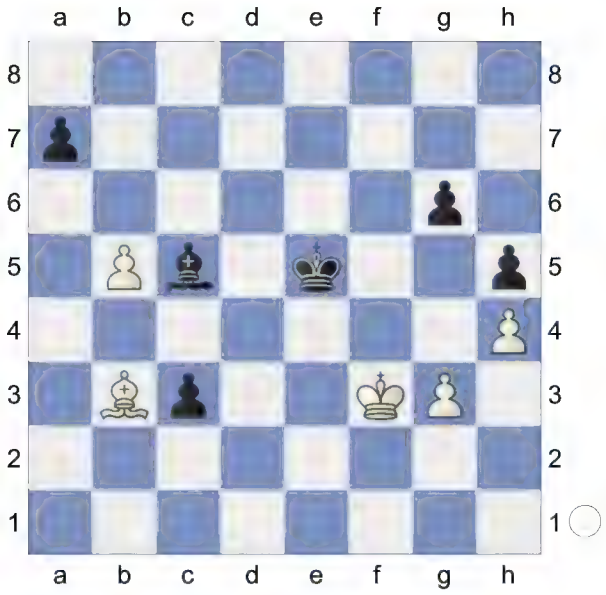
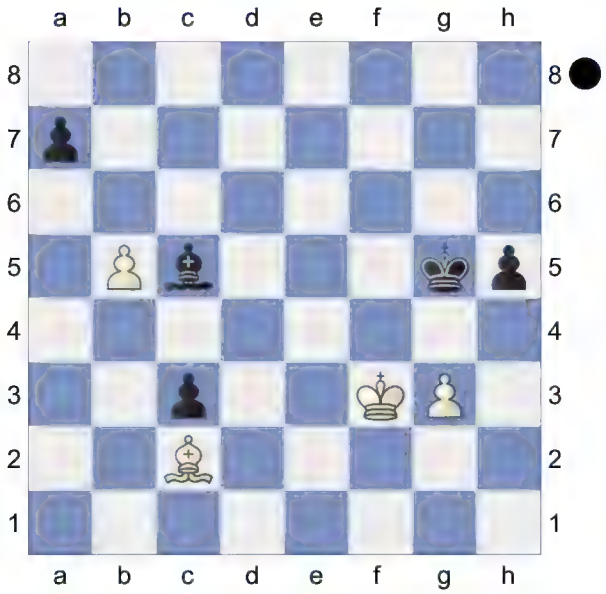


KB-KB **56.Bc2** -2.89/25
[⌓56.Ke2 -2.05/26]
56...Kf6? -1.13/27
[56...Kd4-+ -2.89/25 has better winning chances. And now ...Bc5-f8 would win. 57.g4 g5 58.hxg5 h4]
57.Ke4 g5 58.hxg5+ Kxg5 ...Kg5-g4 is the strong threat. **59.Kf3**



Bf2? 13.22/26 **60.Bd3?** -1.21/27
[Only move: 60.Kxf2+- 13.22/26 Kg4 61.Bd3]

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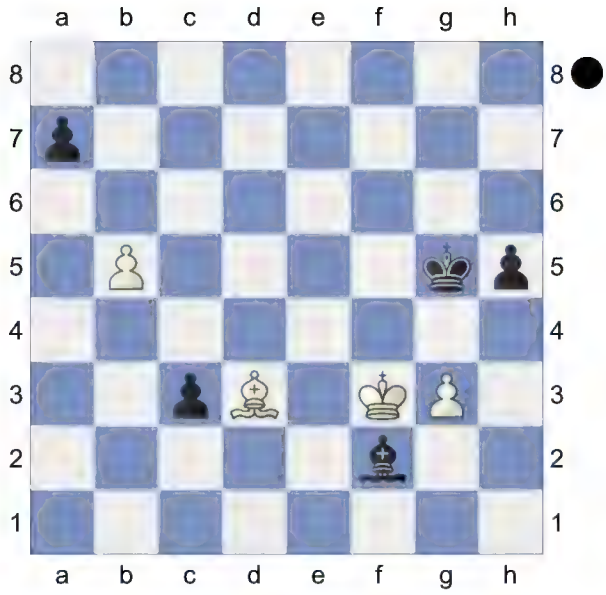
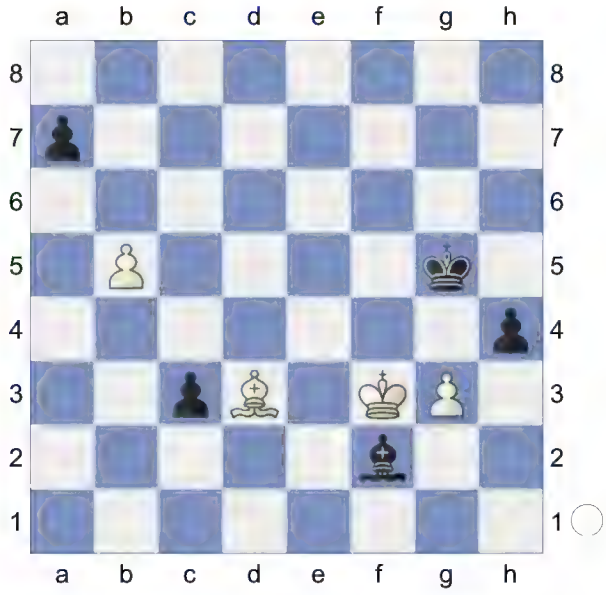


60...h4? 10.32/29



61.Kxf2+- KB-K3P **61...h3 62.Kg1** Threatens to win with Kg1-h2. **62...h2+ 63.Kxh2 Kg4 64.Kg2 Kg5 65.Bc2 Kf6**

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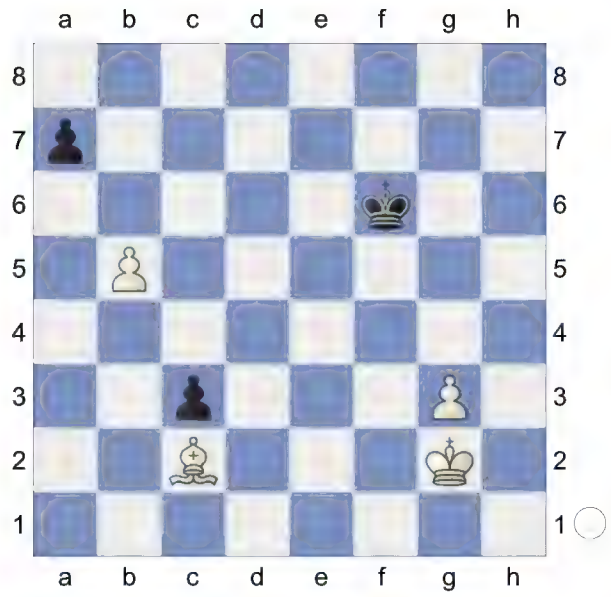
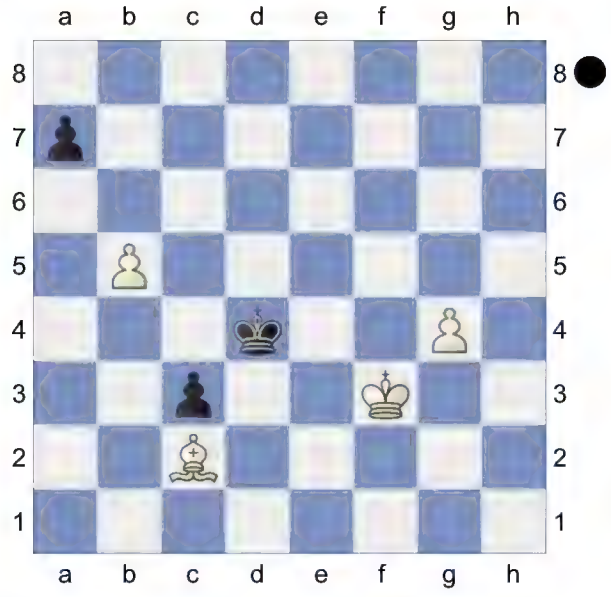


66.Kf2 Ke5 67.Kf3 Kd4 68.g4



Quite a comeback for White.
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37 **D52**
□ **Starfaith** **2925**
■ **Cheng** **2546**
Rapid 22.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qd5
[10...Qc7 11.Be2 c5 12.0-0 Bd7 13.a3 cxd4 14.axb4 dxc3 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Ne5 Rfc8 17.Qd4 Be8 18.Bf3 a6 19.g3 Rd8 20.Rfc1 Rxd4 21.Rxc7 Rxb4 22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Bxb7 Rb8 24.Bxa6 Rxb2 25.Bd3 ½-½ (35) Pert,M (2034)-Kumar,S (1942) BCF-ch Major 2024 (6)]

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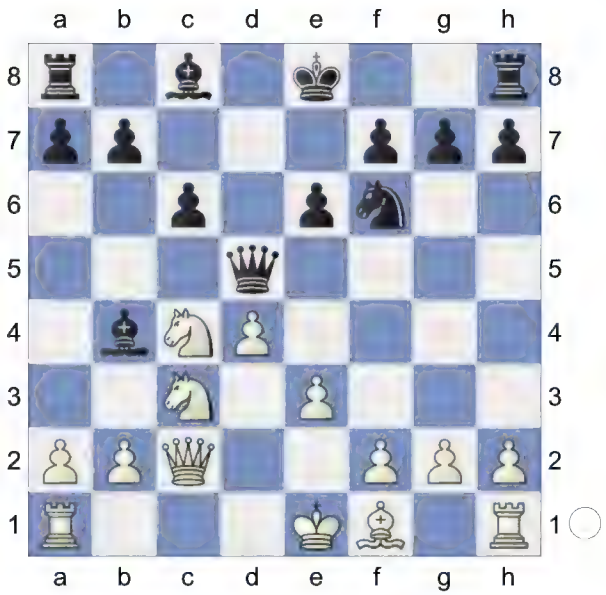


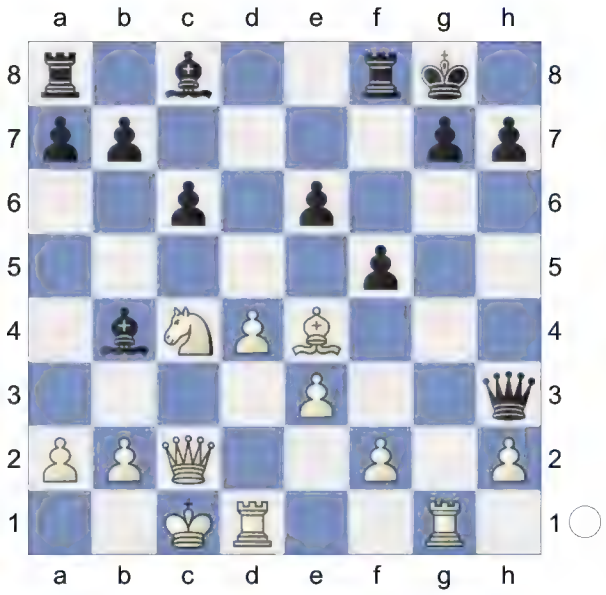
11.Bd3N

[11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 0-0 13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Ne5 Qxc3+ 16.Rxc3 Nd5 17.Rc1 f6 18.Nc4 Bd7 19.Be2 Rfc8 20.0-0 Bb5 Drozdowski, K (2448)-Cheparinov,I (2658) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 148/(147) 2021]

11...Qxg2 12.0-0-0 Qh3 13.Ne4

The position is equal. **13...Nxe4**

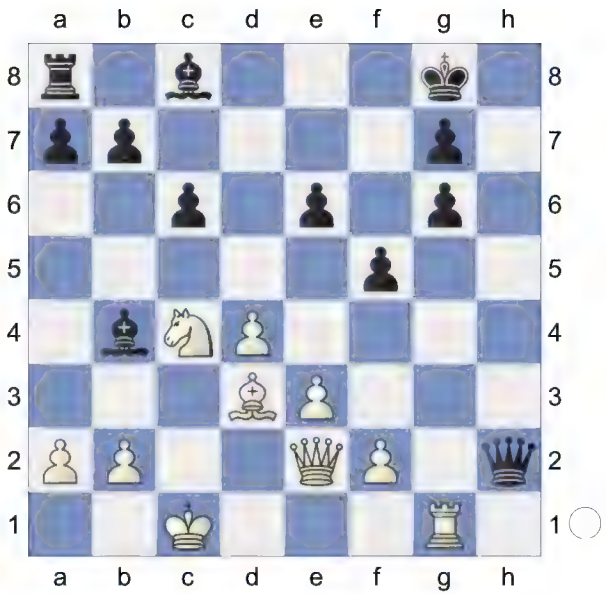
14.Bxe4 0-0 15.Rhg1 f5



16.Rg3 Qh6 17.Bd3 Qxh2 18.Qe2

Strongly threatening Qe2-f3. **18...Rf6**

19.Rdg1! Rg6 20.Rxg6 hxg6



21.Qf1 Black must now prevent Rg1-h1!

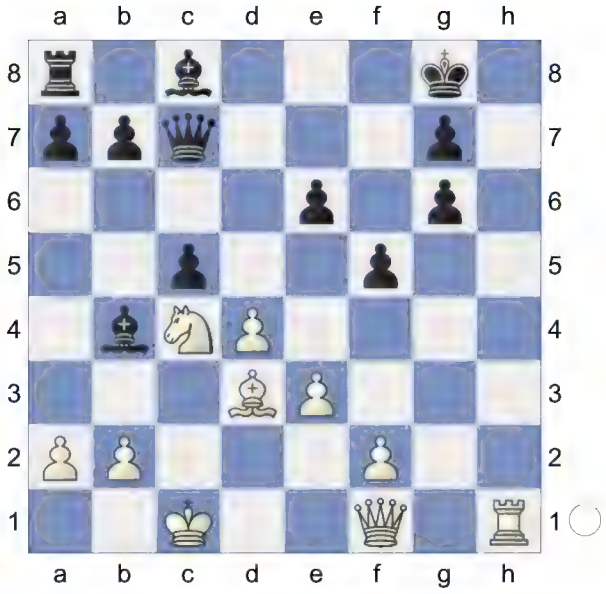
21...c5 2.12/20

[21...Qc7± 0.75/20]

22.Rh1+-

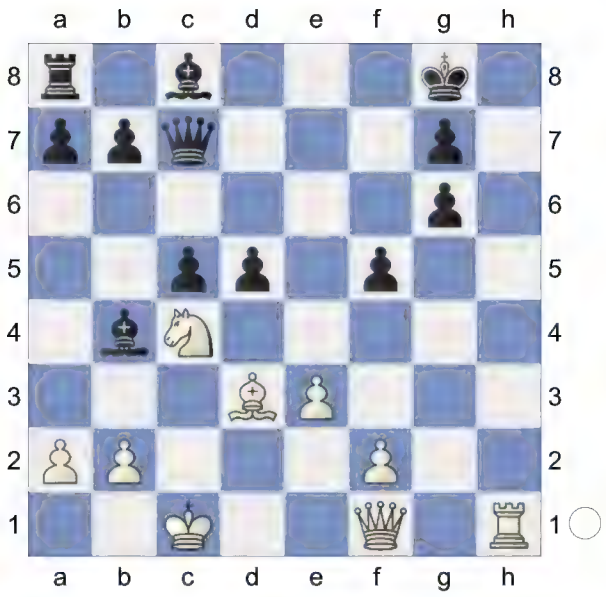
[22.Rxg6? cxd4 23.exd4 Qf4+ 24.Kb1 Qxd4∓]

22...Qc7



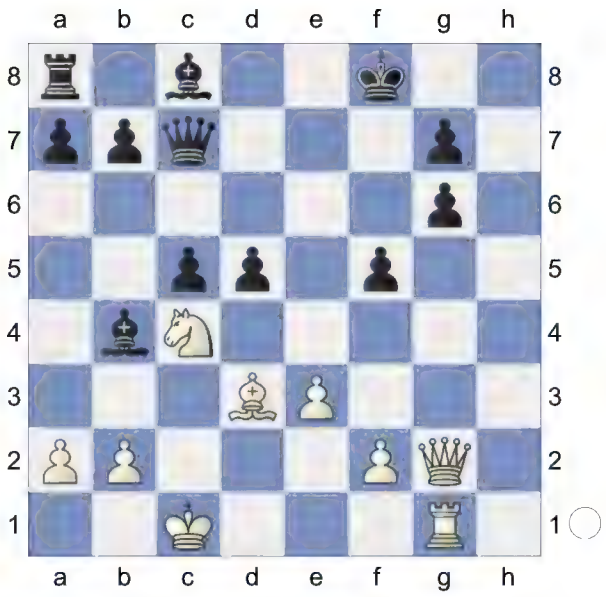
And now ...b7-b5 would win. **23.d5! exd5**

(Diagram)

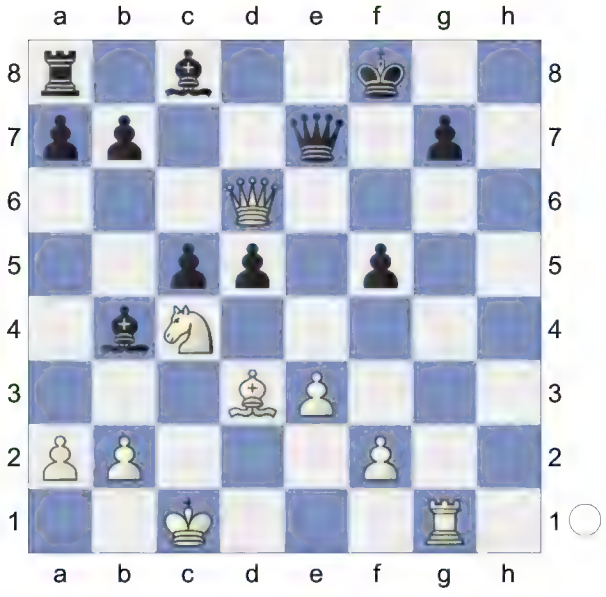


24.Qg2!↑ White is on the roll. **24...Kf7**
[24...dxc4 25.Bxc4+ Kf8 26.Qg5]
[24...Be6 25.Qxg6]
25.Rg1 White is more active.
[25.Qxd5+ Be6 26.Qg2 Rd8∓]
25...Kf8? 3.75/23
[25...dxc4? 26.Qxg6+ Ke7 *(26...Kf8? 27.Bxc4 Qe7 28.Qh5+-)* 27.Qxg7+ *(27.Bxf5 Bxf5 28.Qxf5 Rg8=)* 27...Kd6 28.Rg6+ *(28.Bxc4? Qxg7 29.Rxg7 Bd7-+)* 28...Be6 29.Rxe6+ *(29.Bxf5? Qxg7 30.Rxg7 Bxf5-+)* 29...Kxe6 30.Bxf5+ *(30.Qxc7 cxd3 31.f4 d2+ 32.Kc2 Rg8+-)* 30...Kxf5 31.Qxc7+-]
[25...Kg8± 1.57/22 is a better defense.]

(Diagram)



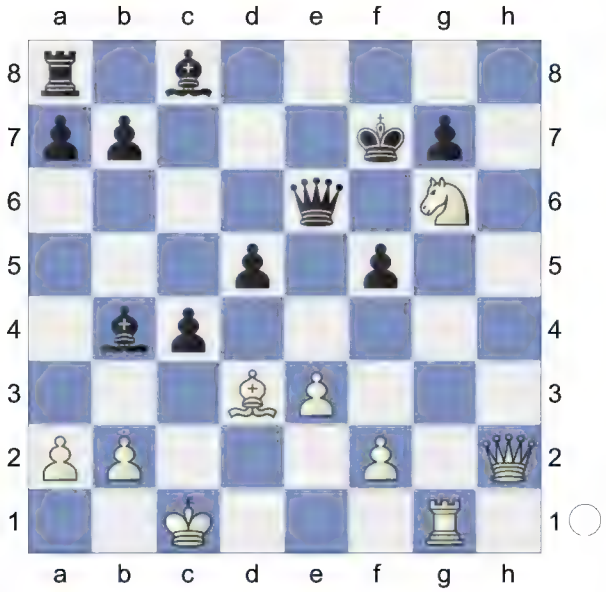
Loses the game. **26.Qxg6**
[26.Qxd5 Qd7 27.Qh1 *(27.Nd6 Qe6=)* 27...Qe6+- *(27...Qxd3? 28.Qh8+ Ke7 29.Qxg7+ Kd8 30.Rd1+-)*]
26...Qf7
[26...dxc4 27.Bxc4 Qe7 28.Qh5+- *(28.Qh7 Ke8+-* Decoy *)*]
27.Qd6+ Qe7



28.Qh2 White threatens Qh2-h8+ and mate. **28...Qe6 29.Ne5** Threatens to win with Qh2-h8+. **29...c4 30.Ng6+**
[30.Qh8+ Qg8 31.Qh4 *(31.Ng6+*

Kf7±) 31...Ke8+-]

30...Kf7



31.Qh5! Ke8

[31...cxd3? 32.Nf4+ g6 33.Qh7+ *(33.Qxg6+? Qxg6 34.Nxg6 d2+ 35.Kd1 Ba5-+)* 33...Ke8 34.Nxe6 Bxe6 35.Rxg6 *(35.Qxg6+ Kd7+-)* 35...Rc8+ 36.Kd1+-]

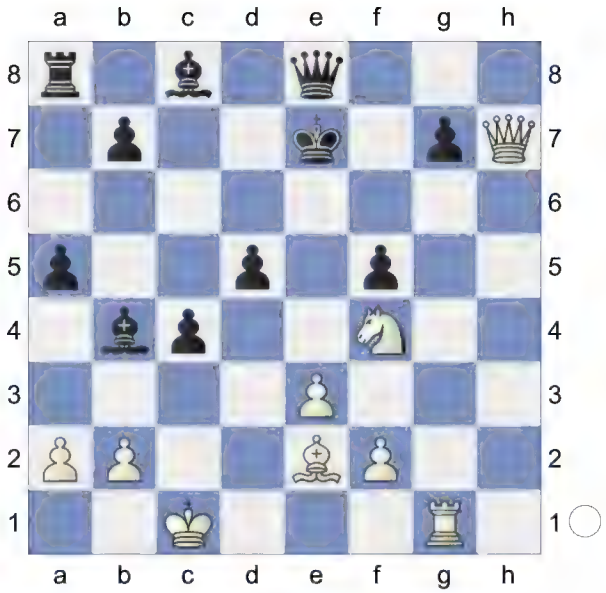
[31...Kf6 32.Nh8]

32.Qh8+ Kf7 33.Be2 Qe8 34.Qh7 a5 9.54/24

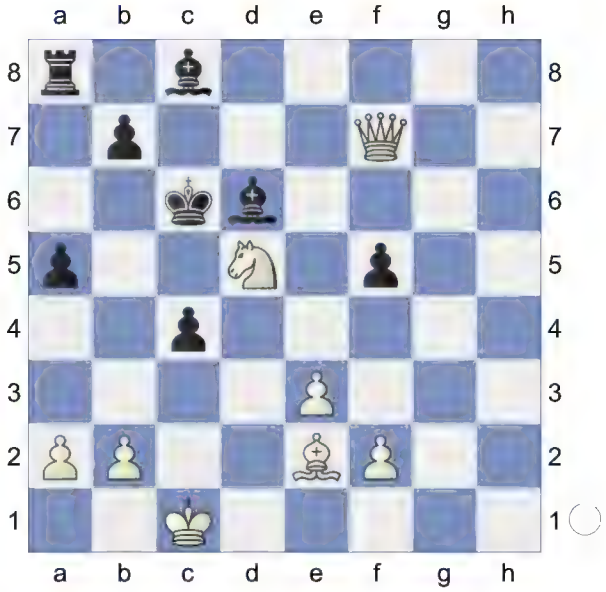
[⌓34...c3 4.23/17 35.Nh8+ Ke7 36.Qh4+ *(36.Qxg7+ Kd8∓)* 36...Ke6 37.Rg6+ *(37.Qxb4 Qxh8 38.Qxc3 Bd7±)* 37...Qxg6 38.Nxg6 Bd6]

35.Nf4 Ke7

(Diagram)



36.Rxg7+ Kd6 37.Rg6+ Qxg6 38.Qxg6+ Kc5 39.Qf7 Kc6 Prevents Qf7-c7+. **40.Nxd5 Bd6**

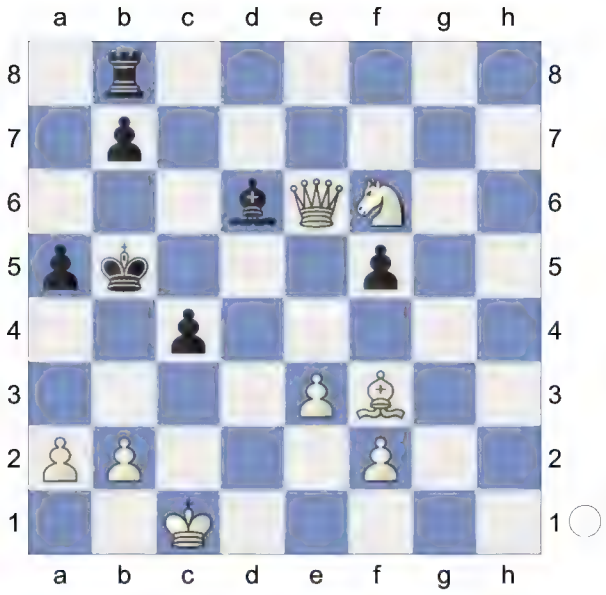


Dodges Qf7-c7+ **41.Bf3** Nd5-c3+ would kill now. **41...Rb8 42.Qe8+** White mates. **42...Bd7 43.Nf6+ Kb5 44.Qxd7+**

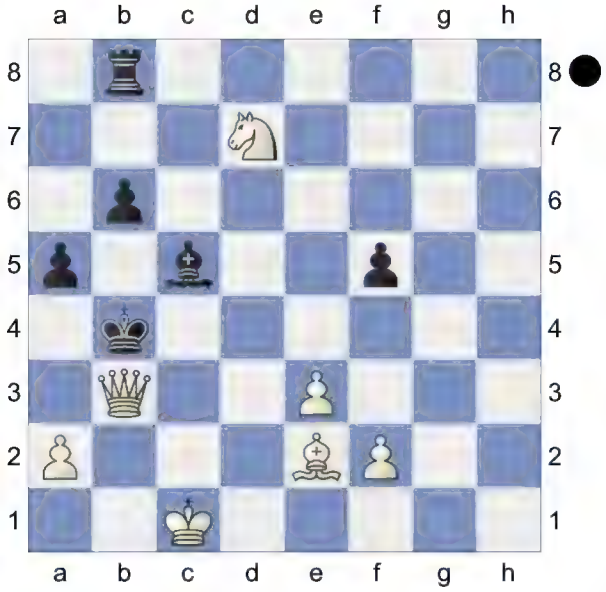
[44.Nxd7? too greedy. Rxe8 45.Bxb7 Rd8 46.a4+ Kb4-+]

44...Kc5 45.Qe6 Kb5

(Diagram)



46.Nd7 Bc5 47.Qd5 b6 48.b3 cxb3 49.Be2+ Kb4 50.Qxb3#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.46

1-0

38 **D52**

□ **Reinforcementtrial** **2923**

■ **Torombot** **2920**

Rapid 17.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3N

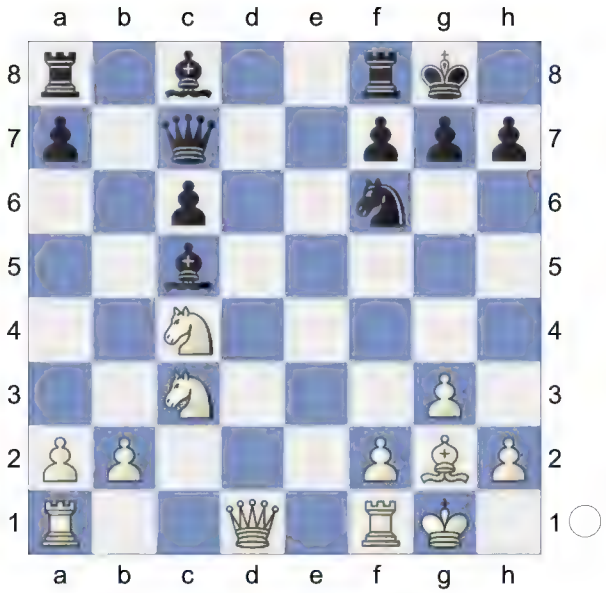
[10.Rc1 Be7 *(10...Bd6 11.f4 0-0 12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Kh1 Qe7 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.a3 a5 18.e4 b5 19.Nxa5 Rxa5 20.b4 Rxa3 21.bxc5 b4 22.Nb1* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w*)* 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Queen'S Gambit-5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 Survey 2012 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 Qxa5 26.Rc1 b6 Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741)

after B23) 19.♗e4]
[10.Be2 Be7 11.a3 *(11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Qb3 Rac8 15.f4 Be8 16.f5 exf5 17.Rxf5 Qb6 18.Qc4 c5 19.d5 Qd6 20.e4 g6 21.Nxg6 hxg6 22.e5 Qb6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Rf3 Bd4+ 25.Kh1 f5* (47) Part Chapter-Games Part 4 Chapter 5 *)* 11...0-0 12.b4 Rd8 13.0-0 b6 14.Bf3 Cambridge Springs Novelty,T-Nakamura,H Magnus Carlsen Invitational | Final 4 2020 (13.1)]

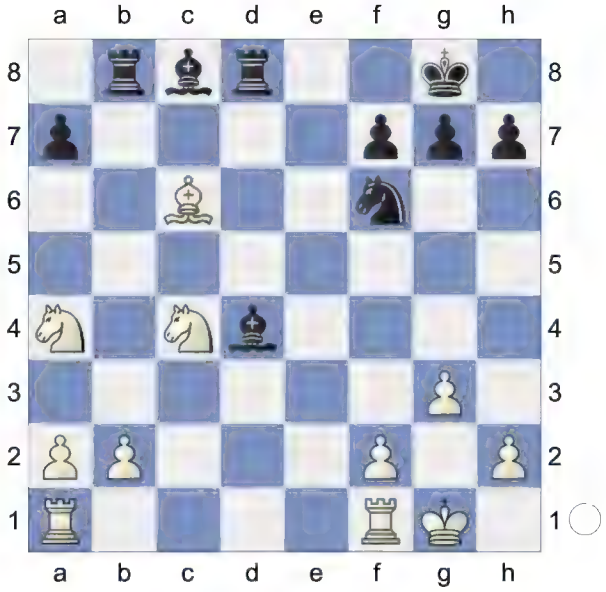
10...Bd6

11.Bg2 e5 12.0-0 exd4 White has an edge. **13.exd4** aiming for d4-d5. **13...0-0 14.d5** Prevents Bc8-e6. Hoping for d5xc6. **14...Bc5 15.dxc6! bxc6**

(Diagram)

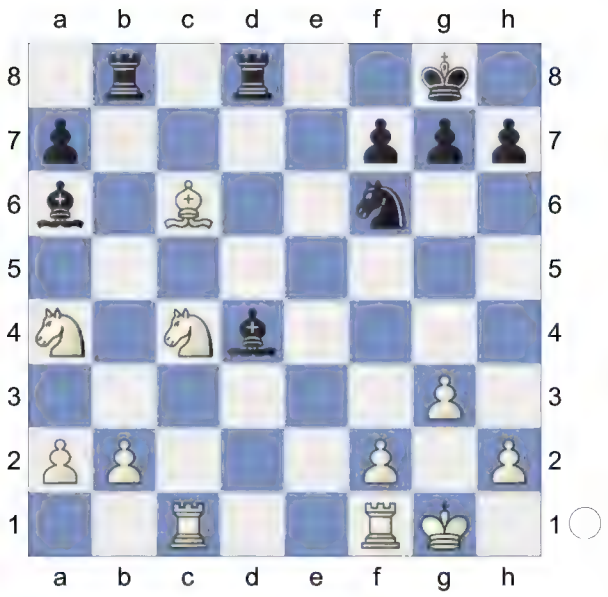


16.Na4 Rd8 17.Qf3 Bd4 18.Qxc6 Qxc6 19.Bxc6 Rb8



...Bc8-a6 is the strong threat. **20.Rac1 Ba6**

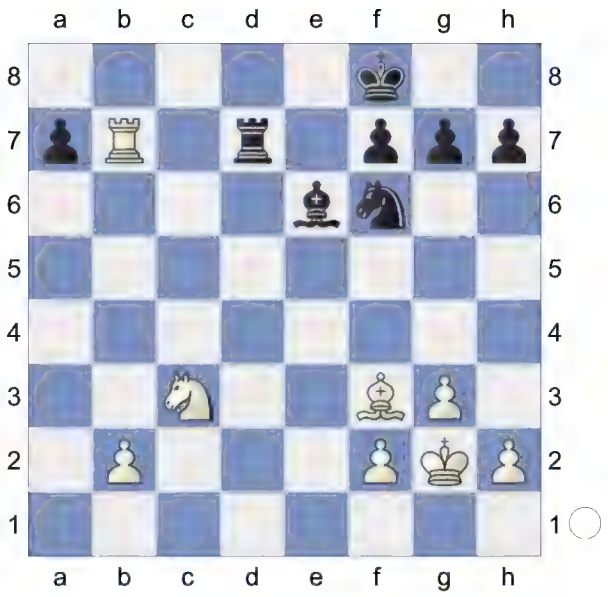
(Diagram)



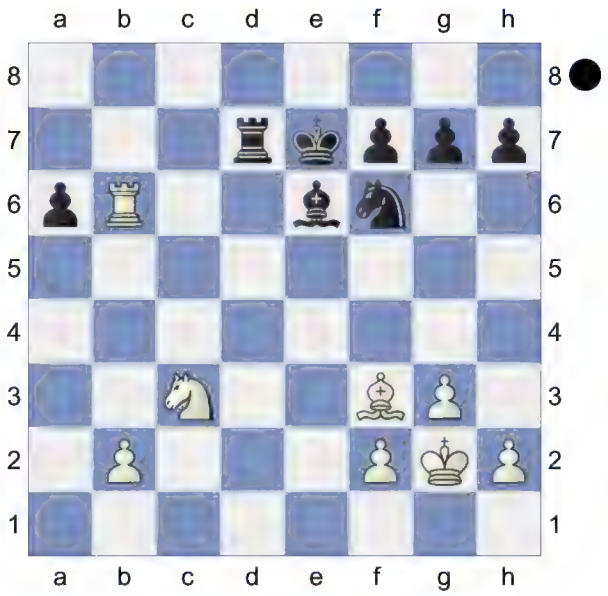
...Rb8-c8 would now be deadly. This pair of bishops is nice. **21.Bf3 Rdc8 22.Be2 Re8 23.Bf3 Rec8 24.Rfd1 Bxc4 25.Rxd4 Bxa2**

26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.Nc3 Be6 28.Rb4 Kf8 29.Kg2 Rd8 30.Rb7 Rd7

(Diagram)



31.Rb8+ Ke7 32.Bc6 -0.01/21
[32.Ra8± 0.39/20]
32...Rc7= 33.Bf3 Rd7 34.Rb5 a6 35.Rb6

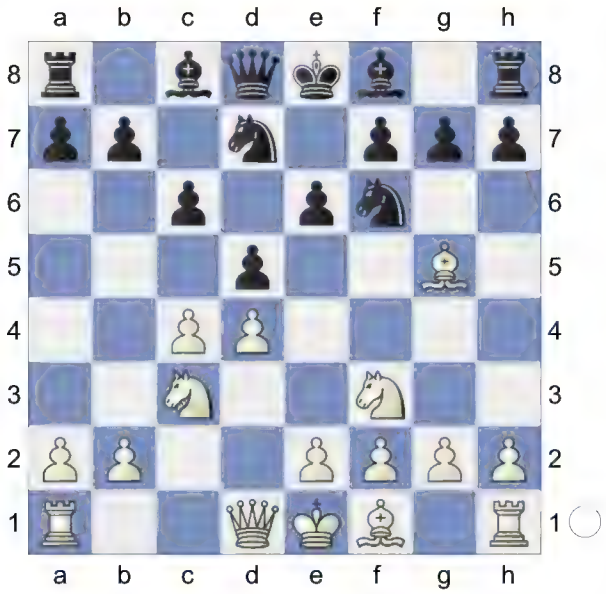


An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

39 **D52**
□ **Bushidonaruto** **2922**
■ **Ilikeblitz** **2834**
Blitz 22.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

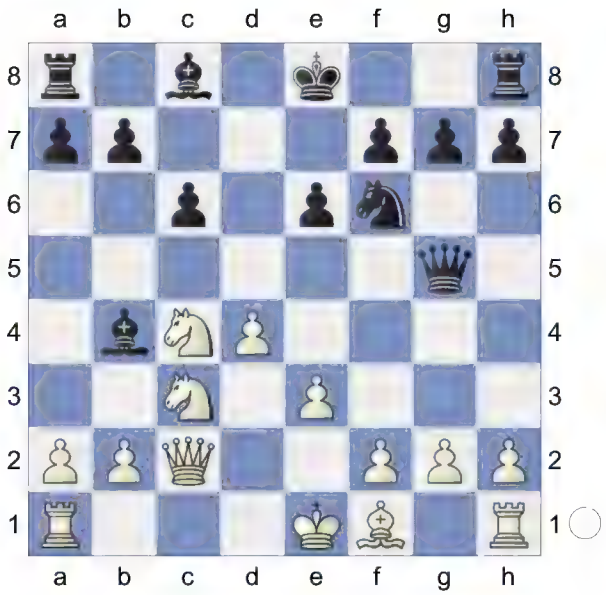
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qg5

[10...Qd5 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 0-0 13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Ne5 Qxc3+ 16.Rxc3 Nd5 17.Rc1 f6 18.Nc4 Bd7 19.Be2 Rfc8 20.0-0 Bb5 Fernandez,J (2448)-Mu,K (2658) AUT-ch U10 St Veit 2023]

[10...Qc7 11.Be2 c5 12.0-0 Bd7 13.a3 cxd4 14.axb4 dxc3 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Ne5 Rfc8 17.Qd4 Be8 18.Bf3 a6 19.g3 Rd8 20.Rfc1 Rxd4 21.Rxc7 Rxb4 22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Bxb7 Rb8 24.Bxa6 Rxb2 25.Bd3 ½-½ (35) Pert,M (2034)-Kumar,S (1942) BCF-ch Major 2024 (6)]



11.a3N

[11.0-0-0 0-0 12.h4 Qh6 13.Ne5 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.g4 g6 16.g5 Qg7 17.f4 Rd8 18.Ng4 Qf8 19.h5 f5 20.gxf6 Nxf6 21.Nxf6+ Qxf6 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Bd3 Rd7 24.Rdg1 Rg7 25.Bxg6 Kf8 1-0 (31) Villegas,B (2474)-10. ♘f5 ♘c7 11. ♘c3_7671 (2199) Match, Stockholm (9)]

11...Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 0-0 13.h4 White is slightly better. **13...Qd5 14.Ne5 Nd7 15.Nd3** 0.18/18 White is more active.

[15.0-0-0± 0.62/20 should be considered.]

15...a5

(Diagram)

16.Be2 Re8 17.0-0-0 Qd6 18.h5 b6 1.18/22

[Black should try 18...h6 0.72/20]

19.h6± Strongly threatening d4-d5!

19...g6? 3.78/24

[19...Nf6± 1.33/19 might work better. 20.Ne5 g6]

A mistake that costs the game. **20.d5!+- e5**

[20...f6 21.dxc6]

(Diagram)

21.dxc6

[Less strong is 21.Qxc6 Qb8 22.Kb1 Ra7±]

21...Nf6 22.Bf3 1.62/21

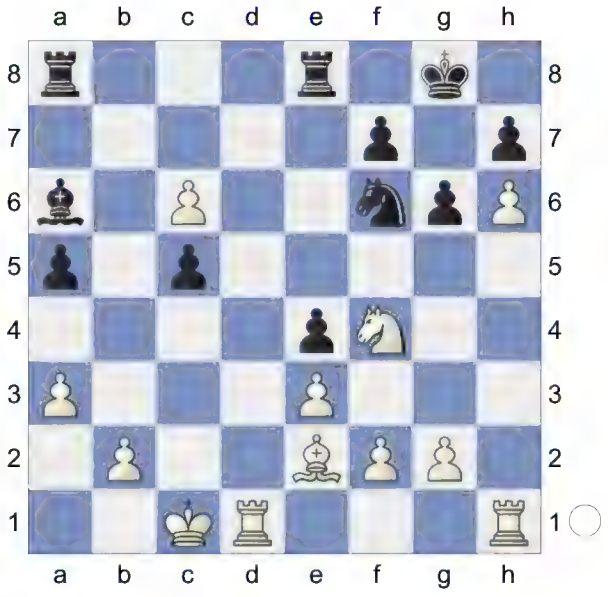
[⌓22.Nf4 3.54/23 Ne4 23.Rxd6 Nxc3 24.bxc3 exf4 25.Rhd1]

22...e4 3.01/23

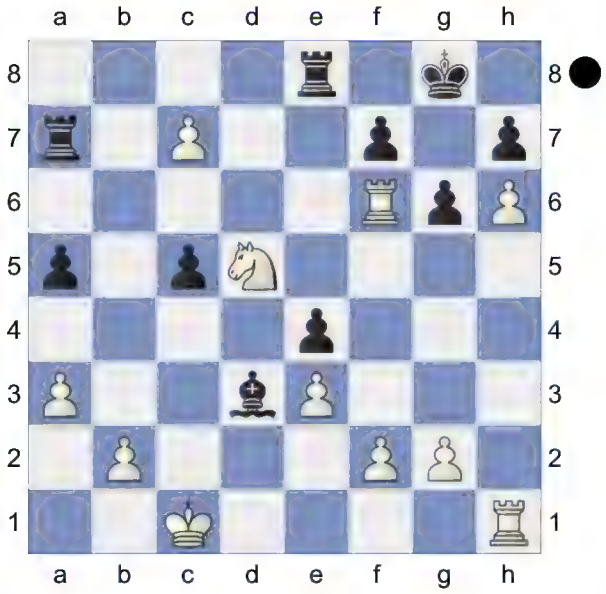
[⌓22...Qe7 1.62/21 23.Rhe1 Kf8 *(23...e4? 24.Bxe4 Qf8 25.Qxf6+-)*]

23.Nf4 Qc5 24.Qxc5 bxc5 25.Be2 Ba6? 5.49/25

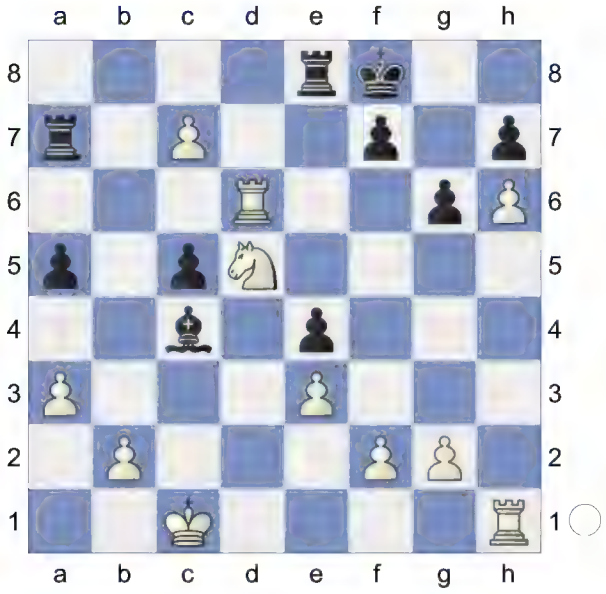
[25...Kf8 3.42/22 26.Nd5 Nxd5]



26.Rd6 Bxe2 27.Rxf6 Bd3 Black is weak on the dark squares **28.c7 Ra7?** 7.79/26
[28...Kf8 3.88/26 29.Nd5 Rac8]
29.Nd5



Rf6-c6 is the strong threat. White is clearly winning. **29...Kf8 30.Rd6 Bc4**



31.Rd8 White wants to mate with Rd8xe8+. **31...Rxc7 32.Rxe8+ Kxe8 33.Nxc7+**

(Diagram)

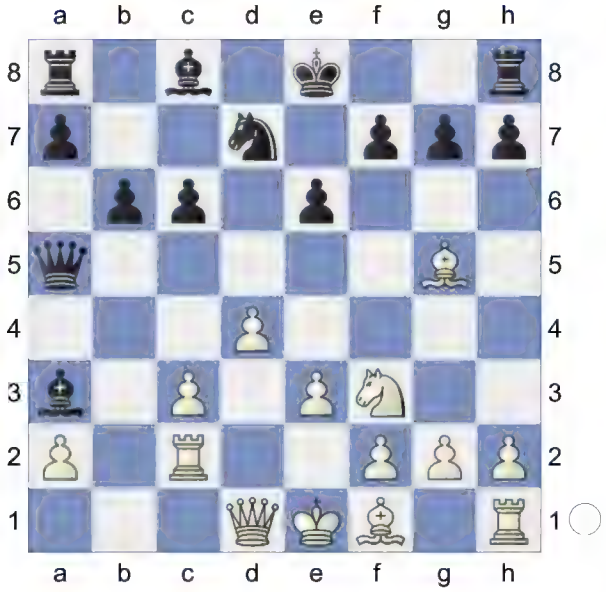
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.50
1-0

40 **D52**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2881**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2760**
Vugar Gashimov Mem 2014 (1.1) 20.4.14
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 The position is equal. **10...b6**



11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.e4 Rac8 15.e5 Qa4

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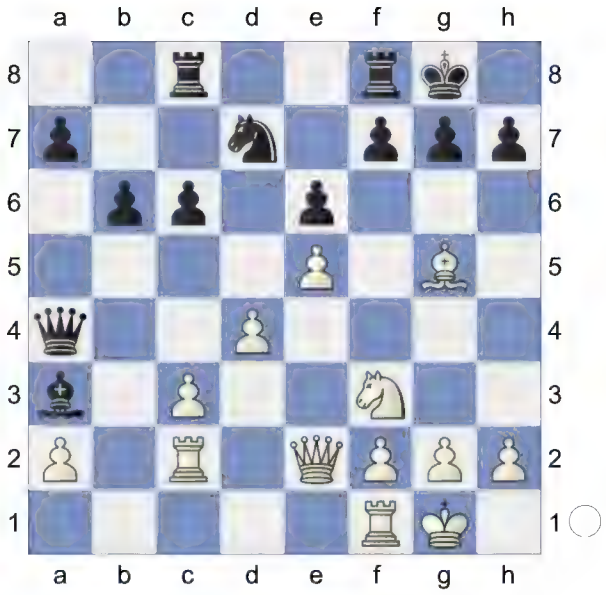
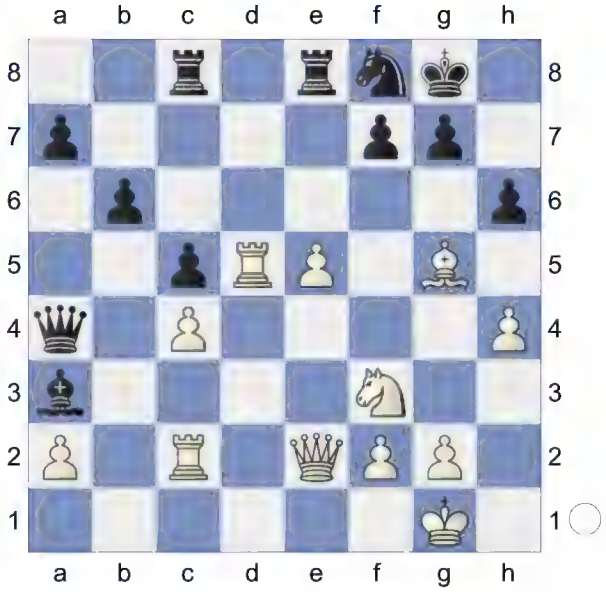
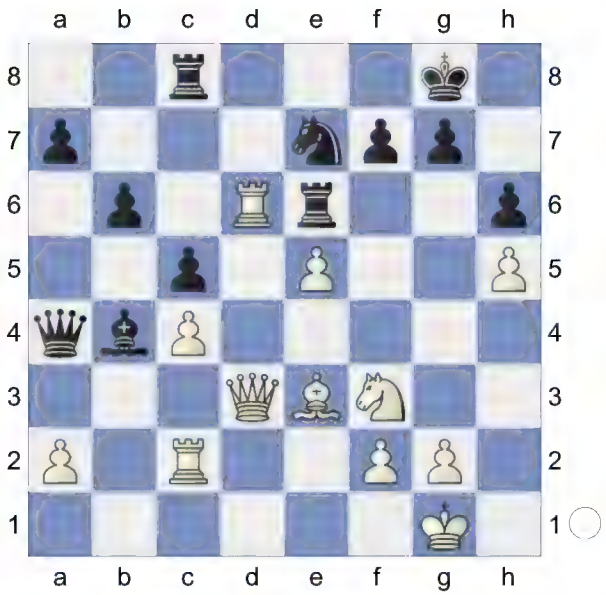


16.c4 Rfe8 17.Rd1 c5 0.56/21
[17...Bf8= -0.06/19]
18.d5± exd5N 19.Rxd5 0.13/20
[19.cxd5± 0.60/22 c4 20.d6]
19...Nf8 20.h4 h6

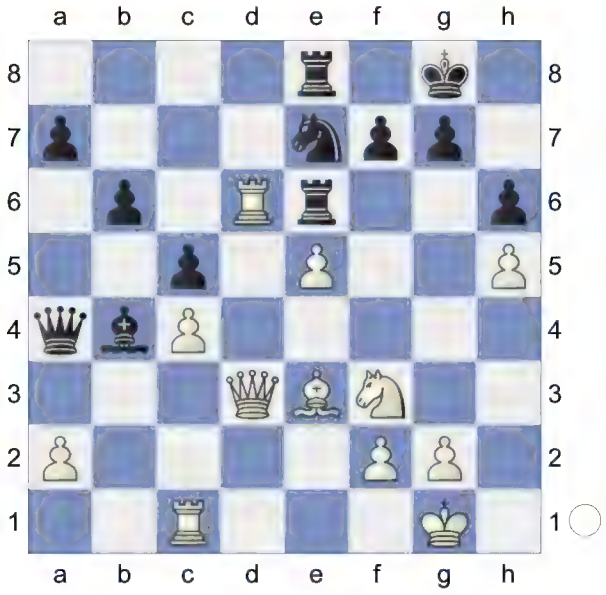


21.Be3 Ng6 0.63/22
[21...Rc7= 0.16/19]
22.Qd3! Re6 23.h5 Ne7 24.Rd6 0.77/20
[White should try 24.Rd8+ 1.23/23 Rxd8 25.Qxd8+ Kh7 26.Rd2]
24...Bb4±

(Diagram)

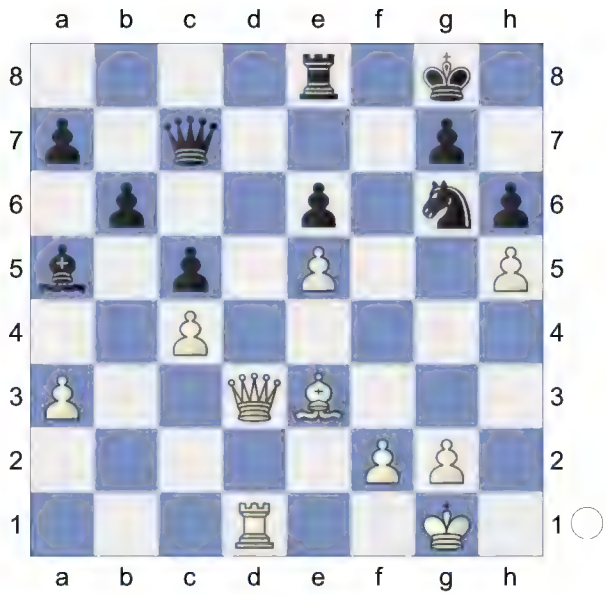


25.Rc1! Re8



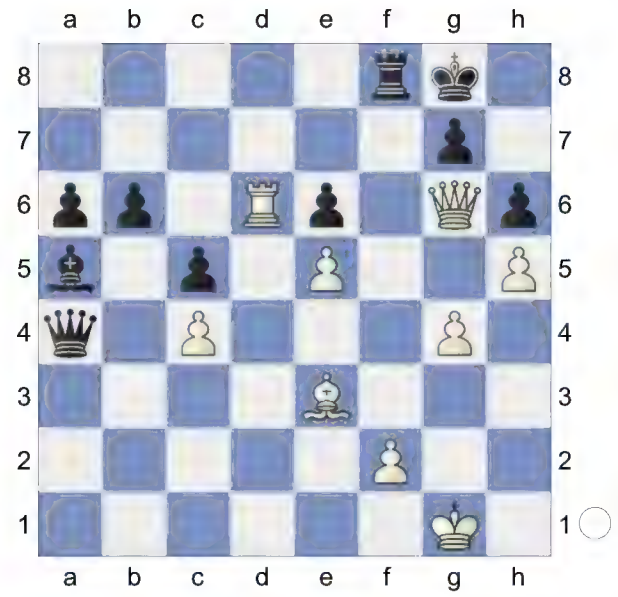
26.Rxe6 fxe6 27.Nh4 Wards off Ne7-f5
27...Qc6 1.48/24
[⌓27...Ba3 1.05/21 28.Rb1 Bb4]
28.a3 Ba5 29.Rd1 Qc7 30.Ng6
White is more active. **30...Nxg6** 1.78/24
[30...Nc6± 1.32/22 was necessary.]

(Diagram)



31.Qxg6+-
[31.hxg6?! Qxe5 32.Bxh6 *(32.Qd7 Rf8=)* 32...Rf8± *(32...gxh6 33.Qd7 Qg7 34.Qxe8+ Qf8 35.Qxe6+ Kh8 36.Rd7)*]
31...Qf7 32.Rd3 Repels Ba5-c3
[32.Bxh6? Qxg6 33.hxg6 gxh6-+]
32...a6 2.32/22
[⌓32...Rf8 1.61/21 33.g4 *(33.Bxh6? Qxg6 34.hxg6 gxh6-+)* 33...Re8]
33.a4
[33.Bxh6? Qxg6 34.hxg6 gxh6-+]
33...Rf8 34.g4
[34.Bxh6? Qxg6 *(34...Qxf2+ 35.Kh2±)* 35.hxg6 gxh6-+]
34...Qe8 35.Rd6
[35.Bxh6? Qxg6 *(35...Qxa4 36.Qxg7#)* 36.hxg6 gxh6-+]
35...Qxa4? 8.71/25
[35...Bc3 2.77/22 36.Qxe6+ *(36.Rxb6 Qxa4 37.Qxe6+ Kh8+-)* 36...Qxe6 37.Rxe6 Rb8]

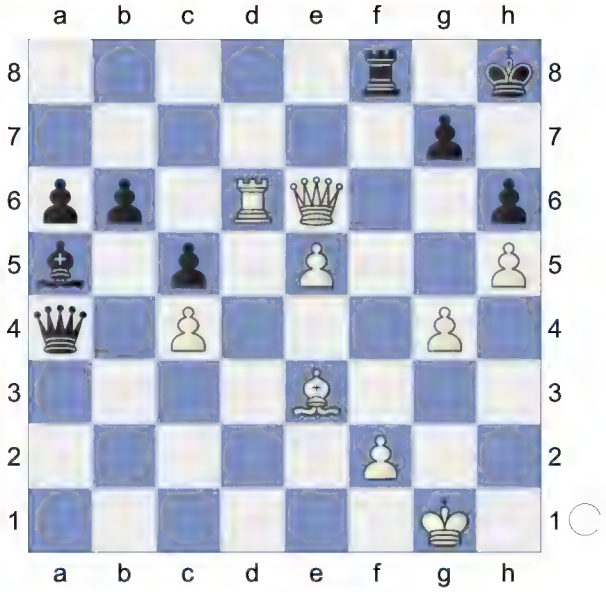
(Diagram)



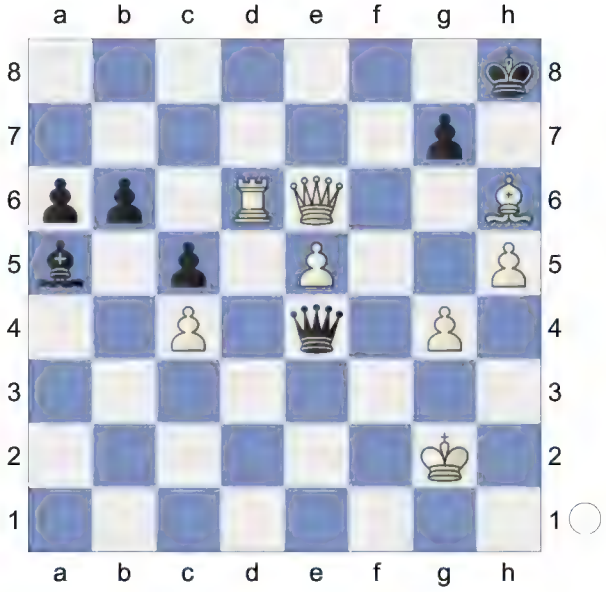
36.Qxe6+

[36.Bxh6 Qa1+ 37.Kg2 Rxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Qe1+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Kg3 *(40.Kh3 Qf3+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh3 Qf3+ 43.Kh2 Qf2+ 44.Kh1 Qf3+ 45.Kg1 Qg3+ 46.Kf1 Qf3+ 47.Kg1 Qg3+ 48.Kh1 Qf3+ 49.Kh2=)* 40...Qe1+ 41.Kf4 Qf1+ 42.Ke3 *(42.Kg5 Qc1+ 43.Kh4 Qe1+ 44.Kh3 Qh1+ 45.Kg3 Qg1+ 46.Kf3 Qh1+ 47.Kg3 Qg1+ 48.Kf3 Qh1+ 49.Kf2 Qh2+ 50.Kf1 Qh1+ 51.Kf2 Qh2+ 52.Kf3 Qh1+=)* 42...Qg1+ 43.Kd3 Qf1+ 44.Ke3 *(44.Kc2 Qxc4+ 45.Kb2 Qc3+ 46.Kb1 Qb4+ 47.Ka2 Qa4+ 48.Kb2 Qb4+ 49.Kc1 Qa3+ 50.Kd1 Qf3+ 51.Kc2 Qc3+ 52.Kd1 Qe1+ 53.Kc2 Qc3+ 54.Kb1 Qb4+ 55.Ka2 Qc4+ 56.Kb2 Qb4+ 57.Kc1 Qa3+ 58.Kc2 Qc3+=)* 44...Qc1+ 45.Kf2 Qe1+ 46.Kf3 *(46.Kg2 Qe2+ 47.Kg3 Be1+ 48.Kf4 Qf2+ 49.Ke4 Qe2+ 50.Kf4 Qf2+ 51.Ke4 Qe2+ 52.Kf4=)* 46...Qf1+ 47.Ke4 Qb1+ 48.Rd3 Qh1+ 49.Ke3 *(49.Rf3 Qb1+ 50.Kf4 Bd2+ 51.Kg3 Qg1+ 52.Kh3 Qh1+ 53.Kg3 Be1+ 54.Rf2 Qg1+* Pin, Double Attack *55.Kh3 Qh1+ 56.Kg3 Qg1+* Pin, Double Attack *57.Kh3 Qh1+ 58.Kg3=; 49.Kf4 Qf1+ 50.Kg5 Qc1+ 51.Kh4 Qe1+ 52.Rg3 Qh1+ 53.Rh3 Be1+ 54.Kg5 Bd2+ 55.Kh4 Be1+ 56.Kg5 Bd2+ 57.Kh4 Be1+=)* 49...Qg1+ 50.Kf4 Qf1+ 51.Kg3 Be1+ 52.Kh2 Qf2+ 53.Kh1 Qh4+ *(53...Qf1+ 54.Kh2=)* 54.Kg2 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qf1+ 56.Kh2 Qf2+ 57.Kh1 Qf1+ 58.Kh2=]

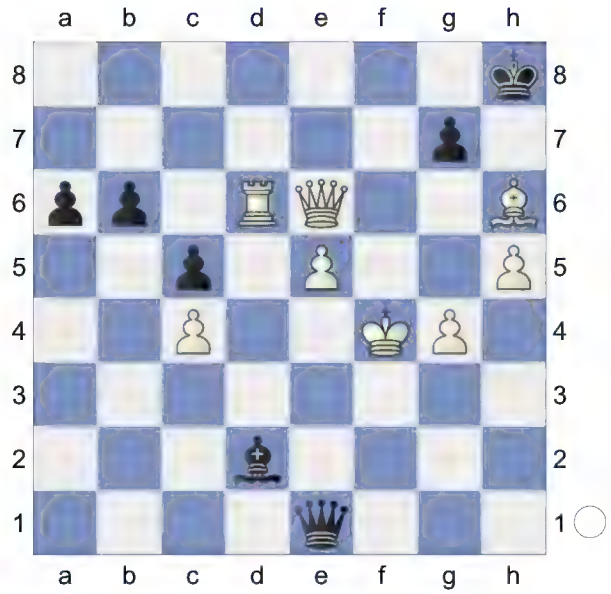
36...Kh8



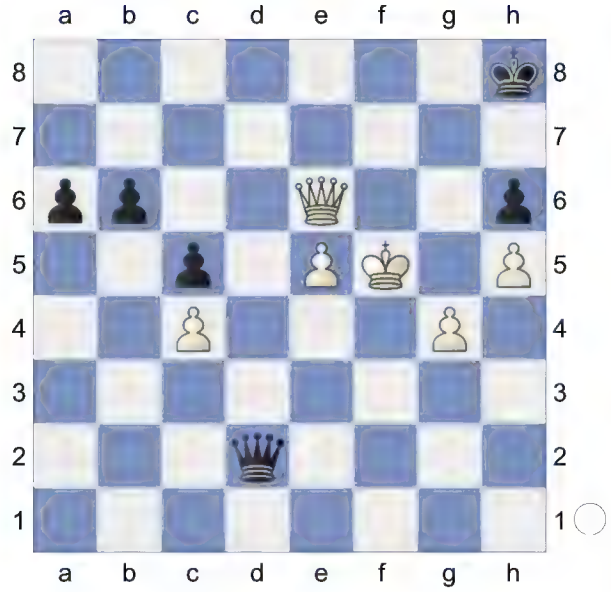
37.Bxh6! Qa1+ 38.Kg2 Rxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Qe4+



41.Kh3 Qh1+ 42.Kg3 Qe1+ 43.Kf4 Threatening mate with Rd6-d8+. **43...Bd2+**



44.Rxd2! Qxd2+ 45.Kf5 Intending Qe6-e8+ and mate. **45...gxh6**

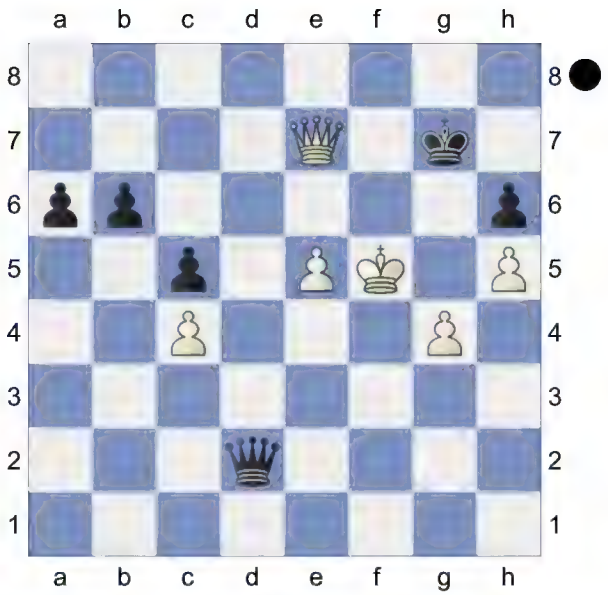


46.Qe8+

[46.Qxb6 Qg5+ 47.Ke6 Qxg4+ 48.Ke7 Qg7+ 49.Kd6 Qf8+ 50.Kc6 Qe8+ 51.Kb7 *(51.Kxc5 Qxe5+ 52.Kc6 Qe6+ 53.Kb7 Qxc4=)* 51...Qxe5+-]

46...Kg7 47.Qe7+

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.48

1-0

41 **D52**

□ **Bad Boy128** **2868**

■ **Bancsoo** **2792**

Blitz 25.06.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

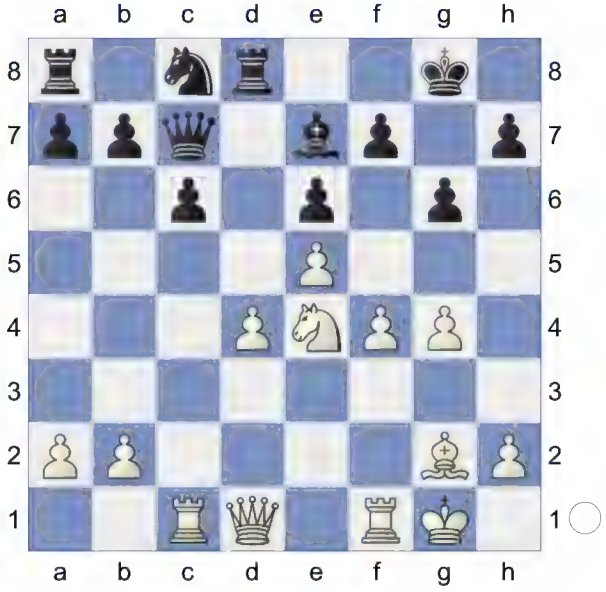
(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7
The position is equal. **14.e4 Be8 15.e5 Nd7**

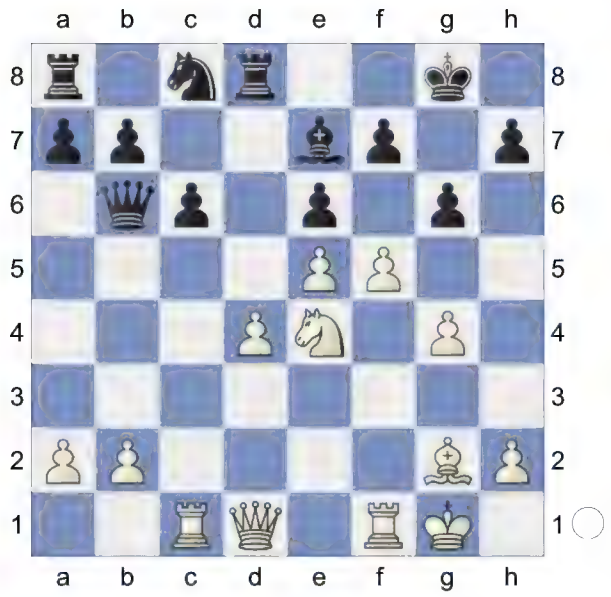
(Diagram)

16.Ne4 Nb6 17.Ncd6 Nc8 18.Nxe8 Rxe8 19.f4N
[19.Qg4]
19...g6 0.83/20
[19...Qa5± 0.36/16]
20.g4± White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **20...Rd8**

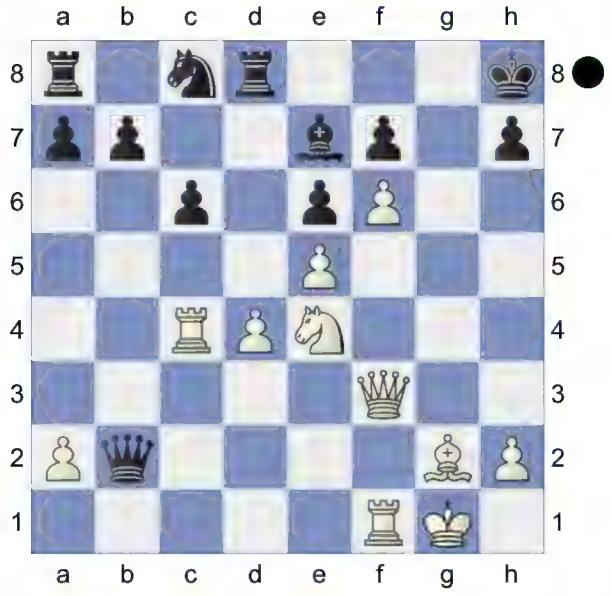


21.f5 0.66/20
[21.Rc3± 1.12/18]
21...Qb6 1.07/20
[21...Qd7!± 0.66/20 is superior.]

(Diagram)



22.Rc4!↑ Black is under strong pressure.
22...Qxb2 0.76/18
[Better is 22...Qa6 1.12/18 23.Rc3 exf5 24.gxf5 Qxa2]
23.Qf3 f5xg6 would now be deadly.
23...gxf5 3.24/19
[23...Rxd4? is the wrong capture. 24.fxg6 Nd6 25.exd6+- *(25.Nxd6 Rf8+-)*]
[23...exf5= 0.20/19 and Black is okay. 24.gxf5 Qxa2]
24.gxf5+- Kh8 25.f6

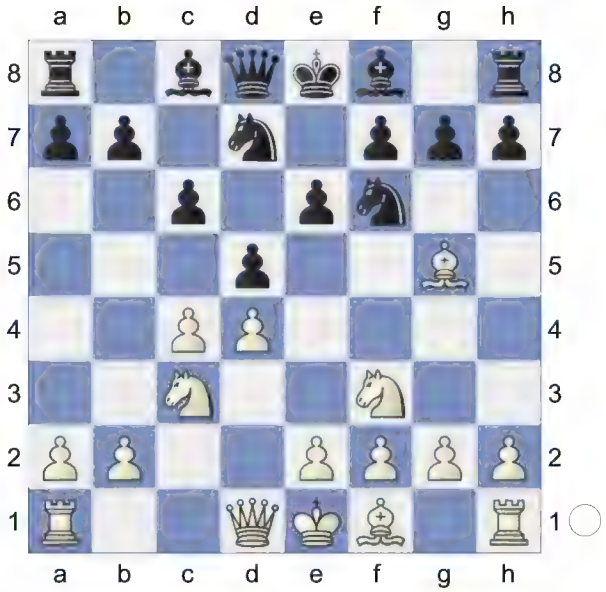


Weighted Error Value: White=0.06

(flawless) /Black=0.37
1-0

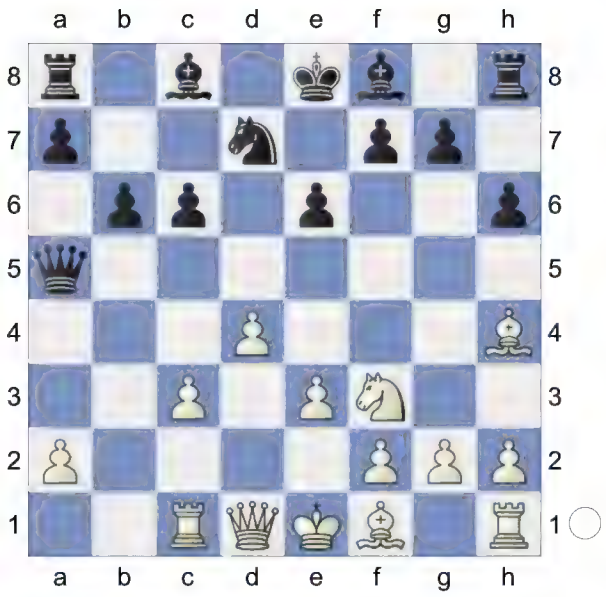
42 **D52**
□ **Mr Chess Berserk** **2855**
■ **Torombot** **2933**
Blitz 04.01.2024
[kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 h6 aiming for ...Nd5xc3! **9.Bh4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 b6**

(Diagram)

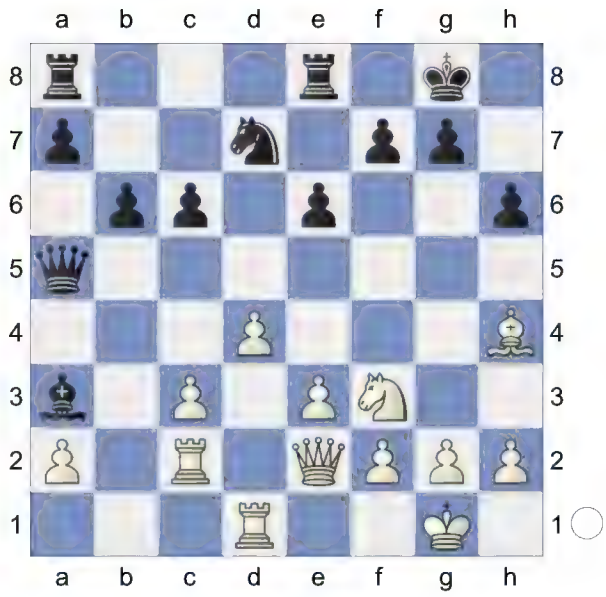


11.Be2 Ba3 12.Rc2 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxe2 The position is equal. **14.Qxe2N**

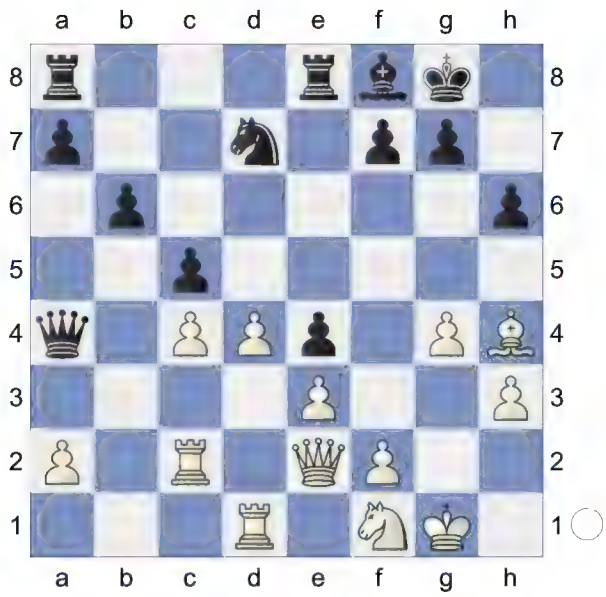
[14.Rxe2 0-0 15.e4 Rfe8 16.c4 b5 17.d5 cxd5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rfe1 -0.20/17 *(⌓20.Rd2* 0.22/18 *)* 20...Rxe2= 21.Rxe2 Rc8 22.g4 Qb4 23.h3 h5 -0.24/21 *(*Black should try *23...Nb6!∓* -0.79/19 *)* 24.gxh5= Rc3 25.Re8 Qc4! 26.Kg2 Rd3! 27.Qe2 Threatens to win with Bh4-e7. Rxd5 28.Qe7 Qc6 (64) Chapter D50-Games Chapter D50 Game 1 29.Rd8 Rd3 30.Qe2 Rd5 31.Qe4 Qe6 32.Qxe6 fxe6 33.Ng5 Nc5 34.Ra8 a6 35.Nf3 Kf7 36.Ng5+ Kg8 37.Nf3 Kf7 38.Bg3 Bd6 39.Ra7+ Kf8 40.Bxd6+ Rxd6 41.Ne5 Rd5 42.f4 b4 43.Kf3 Kg8 (64) Chapter D50-Games Chapter D50 Game 1]

14...0-0 15.Rd1 The position is equal. **15...Rfe8**

(Diagram)

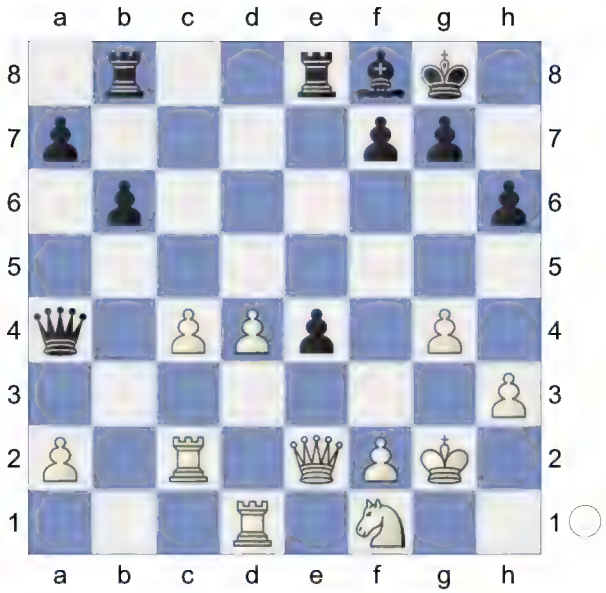


16.c4 Bf8 17.g4 e5 18.h3 e4 19.Nh2 c5 20.Nf1 Qa4

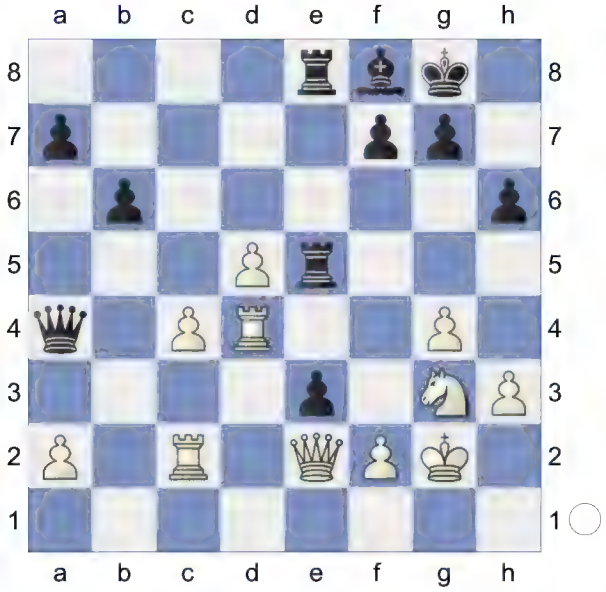


21.Bg3 Rad8 22.Kg2 cxd4 23.exd4 Nb8 24.Bc7 Rc8 25.Bxb8 Rxb8

(Diagram)



26.d5 Re5 27.Rd4 Rbe8 With the idea ...Bf8-c5. **28.Ng3! e3**

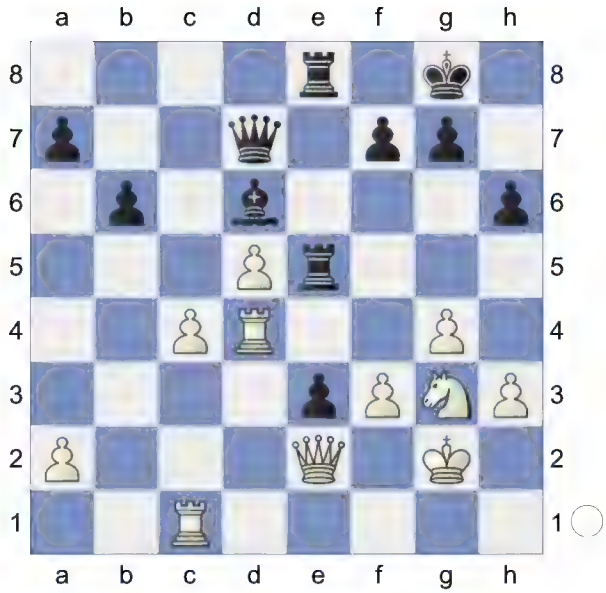


Strongly threatening ...Bf8-c5. [#] Strongly threatening ...Bf8-c5. ...e3xf2 would now be deadly. **29.f3!** White is weak on the dark squares

[29.f4 -1.37/20 29.f2-f3 -0.07 Qxc2! 30.Qxc2 e2-+]

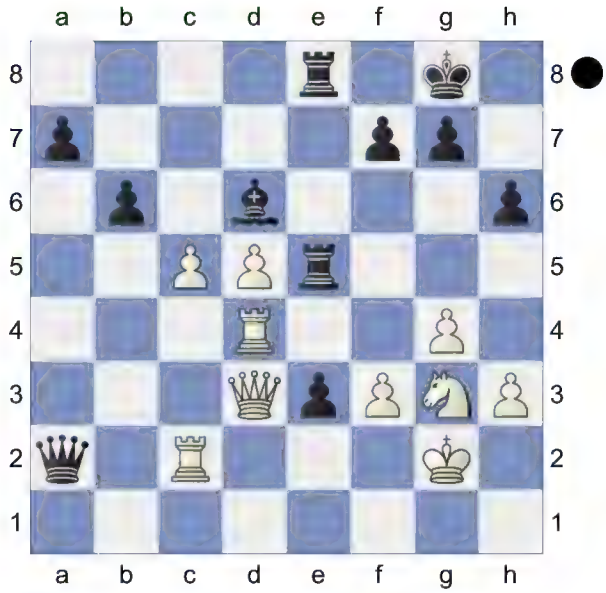
29...Bd6 30.Rc1 Qd7

(Diagram)



31.Qd3 Qa4P Black is fighting back **32.Qe2!**

[Avoid the trap 32.c5? -2.11/22 32.Qd3-e2 0.01 Qxa2+ 33.Rc2

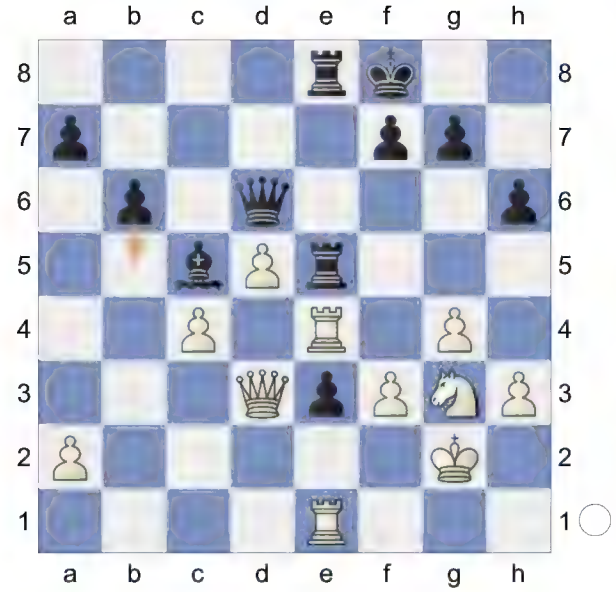


A) 33...e2? 0.76/22 33...Qa2xc2+ -2.99 34.Rxa2 e1N+ 35.Kf1!± *(35.Kg1±)*;

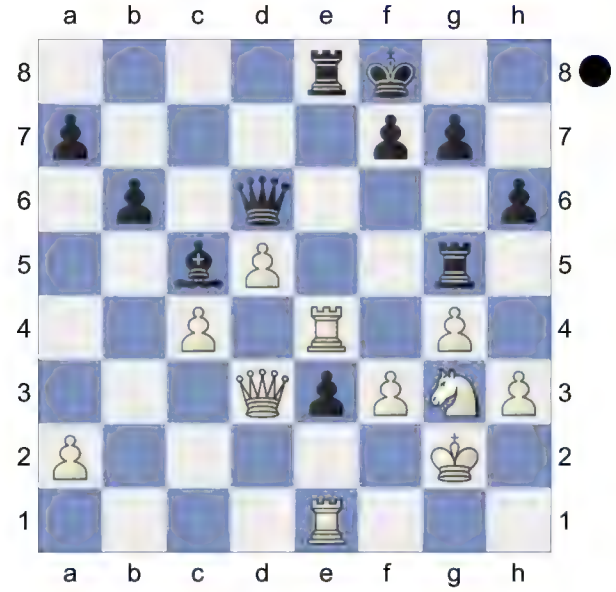
B) 33...Qxc2+! 34.Qxc2 e2-+ *(34...bxc5? 5.21/23* is the wrong capture. 34...e3-e2 -2.26 is the wrong capture. *35.Re4+-; 34...bxc5? 35.Rd1+-)*]

32...Qd7 33.Qd3 Bc5 34.Re4 Qd6

35.Re1 Kf8

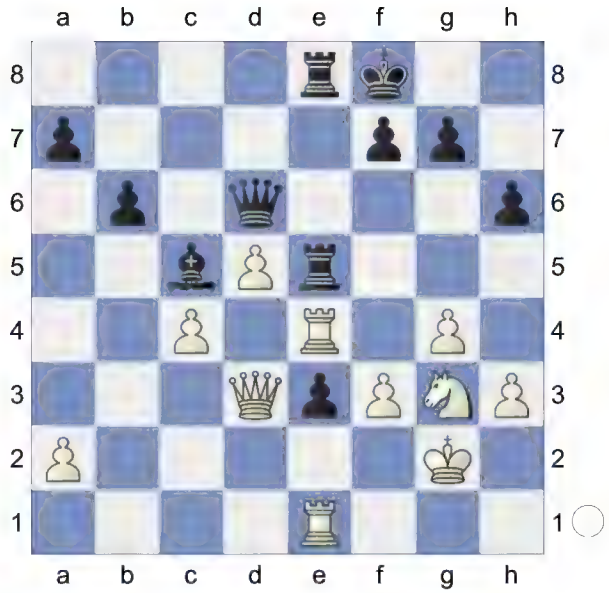


36.Rf4 Qd3-h7 is the strong threat.
36...Rg5 37.Re4



And now Re4xe8+ would win. [#] And now Re4xe8+ would win. Hoping for Re4xe8+. **37...Rge5 38.Rf4** And now Qd3-h7 would win. **38...Rg5**
[38...Rxd5!? 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.cxd5 Re5±]
39.Re4 Black must now prevent Re4xe8+. **39...Rge5!**

(Diagram)

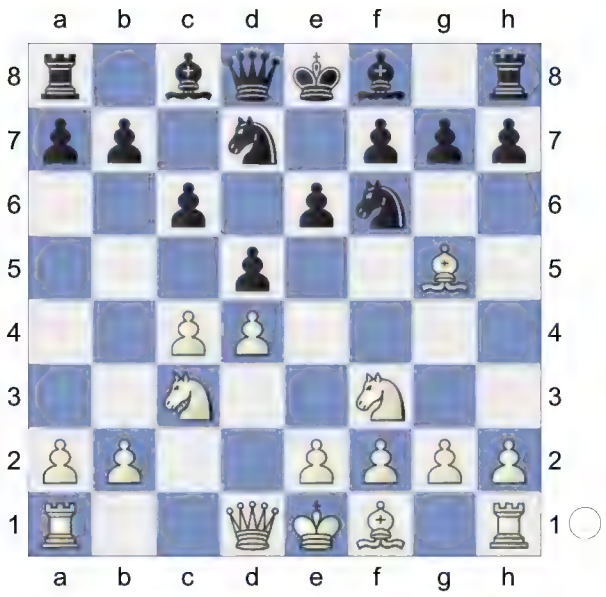


An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) . A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

43 **D52**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2847**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2709**
DM Carlsen-Artemiev 2021 (6) 21.04.21
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 The position is equal. **10...b6** 0.37/20

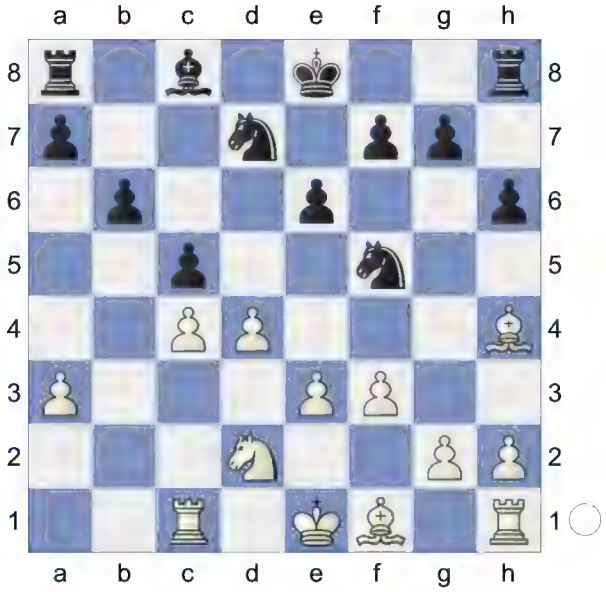
[10...Nxc3? loses. 11.Qd2+-]

[10...Qxa3= -0.01/17 deserves consideration. 11.Qd2 f6]

11.Qd2 h6 12.Bh4 c5 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.f3

[15.Bd3 Bb7 16.f3 *(16.0-0 Rd8 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 g5 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Bg3 Kg7 21.f4 f6 22.f5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5+ exf5 24.Rxf5 Rde8 25.Rd5 Re7* H3 Systems-Leca,Z 79th ch-BUL 2015) 16...f5 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Bc6 19.Rb1 Ba4 20.Bg3 Rhd8 21.Bc7 Rdc8 22.Bg3 Kf6 23.Nc1 e5 24.d5 b5 25.e4 Rab8 26.Na2 bxc4 27.Bxc4 Bc2 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Nc3 Nc8 (33) Can,E (2471)-Laznicka,V (2679) 117/(150) Legnica 2013]

15...Nf5



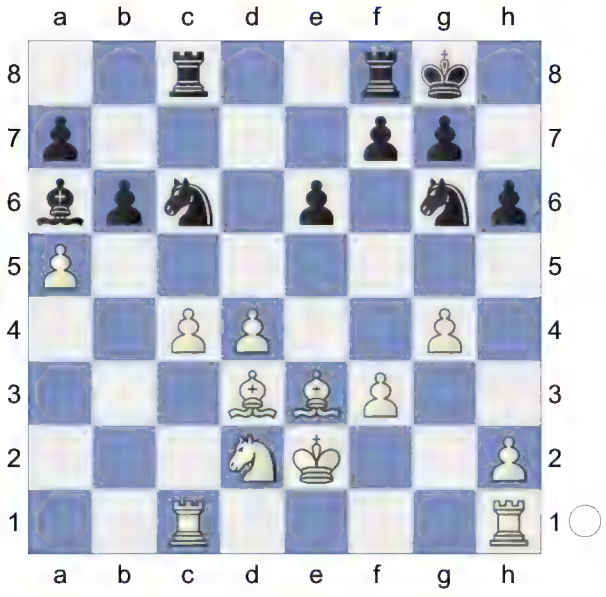
16.Bf2 Ba6N

[16...Nd6 17.Be2 Ba6 18.0-0 Ke7 19.Rc2 Rhc8 20.Rfc1 Nb7 21.Nb3 Nd8 22.Kf1 f6 23.Bg3 Bb7 24.Bd3 Bc6 25.Rb2 Nb7 26.h4 Rd8 27.Be2 Rac8 28.Bf2 Ba4 7.♗d3 ♕h5 8. 00 71627-9...♗b4 Budapest 1984]

17.Bd3 Rc8 18.a4 cxd4 19.exd4 0-0 20.Ke2 Nb8

(Diagram)

21.g4 Ne7 22.a5 Ng6 0.22/19
[22...bxa5 -0.17/20 is superior. 23.Nb3 Nec6]
23.Be3= Nc6 1.10/21
[23...bxa5± 0.49/19 24.Nb3 Nc6]



24.axb6!± axb6 25.Rb1 Rb8

(Diagram)

26.Rb2 White is more active. **26...Rfd8**
27.Rhb1 -0.34/23
[27.Ra1± 1.02/23 Bc8 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.Rab1]
27...Nxd4+∓ 28.Bxd4 Nf4+ 29.Ke3 Ng2+ 30.Kf2!
[30.Ke4 leads to mate. Bb7+ 31.Ke5 f6+ 32.Kxe6 Rxd4 33.Ke7 Bc6 *(33...Rxd3 34.Rxb6 Rbd8 35.Nf1-+; 33...Rxd3? 34.Rb3-+)*]
30...Rxd4

31.Be4 -0.61/21
[Better is 31.Bf1= -0.01/23 Nh4

32.c5]

31...Nf4 Strongly threatening ...Rb8-d8!

32.Ke3

e5 33.Rxb6 Rbd8 34.Nb3 -0.41/22

[34.R1b2∓ -0.97/20 Bxc4 35.Nxc4 Rxc4 36.Rb8 Rc3+ 37.Kf2]

34...Rxc4? 2.08/22 A mistake that costs the game.

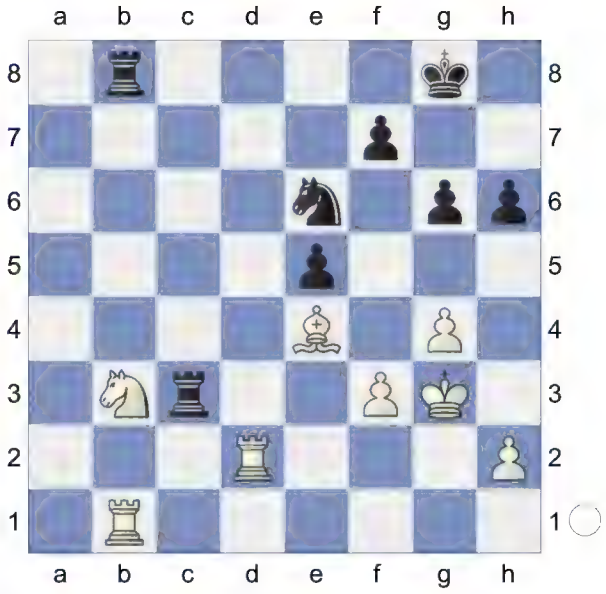
[34...Rd3+∓ -0.41/22 stays ahead. 35.Bxd3 Rxd3+ 36.Ke4 Bxc4]

35.Rxa6→ White wants a kill. **35...Rc3+**

36.Kf2 g6 37.Ra2 Nh3+ 2.47/22

[⌓37...h5 1.67/21 38.gxh5 f5]

38.Kg2 Nf4+ 39.Kg3 Ne6 40.Rd2 Rb8



41.Rdb2 Ng5 42.Nd2 Rd8 ...Rd8xd2! would now be deadly. **43.Rb8 Rcc8** 4.39/25

[⌓43...Rxb8 3.09/22 44.Rxb8+ Kg7]

44.Rxc8 Rxc8 45.h4 Ne6

46.Rb5 White is clearly winning.

46...Rd8 47.Nc4 Nd4 48.Rxe5

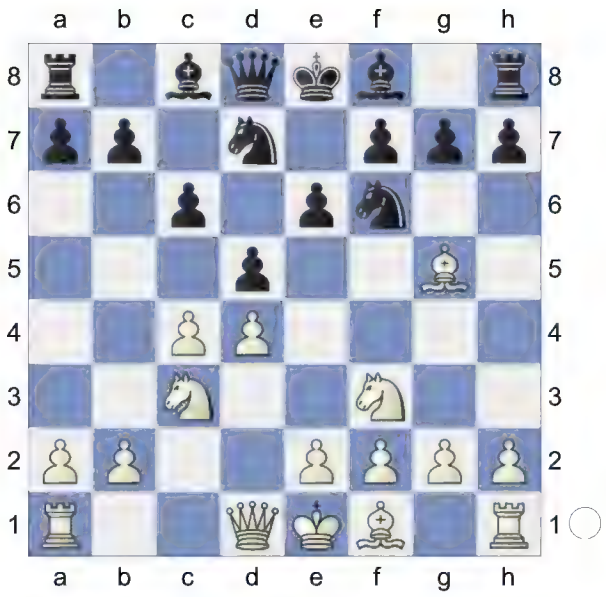
(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

44 **D52**
□ **Vistagusta** **2844**
■ **Bancsoo** **2807**
Blitz 27.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd6

11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 The position is equal. **13.0-0 e5** 1.14/19

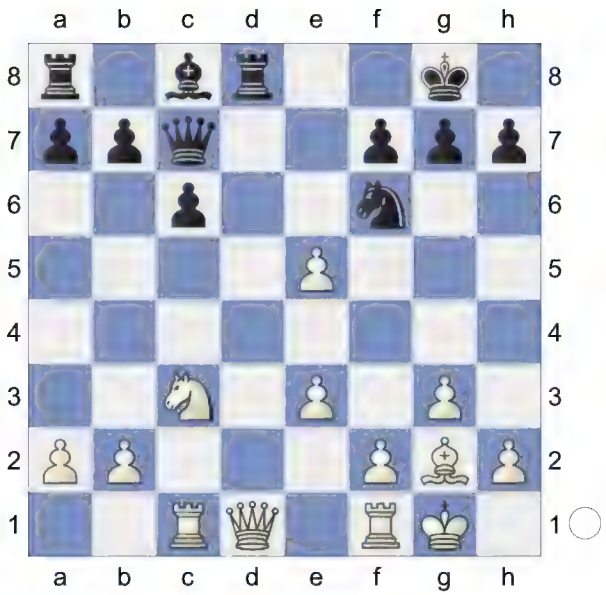
[13...Be7± 0.31/15]

14.Nxd6± Remove Defender **14...Qxd6**

[14...Rxd6? 15.Nb5 Qd8 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.dxe5 Qxe5 18.Qd8+ Qe8 19.Rfd1+- *(19.Qxe8+ Nxe8 20.e4 f6+-)*]

15.dxe5 Qc7

(Diagram)

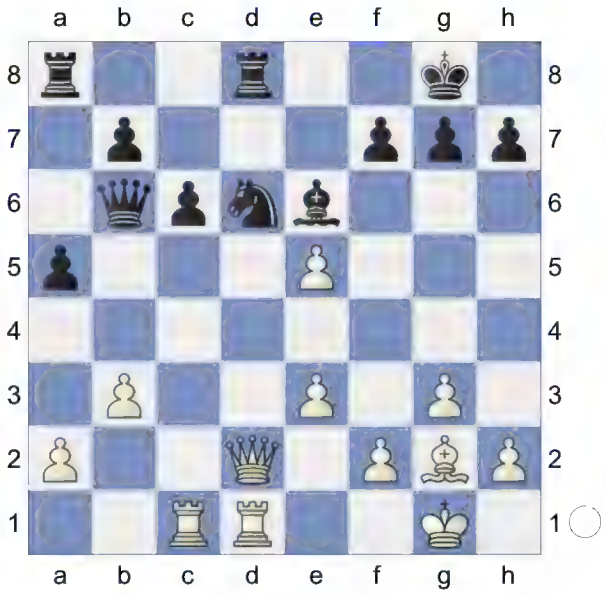


16.Nb5! Pin **16...Qb6 17.Nd6 Ne8 18.Qd2→** 0.58/20 White attacks. White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

[White should try 18.Nxc8± 1.42/21 Raxc8 19.Qc2]

18...Be6± 19.b3 a5 20.Rfd1 Nxd6 1.17/20

[⌓20...a4 0.74/19]



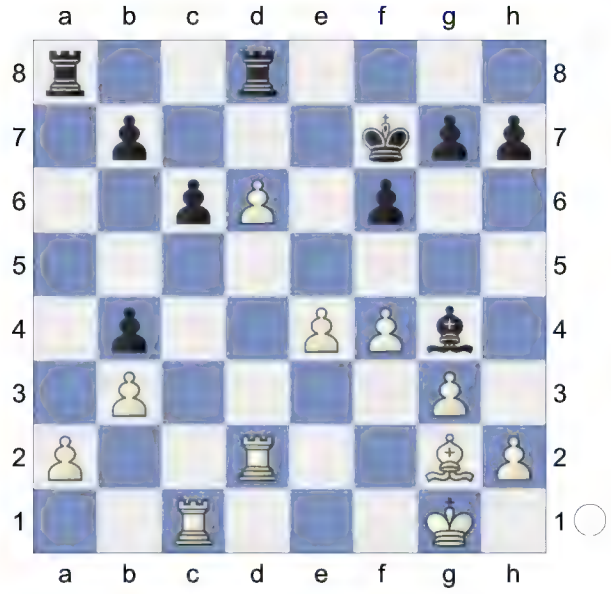
21.exd6± Qb4 1.68/19

[21...a4± 1.07/20]

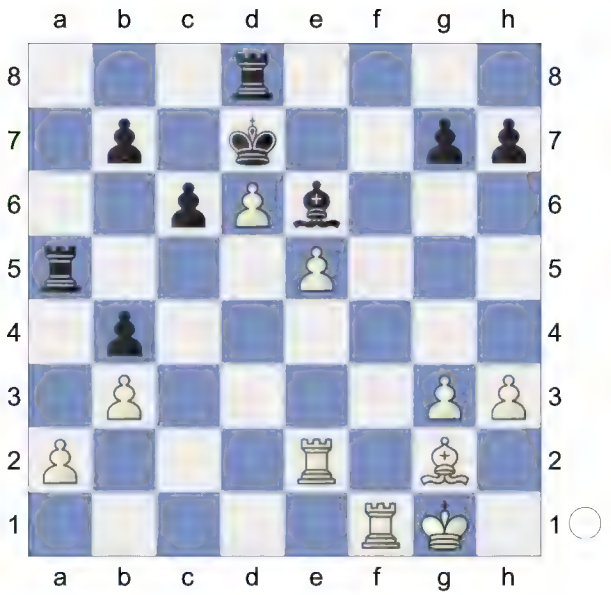
22.e4 f6 23.f4 Bg4 1.88/21

[23...Qa3± 1.52/19 keeps fighting. 24.Rc3 h5]

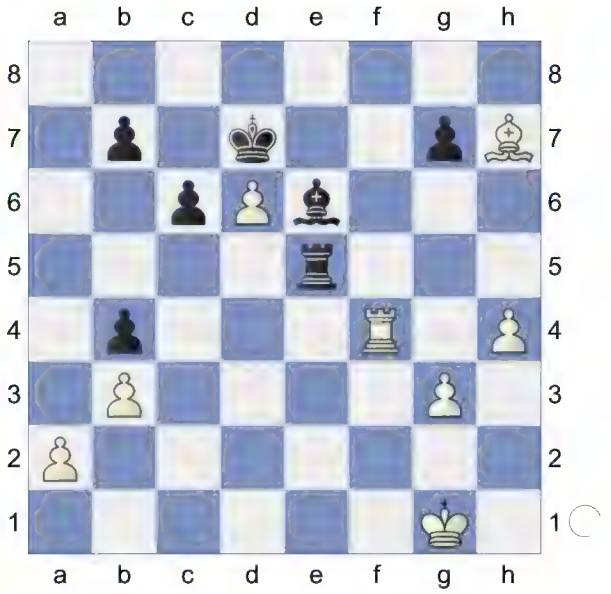
24.Qxb4!+- axb4 25.Rd2 Kf7 3.03/20
[25...Be6 2.06/20 was necessary. 26.Re1 g6]



26.h3 Be6 27.e5 Ra5 28.Rf1 1.34/24
[28.Re1+- 1.71/20]
28...fxe5 29.fxe5+ Ke8 30.Re2 Kd7 1.83/21
[30...Rda8± 1.39/22]

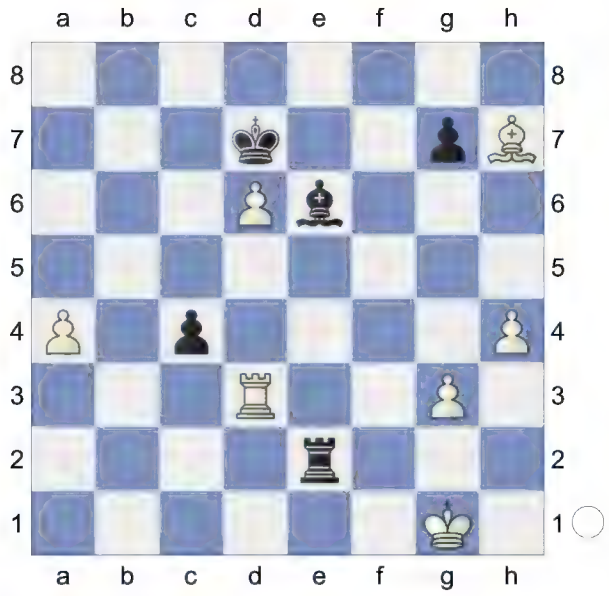


31.Rf4 Rb5 32.h4 Ra8 33.Be4 0.67/22
[33.Kf2± 1.51/19]
33...Raa5± 34.Bxh7 Rxe5 35.Rxe5 Rxe5

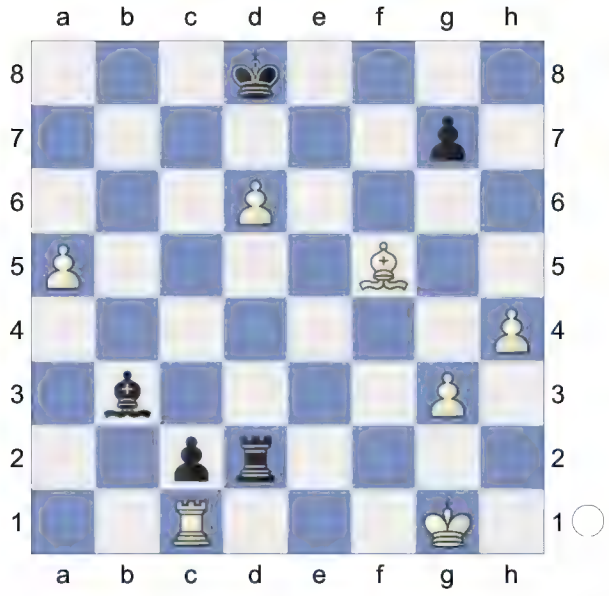


36.Rxb4± Endgame. KRB-KRB **36...b5 37.Rd4 Re2 38.a4 c5** 1.99/22
[38...bxa4± 0.54/22 39.bxa4 Rb2]
39.Rd3? 0.08/20
[White should play 39.Bd3+- 1.99/22 cxd4 40.Bxb5+ *(40.Bxe2 b4=)* 40...Kxd6 41.Bxe2 Bxb3 42.a5]
39...bxa4= 40.bxa4 c4 0.60/21
[Better is 40...Re1+= 0.01/22 41.Kf2

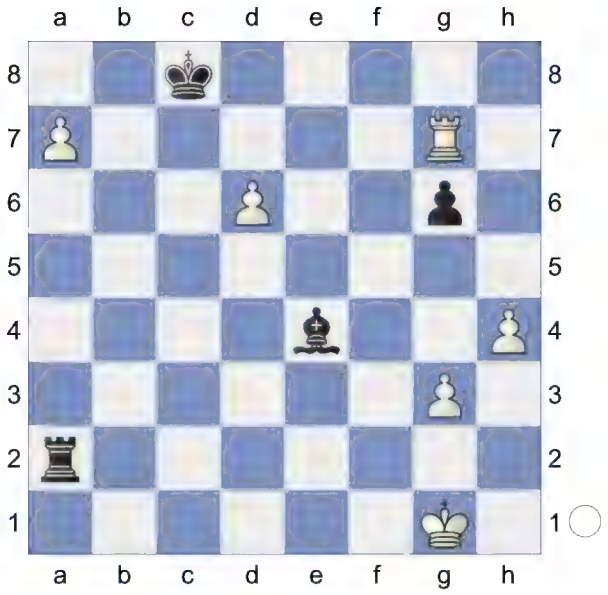
Ra1]



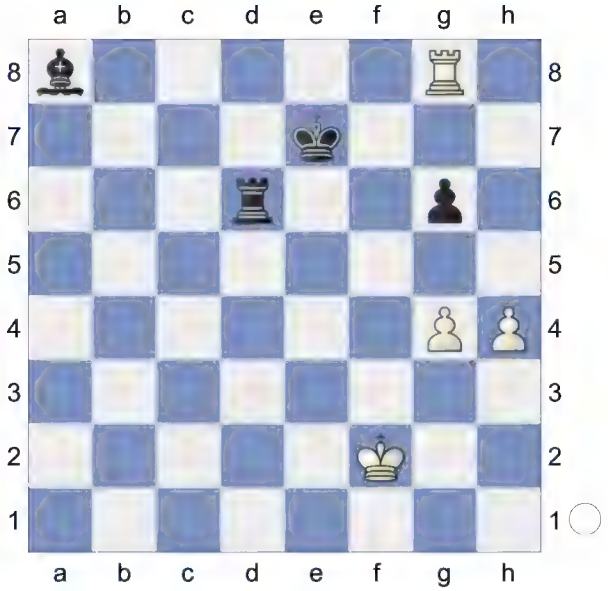
41.Rd4 -0.12/23
[41.Ra3!± 0.60/21]
41...c3 Black has compensation.
42.Rd1!
[But not 42.Bd3? c2 43.Bxc2 Rxc2-+]
42...Bb3 0.00/23
[42...c2∓ -0.39/24 43.Rc1 Bb3]
43.Bf5+ Kd8 44.Rc1 c2 45.a5 Rd2



46.Bxc2 Bxc2 KRB-KR **47.a6 Be4 48.a7 Ra2 49.Rc7 g6 50.Rg7 Kc8**



51.Kf1 Kd8 0.42/25
[51...Bf5= 0.00/21]
52.g4± Ra6 53.Kf2 Black must now prevent Kf2-e3. **53...Rxd6 54.a8B Bxa8 55.Rg8+ Ke7**



56.Rxa8 KR-KR **56...Rd2+ 57.Kg3 Rb2 58.Ra6 Kf7 59.Kf4** Kf4-g5 is the strong threat. **59...Rb5 60.Rd6 Kg7**

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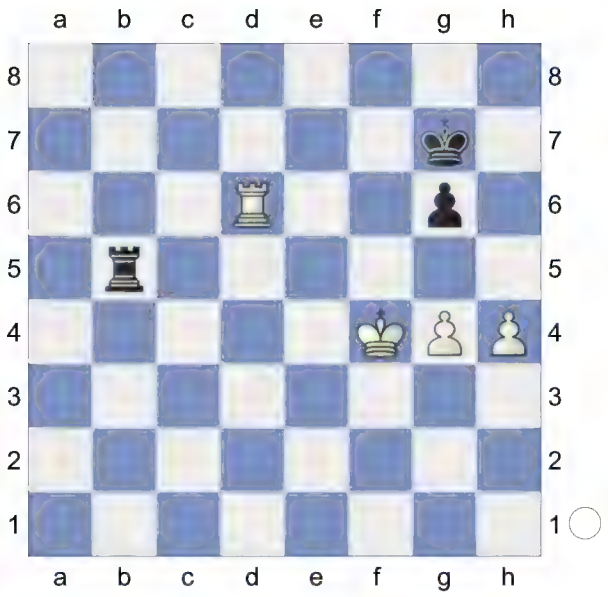
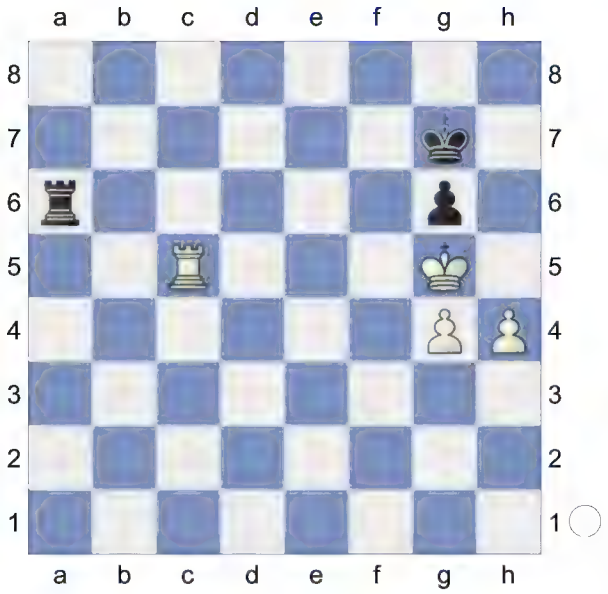
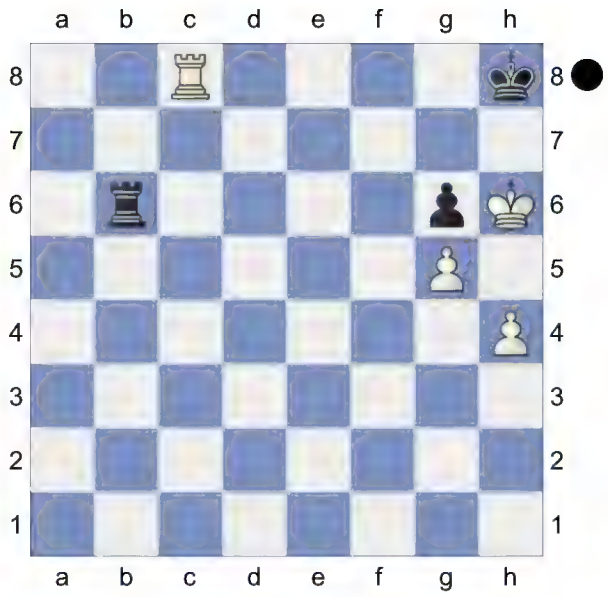


61.Rd4 Rc5 62.Re4 Ra5 63.Re5 Ra6 64.Kg5 Ra7 Prevents Re5-e7+ **65.Rc5 Ra6?** 5.05/30
[65...Rd7± 0.42/29]



66.Rc7++- Kg8 67.Kh6 Rb6 11.18/27
[⌓67...Ra4 4.85/26 68.g5 *(68.Kxg6 Rxg4+ 69.Kh5 Ra4=; 68.Rg7+ Kh8+-)* 68...Rxh4+ 69.Kxg6 Kf8 70.Rc8+ Ke7]
68.g5 Kh8 69.Rc8#

(Diagram)



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45 **D52**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2843**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2794**
Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 136/9 2018
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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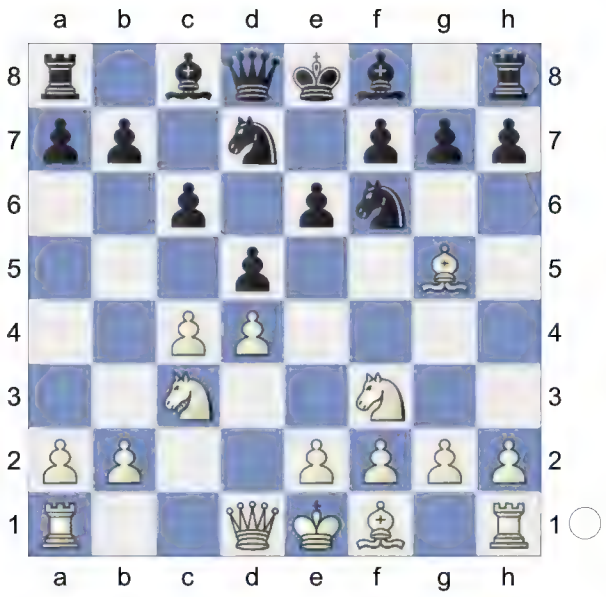
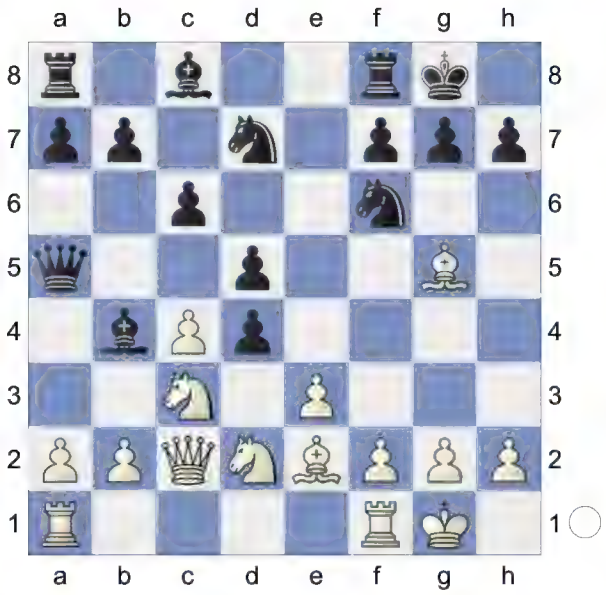


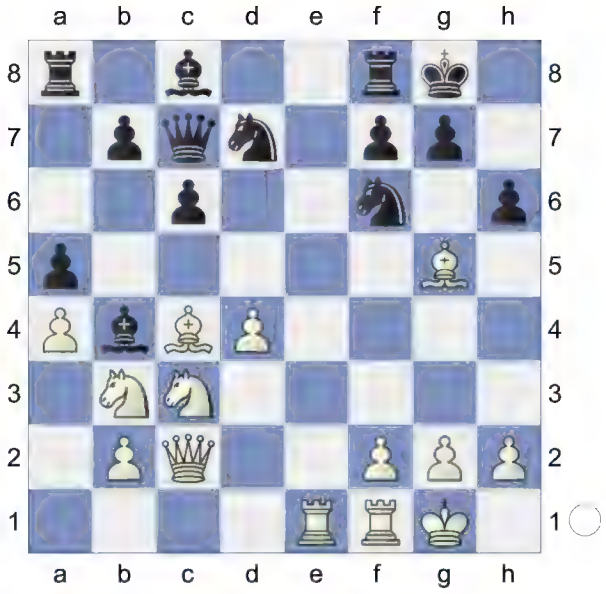
6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



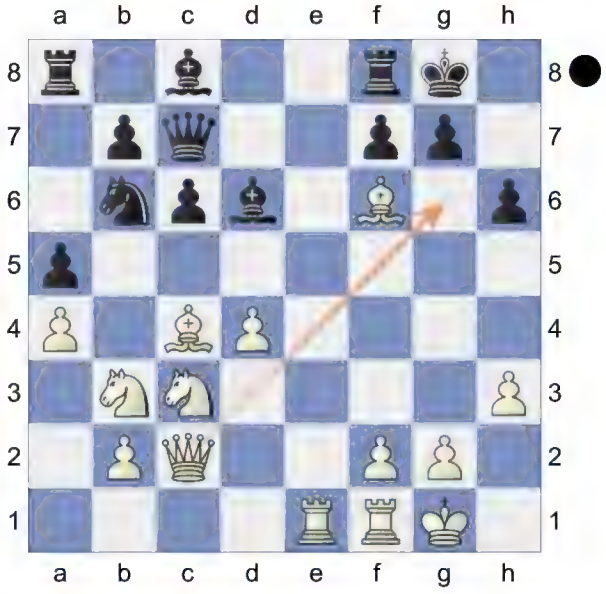
11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5 14.a4 Qc7 15.Rae1N

[15.h3 h6 16.Bh4 Nb6 17.Bd3 Nbd5 18.Bc4 Qf4 19.Bg3 Bf5 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qg5 22.f4 Qg6 23.f5 Qg5 24.Rf3 Rfe8 25.Be5 Rad8 26.Rg3 Qh4 27.Qf3 Bd6 28.Qf2 Kh8 29.Bxd6 Rxd6 0-1 (57) 11.Kb1 ♖c8_8739 (2441)-12. 0-0 b6 13. ♖ad1 ♗b7_107 (2557) Rheinland-chT Seniors 1617 2016 (9)]

15...h6



16.Bh4 Bd6 17.h3 Nb6 18.Bxf6



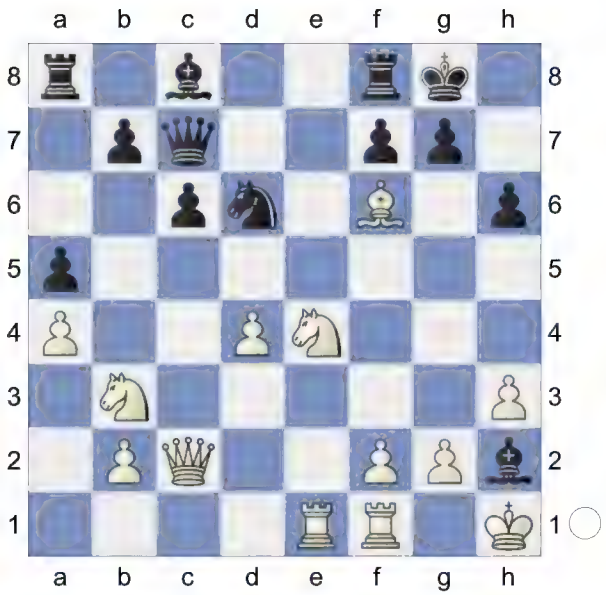
Qc2-g6! would kill now. **18...Nxc4 19.Ne4 Bh2+** 0.66/5

[19...Be6= 0.25/23]

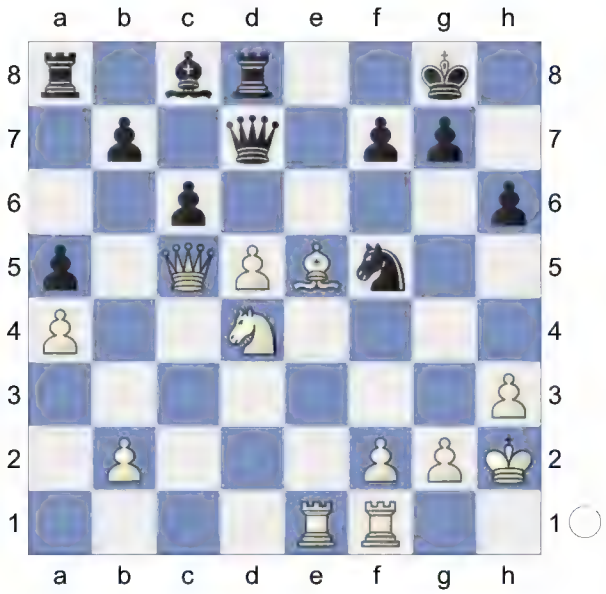
20.Kh1± Nd6 1.47/21

[20...b5± 0.46/22]

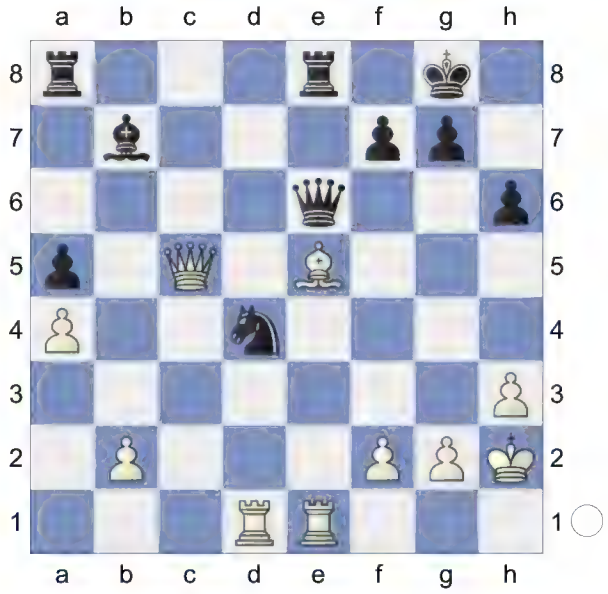
(Diagram)



21.Kxh2± Nxe4+ 22.Be5 Nd6 23.Qc5
Black is weak on the dark squares
23...Rd8 24.d5 Qd7 25.Nd4
[25.Nxa5?! cxd5 26.Qxd5 *(26.Bxd6 Qxd6+ 27.Qxd6 Rxd6=)* 26...Qxa4±]
[25.dxc6 simplifies Qxc6 26.Qxc6 bxc6 27.Bxd6 Rxd6 28.Re8+]
25...Nf5

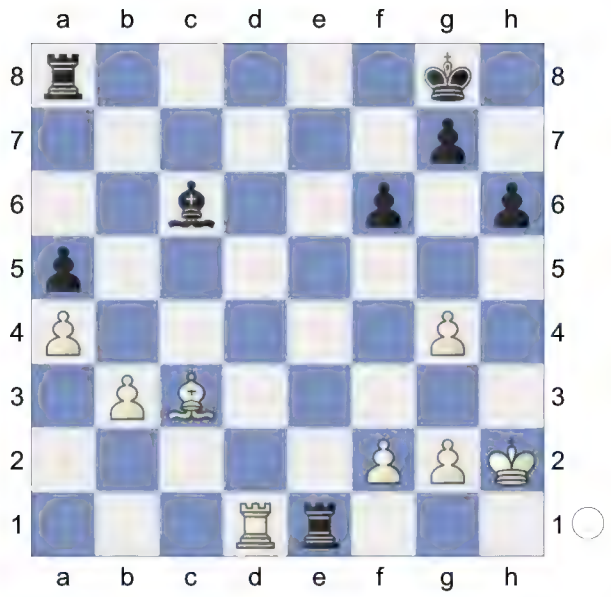


26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Nxc6
[27.Qxc6 simplifies Ra7 28.Qxd7 Bxd7 29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Bc3]
27...Re8 28.Rd1!
[28.Nxa5 Ba6 29.Rh1 Qxa4±]
28...Qe6 29.Rfe1 Bb7 30.Nd4
White has more active pieces.
[30.Nxa5 Bxg2 31.Bxg7 *(31.Kxg2? Nh4+ 32.Kh2 Nf3+ 33.Kg2 Rac8-+)* 31...Qg6 32.Bxh6 Kh7-+ *(32...Nxh6? 33.Rg1+-)*]
30...Nxd4



31.Qxd4
[Reject 31.Rxd4?! f6 32.Qc7 Bxg2 33.Kxg2 fxe5=]
31...Qg6 32.Qg4 0.94/24
[⌓32.Bg3 1.31/21]
32...Qxg4 33.hxg4 Bc6 34.b3 f6 35.Bc3 Rxe1 0.98/25
[35...Reb8!= 0.26/24 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

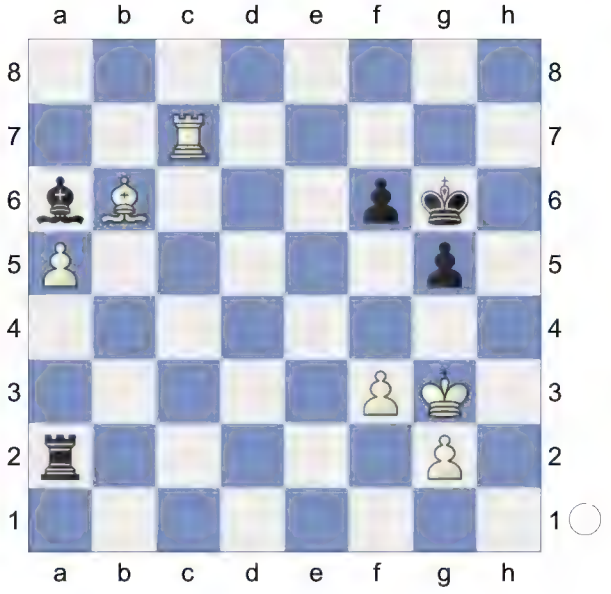


36.Rxe1= Endgame. KRB-KRB
36...Bd5 37.Rb1 Kf7 38.Kg3 Rb8
39.b4 Strongly threatening b4-b5.
[39.Bxa5 Rxb3+ 40.Rxb3 Bxb3∓]
39...axb4 40.Bxb4 Bc4

41.a5 Ba6 42.f3 Kg6 43.Kf4 h5
44.gxh5+ Kxh5 45.Rh1+ 0.64/5
[45.Rb2± 1.02/21]
45...Kg6±

(Diagram)

46.Bc5 Rb2 47.Kg3 Ra2 48.Bb6 Kf7
49.Rc1 g5 50.Rc7+ Kg6



51.Rc6 0.01/25
[51.Kh3± 0.61/23]
51...Bf1= 52.Bf2

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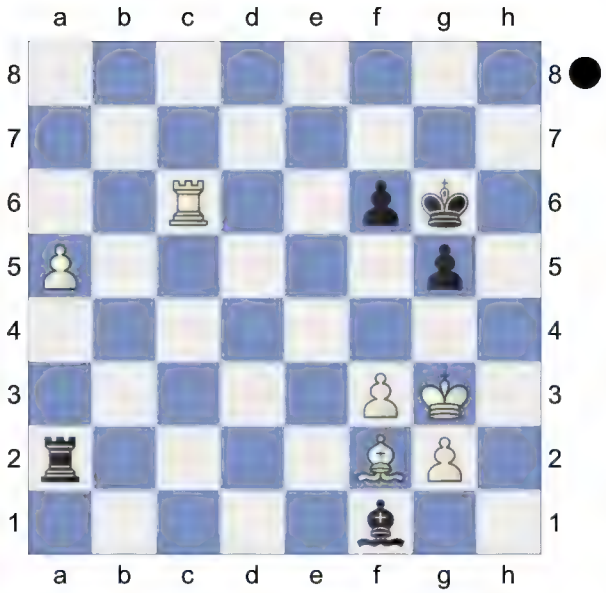

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46 **D52**
□ **Asaadbot** **2842**
■ **Aks Mantissa** **2705**
Rapid 26.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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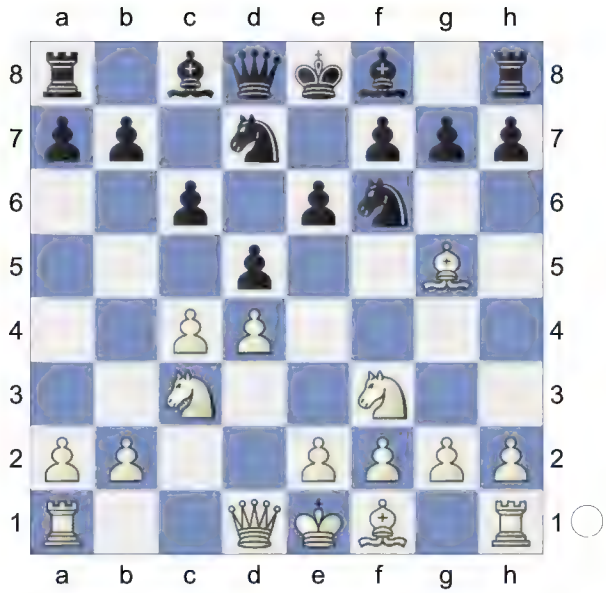
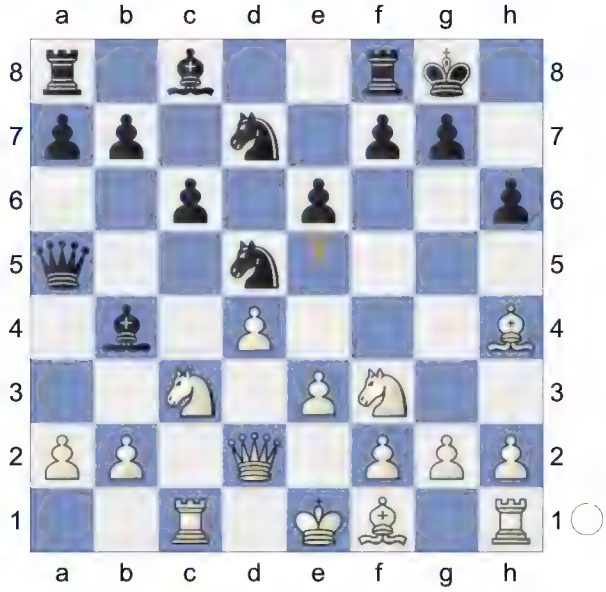


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0



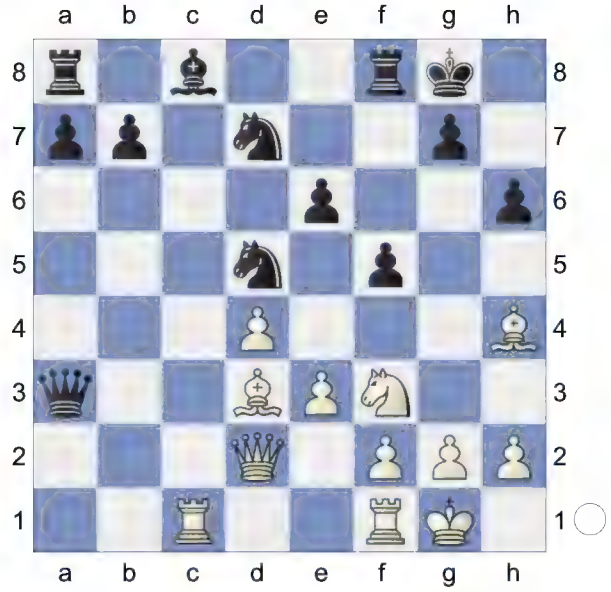
11.Bd3 c5
[11...e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 Re8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 17.Kh1 Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kh7 QGD/28 Cambridge Springs-7 cxd5 Nxd5 8 Qd2 ...e6-e5 1 d4 d5 2 c4 2021]
12.a3 Bxc3 White is slightly better.
[12...cxd4 13.axb4 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qb6 15.0-0 a5 16.e4 N5f6 17.Ra1

Qc7 18.c4 b6 19.e5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Rb8 24.Ra3 e5 25.Rg3+ Kh8 26.Bf3 Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/(528) 1996]

13.bxc3 cxd4N

[13...b6 14.e4 N5f6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.d5 c4 17.Bb1 Rfe8 18.Rfe1 Rac8 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.e5 Nd5 21.Nd4 Nf8 22.f4 Qxa3 23.f5 exf5 24.Nxf5 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Qc7 26.Nd6 Rxe5 27.Nxb7 Rce8 28.Rxe5 1-0 (32) 12.0-0 b6 13. ♖ad1 ♗b7 107 (2568)-Kasparov,G (2530) da Rocha 8/568 1969 (10)]

14.cxd4 Qxa3 15.0-0 f5



16.Ra1 White has compensation.

[16.e4 fxe4 17.Bxe4 N7f6=]

16...Qb4 17.Qc2 Qc3 18.Qe2 a5 19.Rfc1 Qb4 20.Bg3 Rd8

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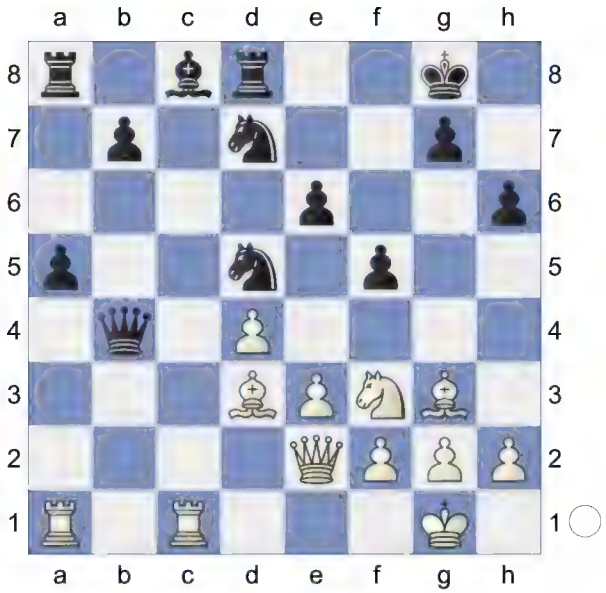
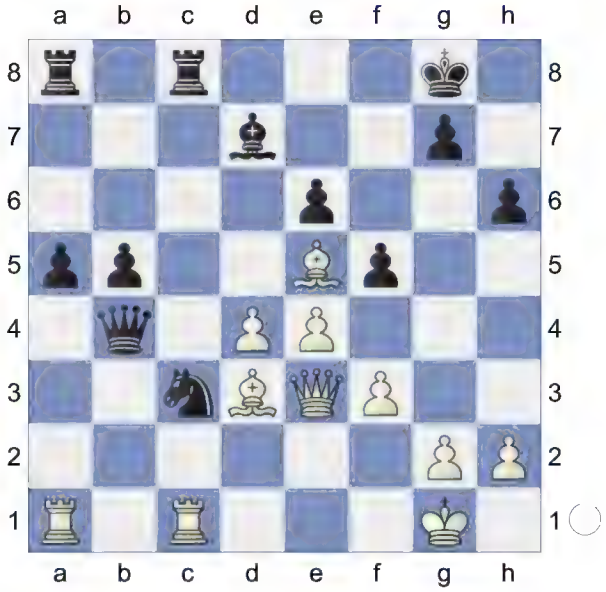


21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Bd7 23.e4 Nc3 24.Qe3 And now Qe3-g3 would win.

24...Rdc8 25.f3 b5



26.d5!→ Inhibits Rc8-c6. Deflection. White has some attack. **26...exd5**

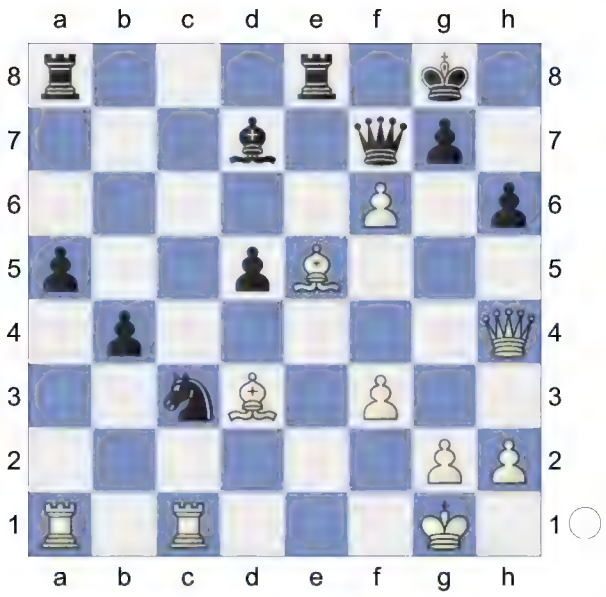
[26...fxe4?! 27.fxe4 Na4 *(27...exd5? 28.Qg3+-)* 28.Qg3±]

27.exf5 aiming for f5-f6. **27...Qe7 28.Qf4! b4 29.f6 Qf7 30.Qh4**

[30.fxg7 Qxf4 31.Bxf4 b3-+ *(31...Kxg7 32.Re1∓)*]

[30.Qg3 Rc6=]

30...Re8



31.f4 Bc8 1.79/20 White leaves nothing to chance now.

[31...gxf6? 32.Bxf6 Re6 *(32...Re3? 33.Qxh6+-)* 33.Bd4+- *(33.Bxc3 bxc3 34.Rxc3 Qf6=)*]

[Better is 31...a4± 0.43/20]

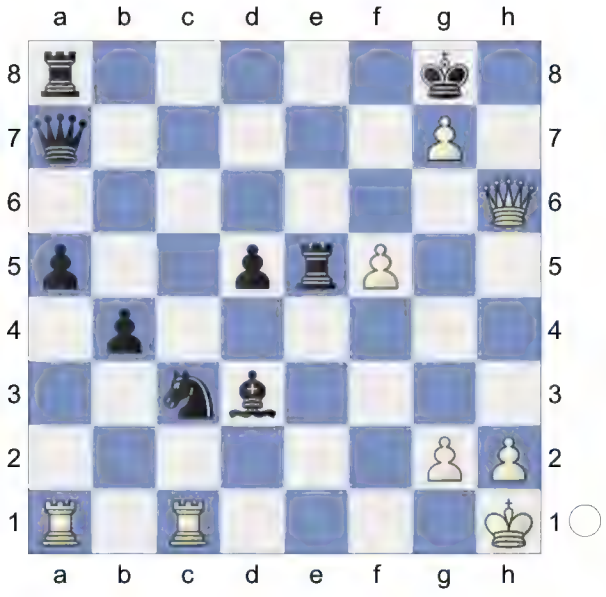
32.fxg7+- Ba6? 4.27/20

[32...Bf5 2.05/20 is a better defense.]

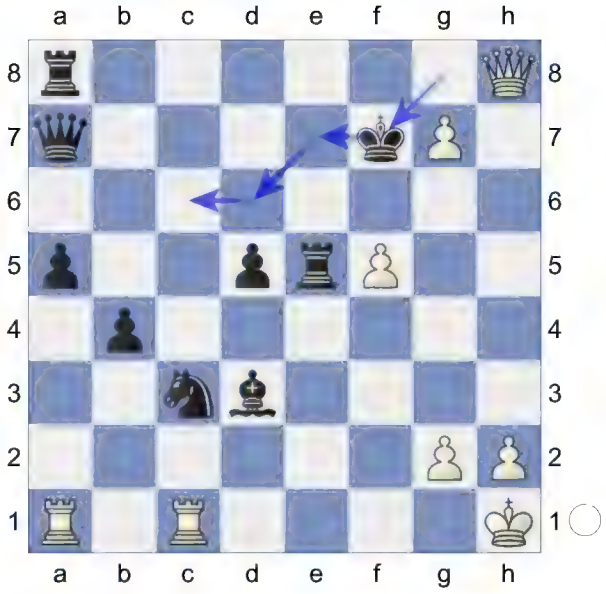
33.Qxh6 Qa7+ 34.Kh1 Bxd3 35.f5! White threatens Qh6-h8+ and mate.

[35.Qh8+ Kf7 36.g8R *(36.Qh6? Qa6-+)* 36...Rxg8±]

35...Rxe5



36.Qh8+ Kf7



37.Qh7 Rg8

[Worse is 37...Rxf5 38.g8Q+ *(38.g8R+ Ke6=)* 38...Kf6 39.Qh6+ *(39.Qh4+ Ke5+-)* 39...Ke5 40.Qg3+ Kd4 41.Qge3+ *(41.Qhe3+ Kc4 42.Qxd3+ Kc5 43.Rxc3+ bxc3 44.Qxc3+ Kb6 45.Qd6+ Kb7 46.Qcc7#)* 41...Kc4 42.Qc6+ Kb3 43.Rxc3+ *(43.Qxd3 Rf1+* Back Rank *44.Rxf1 Qg1+* Back Rank *45.Rxg1 Kb2 46.Rgb1+ Nxb1 47.Qxb1#)* 43...bxc3 44.Qa4+ Kb2 45.Qc1#]

38.Qg6+ Ke7 39.f6+ Discovered Attack **39...Kd6 40.f7+** Discovered Attack (Check) **40...Bxg6**

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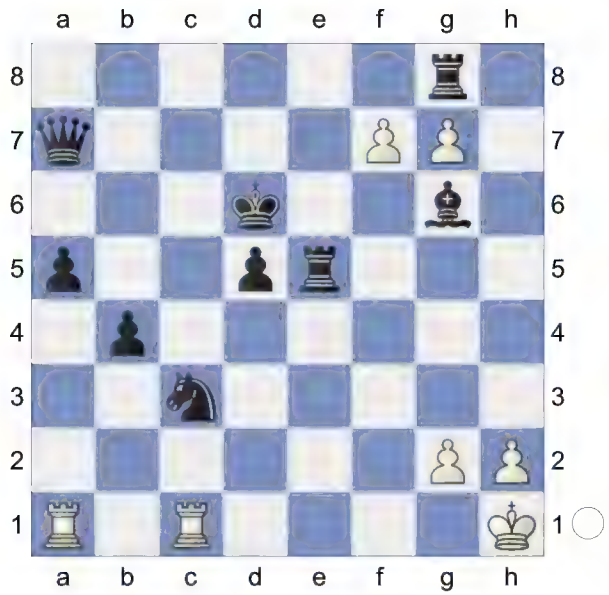
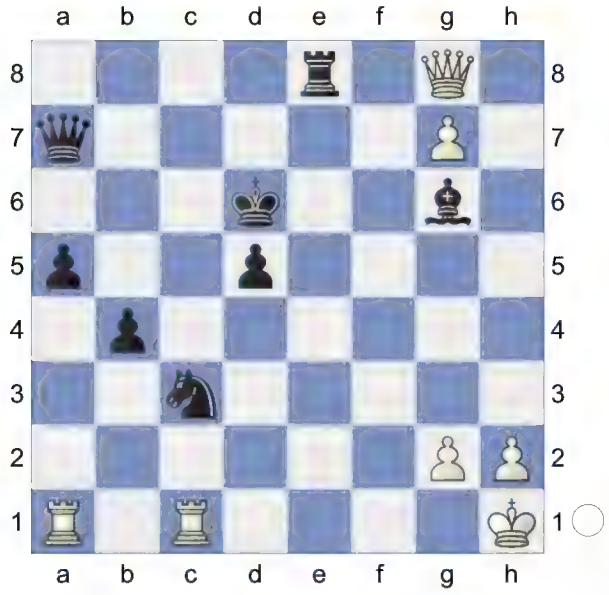


41.fxg8Q Re8



42.Qxe8 Remove Defender, Clearance, Promotion **42...Bxe8 43.g8Q**

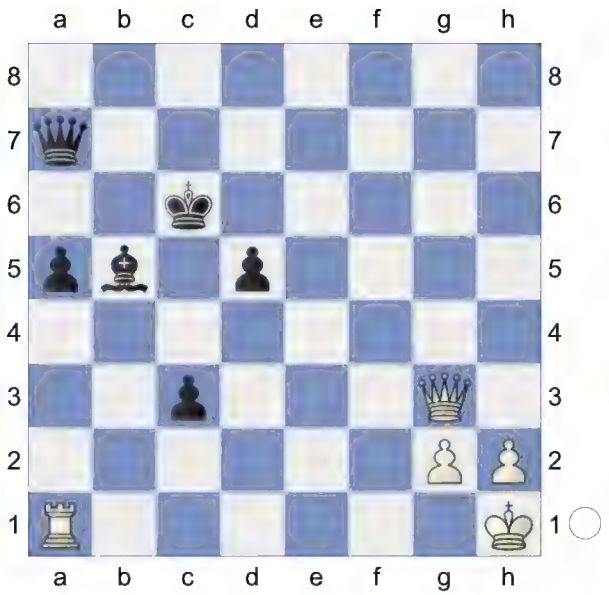
[43.g8B? perishes. Bb5 44.Re1 b3 45.Re6+ Kd7-+]

43...Bb5 5.80/23

[⌓43...Bd7 3.99/19 44.Qf8+ Kc7 45.Qf4+ Kc8]

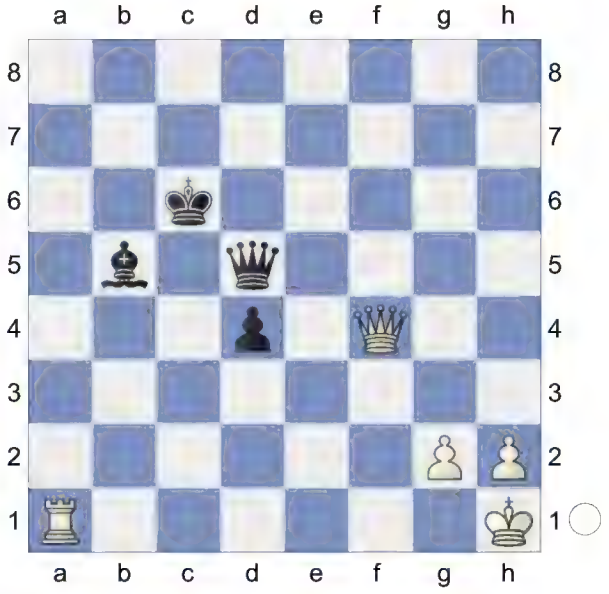
44.Qg3+ Kc6 45.Rxc3+ bxc3

(Diagram)



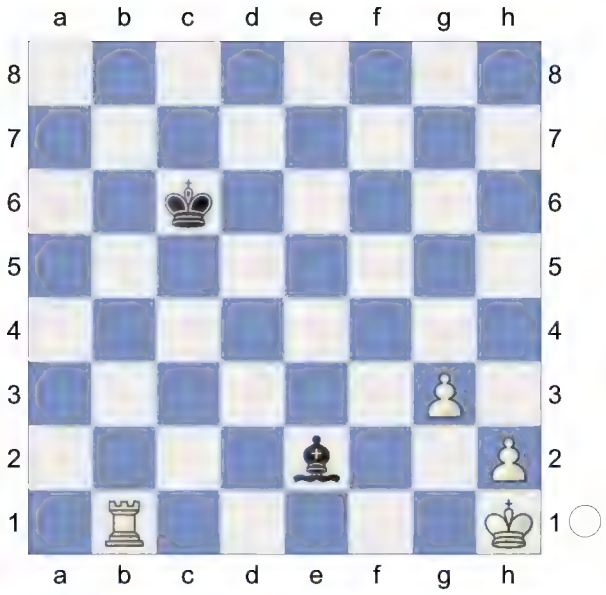
46.Qxc3+ Endgame. KQR-KQB

46...Qc5 47.Qxa5 d4 48.Qa8+ Kb6 49.Qb8+ Kc6 50.Qf4 Qd5

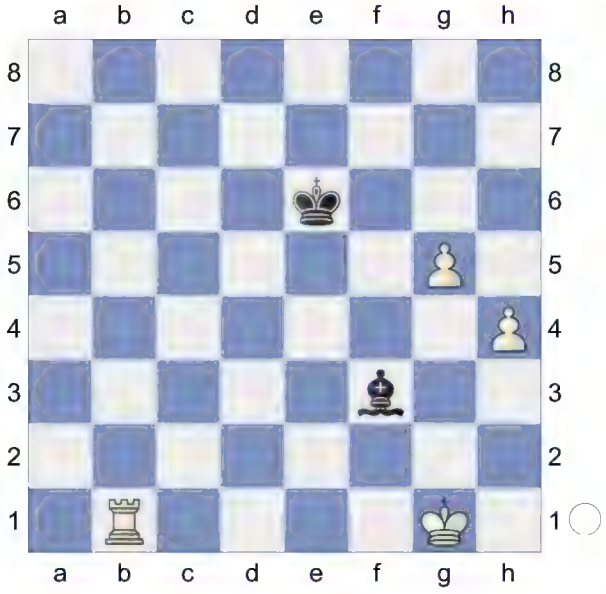


51.Rd1 Kb7 52.Qxd4 Qc4 53.Qxc4 Bxc4 KR-KB **54.g3 Be2 55.Rb1+ Kc6**

(Diagram)



56.h3 Kd7 57.g4 Bc4 58.h4 Bd5+ 59.Kg1 Bf3 60.g5 g5-g6 would kill now. **60...Ke6**



61.g6 Intending g6-g7 and mate. **61...Bh5 62.g7 Kf7**

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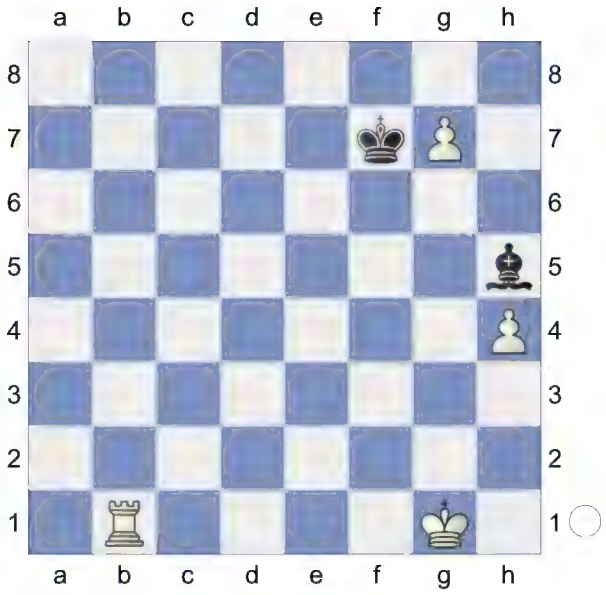
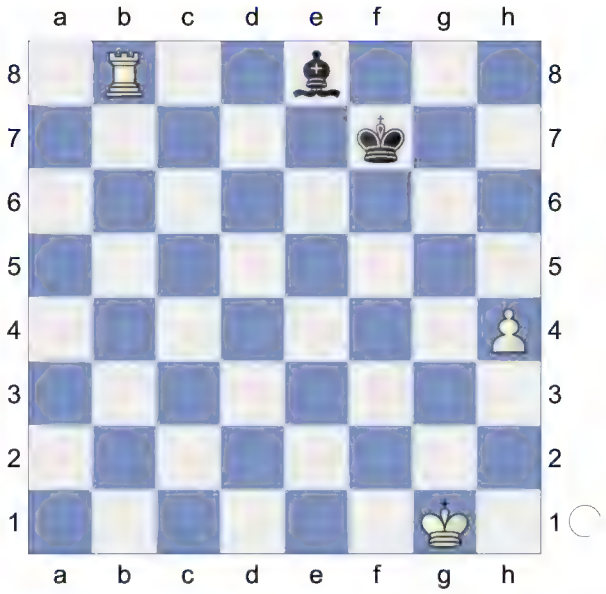


63.g8Q+? 3.05/31 **Kxg8 64.Rb7 Be8?** 7.02/35

[64...Bf3 3.02/29 65.Ra7 Bd5]

65.Rb8 Kf7



66.Kf2 Bc6 67.Rc8 Be8 68.Ke3 Threatening mate with h4-h5. **68...Ke7 69.Kf4 Kf7 70.h5 Bb5**

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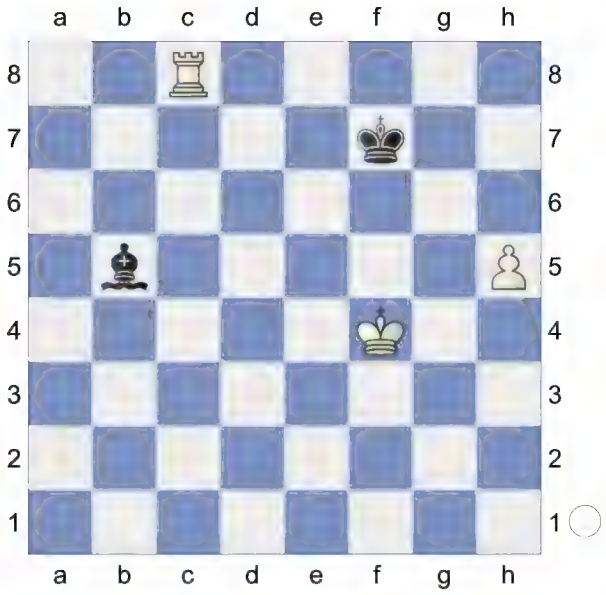
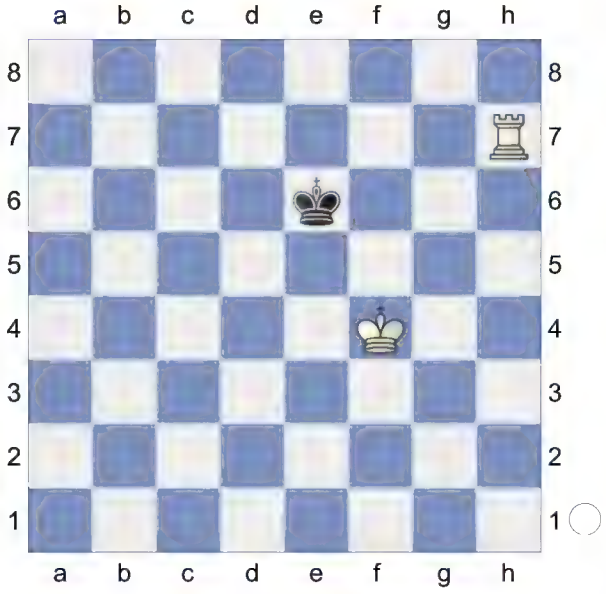


71.Rc3 Kf6 72.Rc7 Bf1 73.h6 Bd3 74.h7 Bxh7 75.Rxh7 KR-K. White mates. **75...Ke6**



76.Rh5 Kd6 77.Re5 Kc6 78.Kf5 Kd7 79.Re6 Kc7 80.Kf6 Kd7

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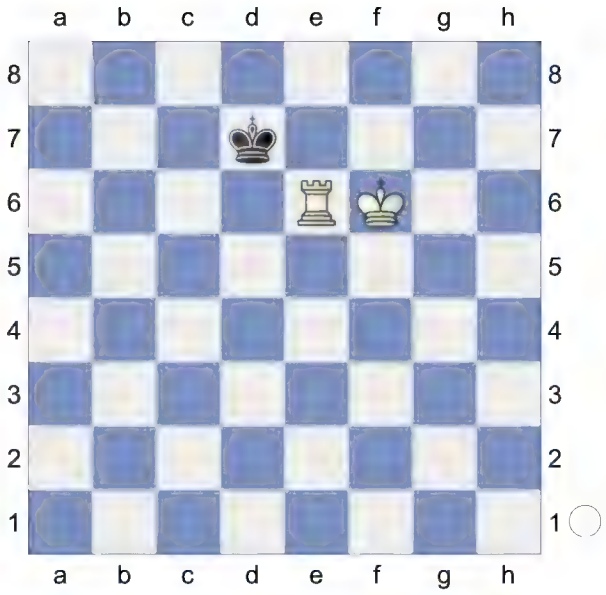
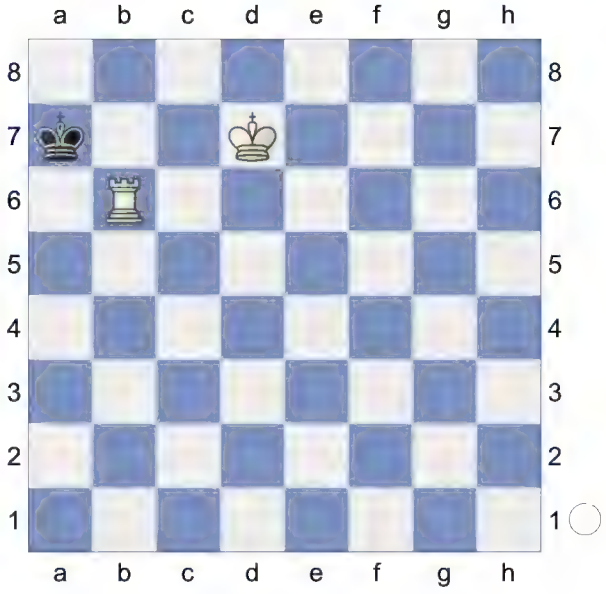


81.Kf7 Kc7 82.Ke7 Kb8 83.Kd6 Kb7 84.Kd7 Ka8 85.Rb6 Ka7



86.Kc7 Ka8 87.Ra6#

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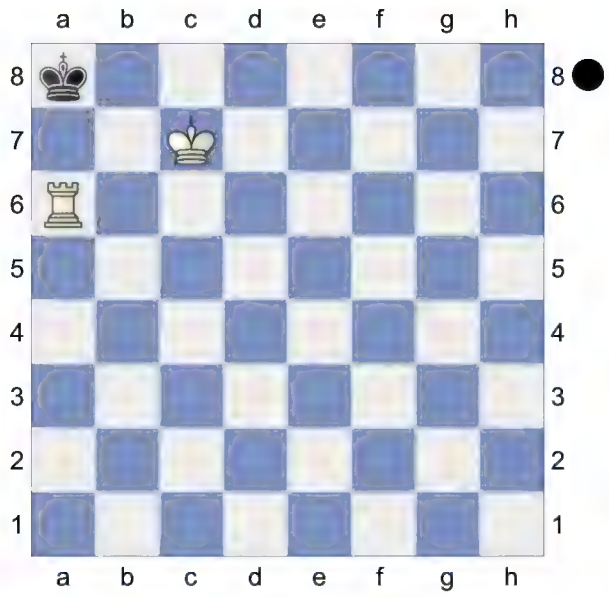

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47 **D52**
□ **Kukhmazov,A** **2842**
■ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2783**
Blitz 18.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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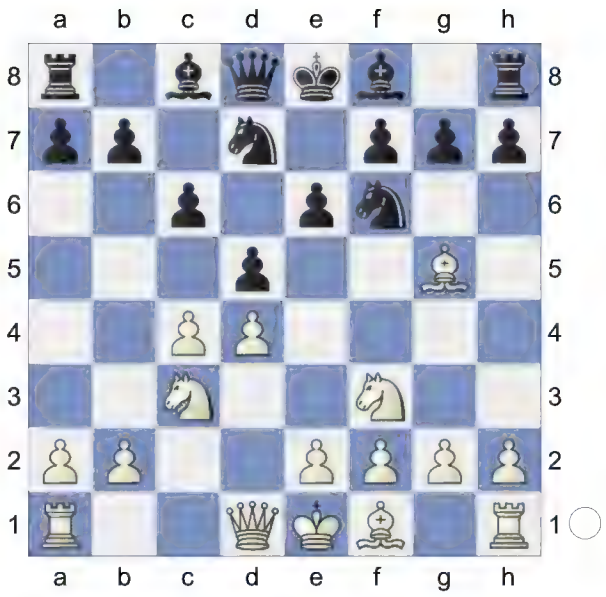
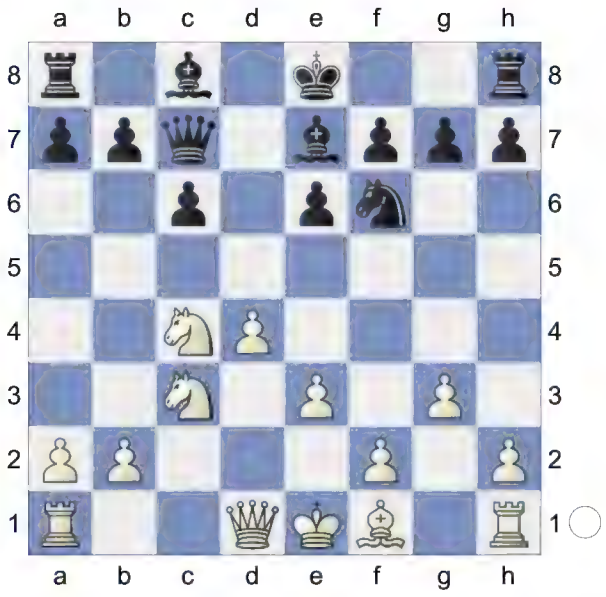


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3 Be7



11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Rc1 Rfd8
The position is equal. **14.Qe2N**
[14.e4
A) 14...b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Qd2 *(17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rd2* Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4*)* 17...Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5

24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 F-F (38) Janata (2489)-6.♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1];

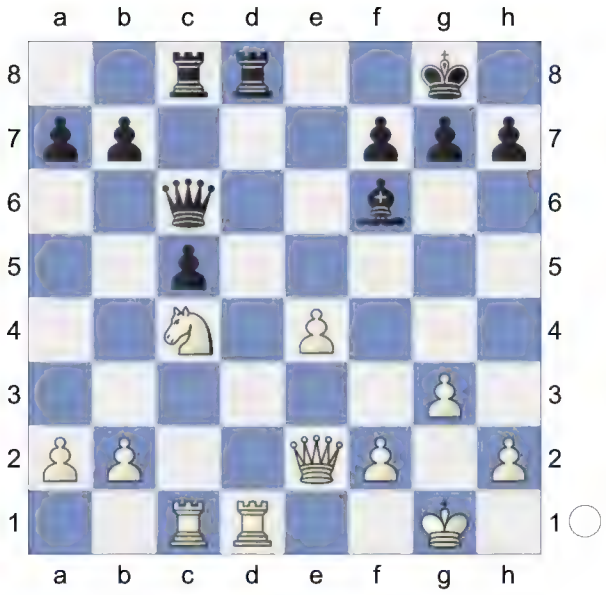
B) 14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w]

[14.Qc2 Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 Bc3 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3)]

14...Rac8 15.Rfd1 c5

And now ...c5xd4 would win. **16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bc6 19.e4 Bf6 20.Bxc6 Qxc6**

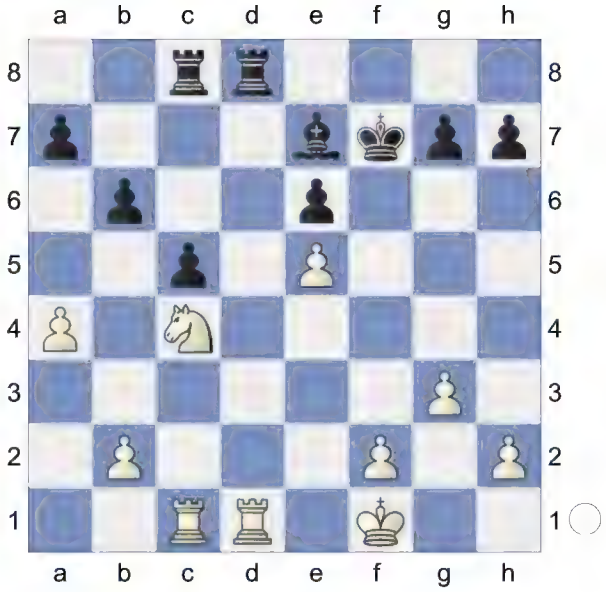
(Diagram)



21.e5 Be7 22.Qg4 Qe6 0.40/20

[22...Rd4= -0.24/20 23.Qe2 *(23.Rxd4 cxd4 24.Rc2 Rd8∓)* 23...Rcd8]

23.Qxe6± fxe6 24.a4 b6 25.Kf1 Kf7

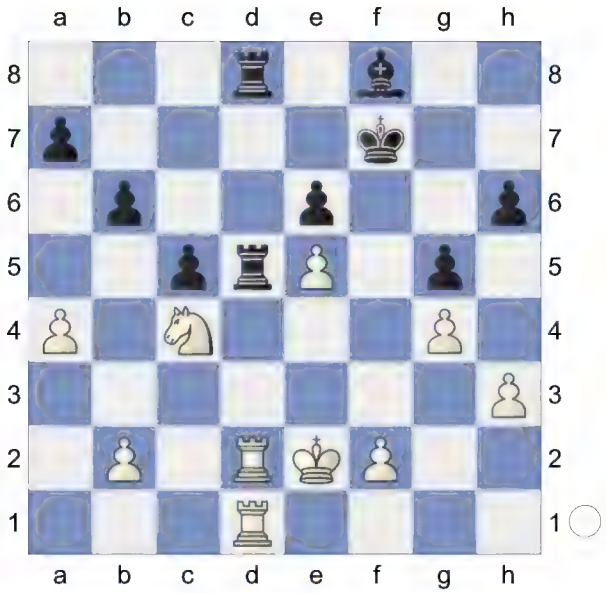


26.Ke2 g5 27.g4 0.01/21

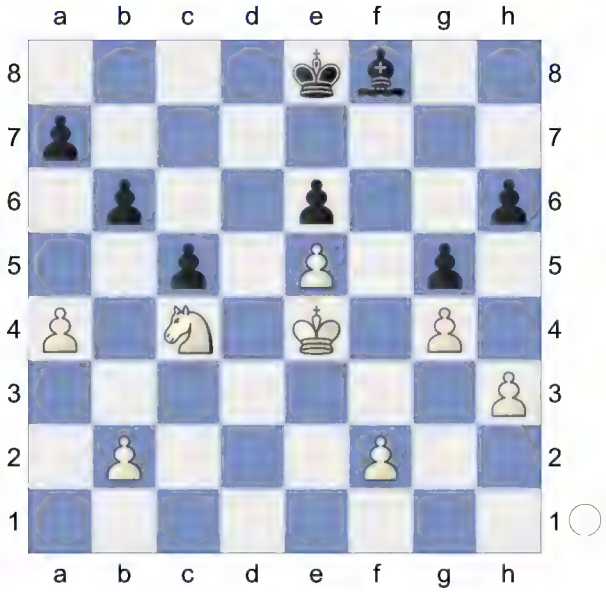
[27.f4± 0.59/21]

27...Rd5= 28.Rd2 Rcd8 29.Rcd1 h6 30.h3 Bf8

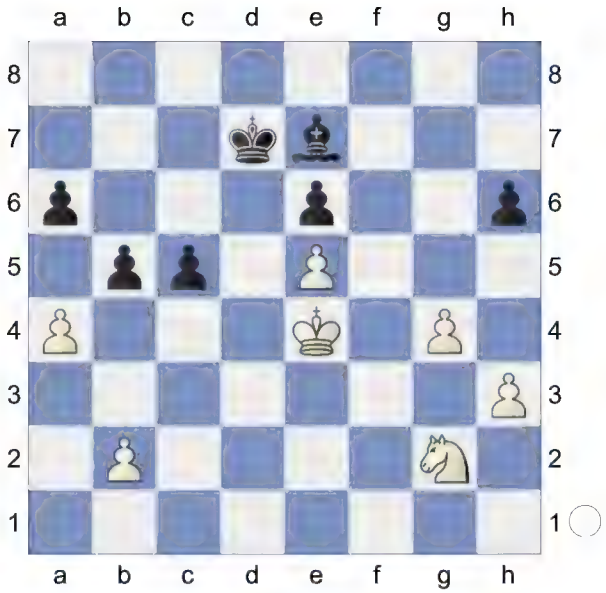
(Diagram)



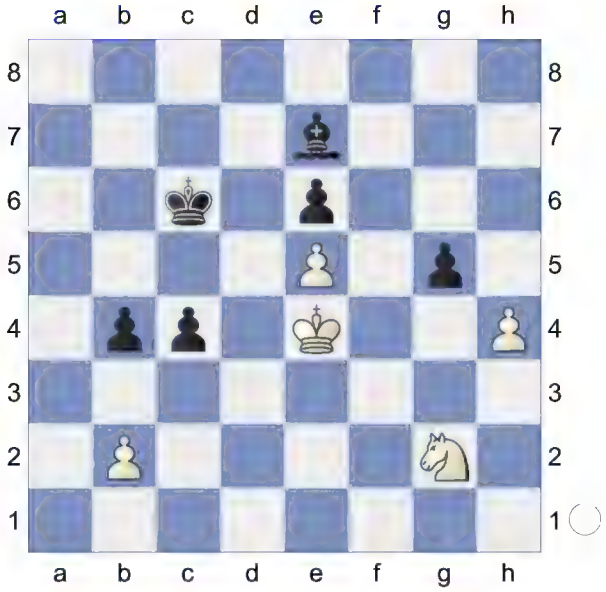
31.Ke3
[31.Ne3 simplifies Rxd2+ 32.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 33.Kxd2 Ke8 34.Kd3]
31...Kg6 0.55/26
[31...Ke8= 0.01/24]
32.Ke4± Rxd2 33.Rxd2 Rxd2 34.Nxd2 Endgame. KB-KN **34...Kf7 35.Nc4 Ke8**



36.f4! gxf4 37.Kxf4 Be7 38.Ke4 0.01/27
[White should play 38.Nd6+± 1.15/25 Kd7 39.Nf7]
38...Kd7= 39.Ne3 a6 40.Ng2 b5
(Diagram)



41.axb5 axb5 42.Nf4 c4 43.Ng2 Kc6 44.h4 Wards off Be7-g5 **44...b4 45.g5?** -6.05/25 **hxg5-+**



Black is clearly winning. **46.h5 Bf8** aiming for ...b4-b3. **47.Ne3 Kc5 48.Ng4 b3** Strongly threatening ...c4-c3! **49.Nf2**

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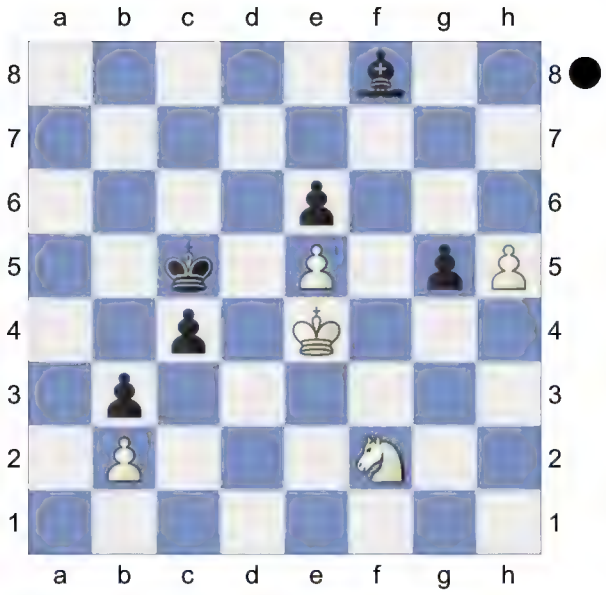
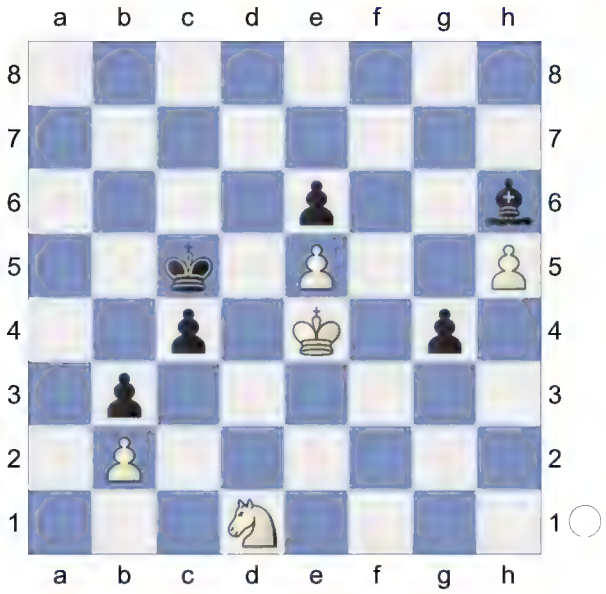
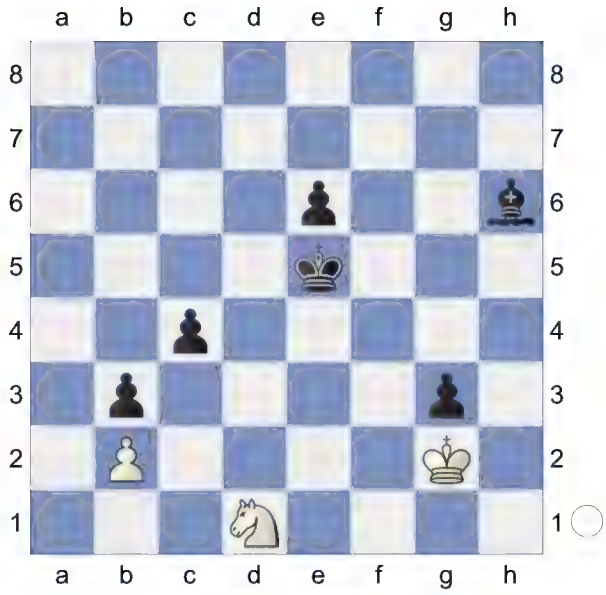


g4! ...g4-g3 is the strong threat. **50.Nd1** [50.Kf4 Bh6+]
50...Bh6

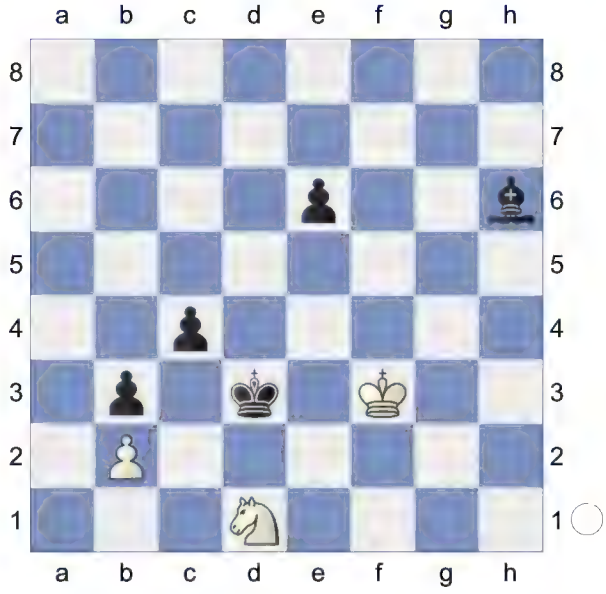


51.Nc3 Bc1 52.Nd1 g3 (-> ...g3-g2)
53.Kf3 Kd4 -4.57/19
[⌓53...Kd5 -10.11/23 54.Nc3+ Kxe5]
54.Kg2 -14.04/21
[⌓54.Kxg3 -4.57/19 Kxe5 55.Kf3 Bxb2 56.Nxb2]
54...Kxe5 Threatens to win with ...Ke5-f6. **55.h6 Bxh6**

(Diagram)



56.Kxg3 Kd4 White must now prevent ... Bh6-c1. **57.Kf3 Kd3**



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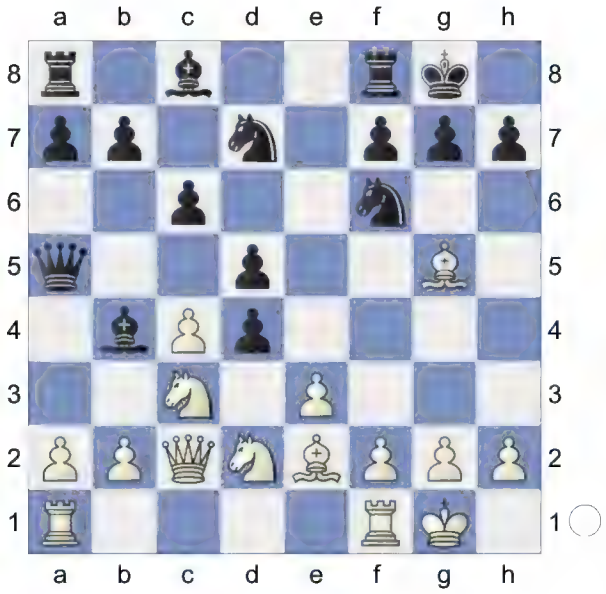
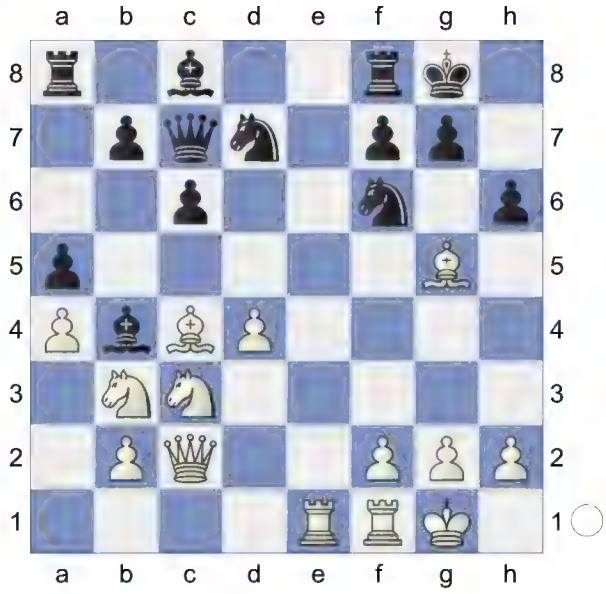
48 **D52**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2834**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2784**
Qatar Masters op (7) 27.12.2015
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 100min+670sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5 14.a4 Qc7 15.Rae1N
[15.h3 h6 16.Bh4 Nb6 17.Bd3 Nbd5 18.Bc4 Qf4 19.Bg3 Bf5 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qg5 22.f4 Qg6 23.f5 Qg5 24.Rf3 Rfe8 25.Be5 Rad8 26.Rg3 Qh4 27.Qf3 Bd6 28.Qf2 Kh8 29.Bxd6 Rxd6 0-1 (57) 11.Kb1 ♖c8_8739 (2441)-12. 0-0 b6 13. ♖ad1 ♗b7_107 (2557) Rheinland-chT Seniors 1617 2016 (9)]
15...h6



16.Bh4 Bd6 17.h3 Nb6 18.Bxf6

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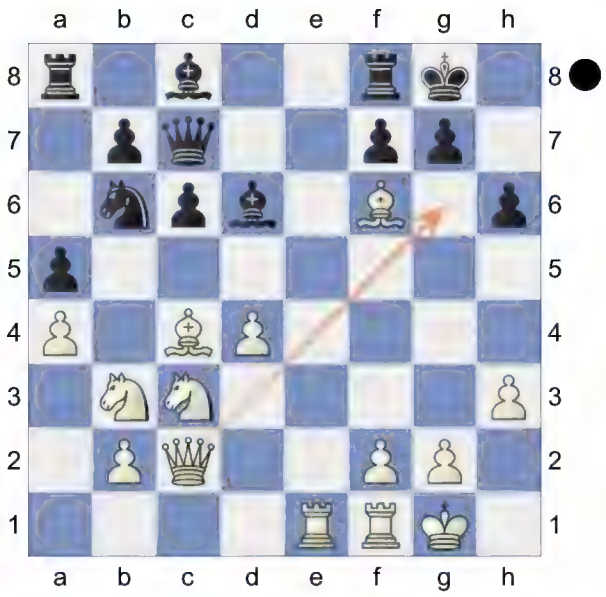
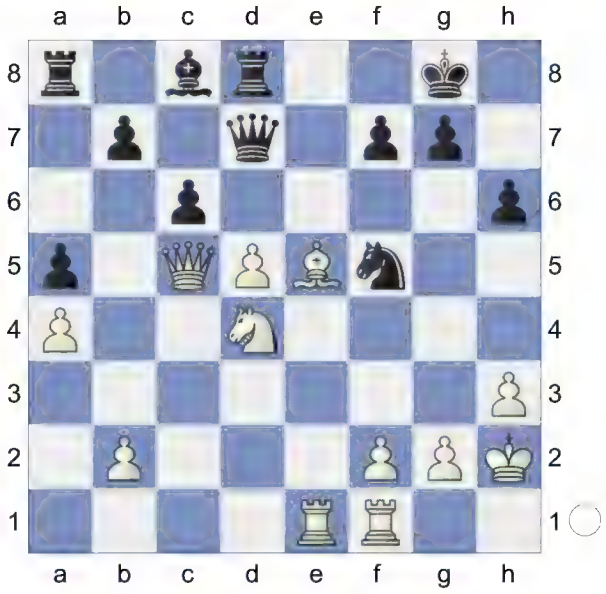
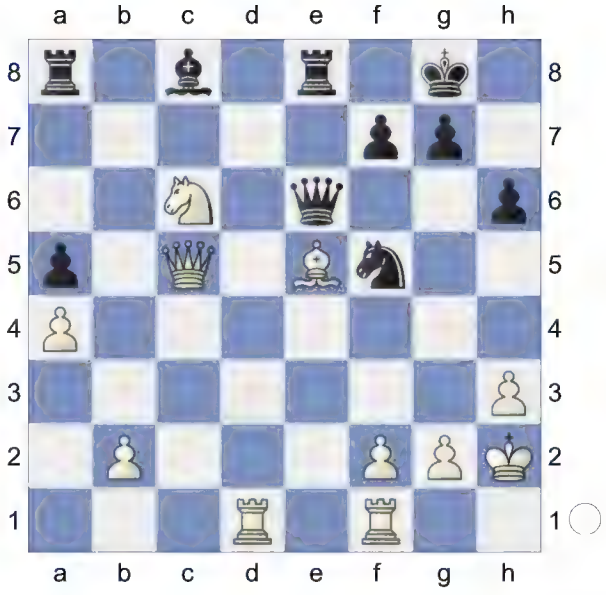


Intending Qc2-g6! and mate. **18...Nxc4 19.Ne4 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 Nd6** 1.05/21
[20...b5± 0.53/20]

21.Kxh2± Nxe4+ 22.Be5 Nd6 23.Qc5
Black is weak on the dark squares
23...Rd8 24.d5 Repels Bc8-e6.
Threatens to win with Nb3-d4. **24...Qd7 25.Nd4**
[25.Nxa5?! cxd5 26.Bxd6 *(26.Qxd5 Qxa4 27.Ra1 Be6±)* 26...Qxd6+ 27.Qxd6 Rxd6=]
[25.dxc6 simplifies Qxc6 26.Qxc6 bxc6 27.Bxd6 Rxd6 28.Re8+]
25...Nf5



26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Nxc6 Re8 28.Rd1
[28.Nxa5 Ba6 29.Rg1 Qxa4±]
28...Qe6



...Bc8-b7 would now be deadly. **29.Rfe1**
White is much more active. **29...Bb7 30.Nd4**
[30.Nxa5?! Bxg2 31.Bxg7 *(31.Kxg2 Nh4+ 32.Kh2 Nf3+ 33.Kg3 Ng5-+)* 31...Qg6∓]
30...Nxd4
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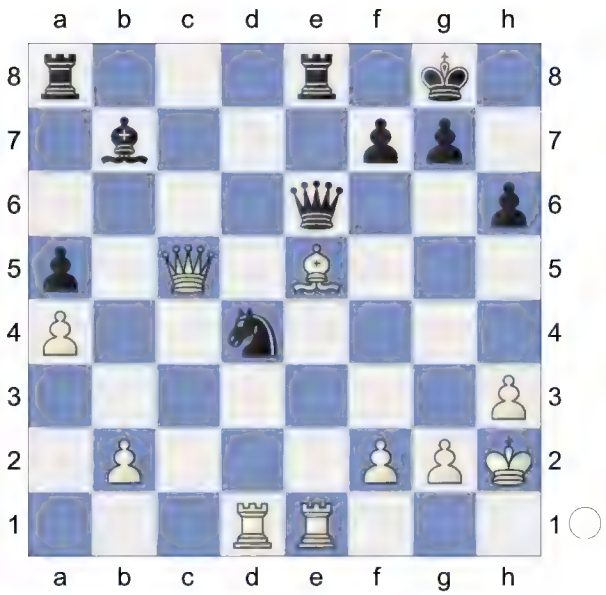
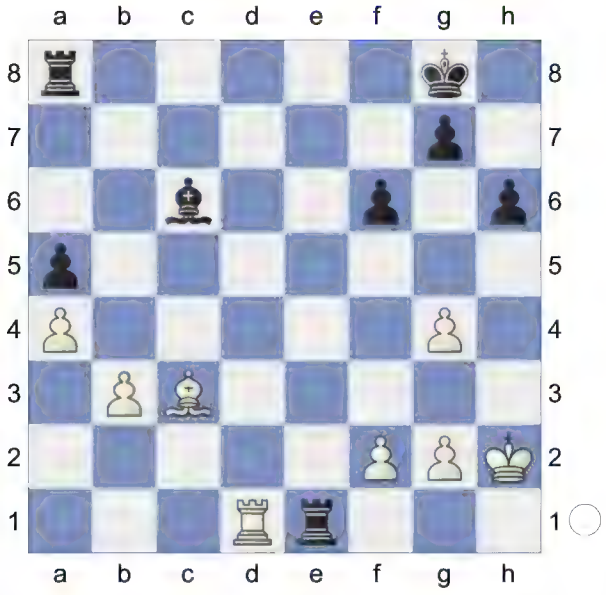
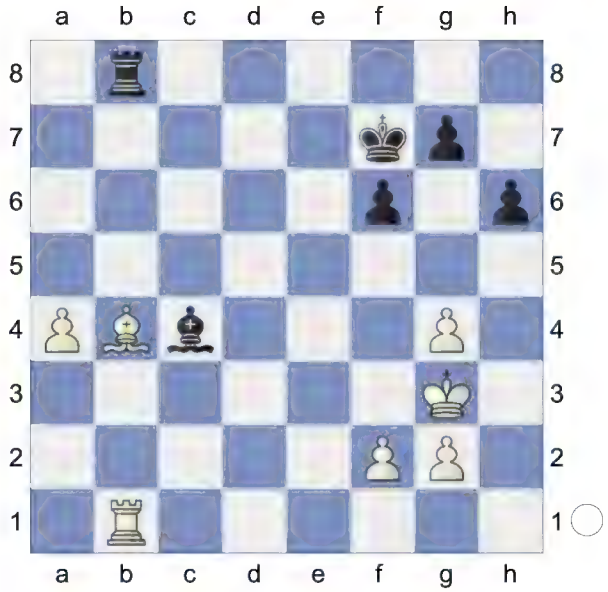


31.Qxd4
[Of course not 31.Rxd4?! f6 32.Qc7 Bxg2 33.Kxg2 fxe5=]
31...Qg6 32.Qg4 Qxg4 33.hxg4 Bc6 34.b3 f6 35.Bc3 0.27/24
[35.Bc7± 0.95/20]
35...Rxe1 0.93/22
[35...Reb8!= 0.27/24 remains equal.]



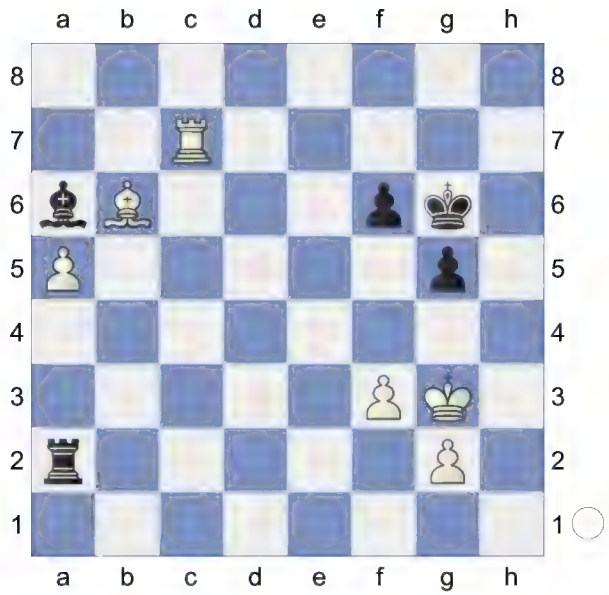
36.Rxe1= Endgame. KRB-KRB
36...Bd5 37.Rb1 Kf7 38.Kg3 Rb8 39.b4! aiming for b4-b5.
[Reject 39.Bxa5?! Rxb3+ 40.Rxb3 Bxb3=]
39...axb4 40.Bxb4 Bc4



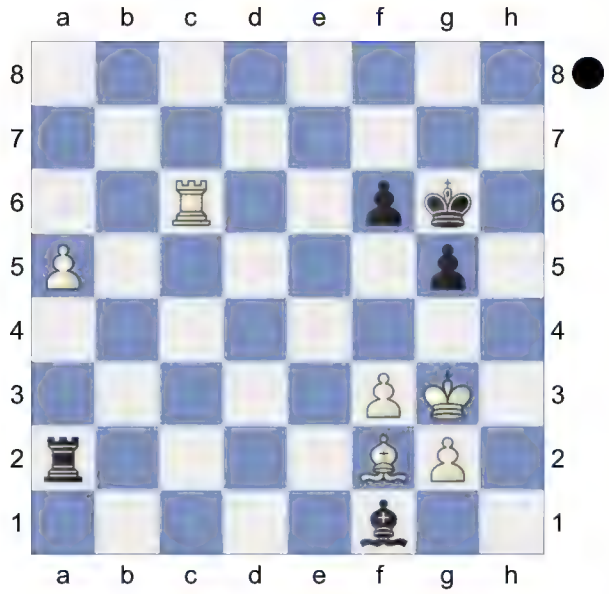
41.a5 Ba6 42.f3 Kg6 43.Kf4 h5 44.gxh5+ Kxh5 45.Rh1+ 0.64/5
[Better is 45.Rb2± 1.13/20]
45...Kg6±

46.Bc5 Rb2 47.Kg3 Ra2 48.Bb6 Kf7 49.Rc1 g5 50.Rc7+ 0.59/22
[50.Bd8± 0.96/20]
50...Kg6

(Diagram)



51.Rc6 0.01/25
[51.Kh2± 0.65/21]
51...Bf1= 52.Bf2



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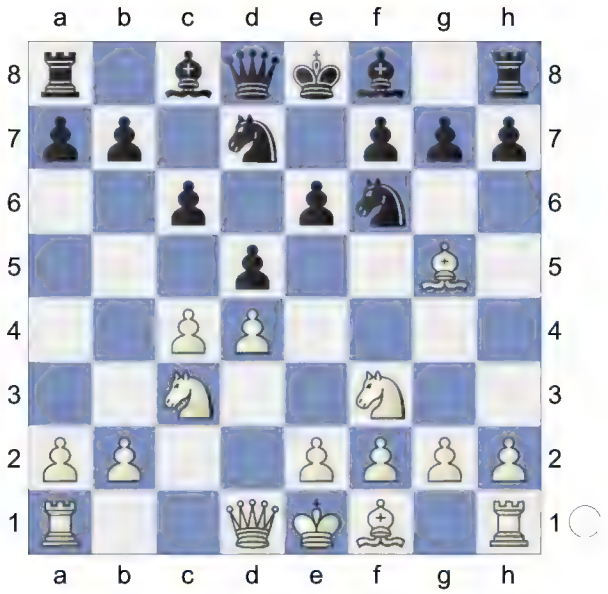
49 **D52**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
Tata Steel India Rapid (7.3) 15.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

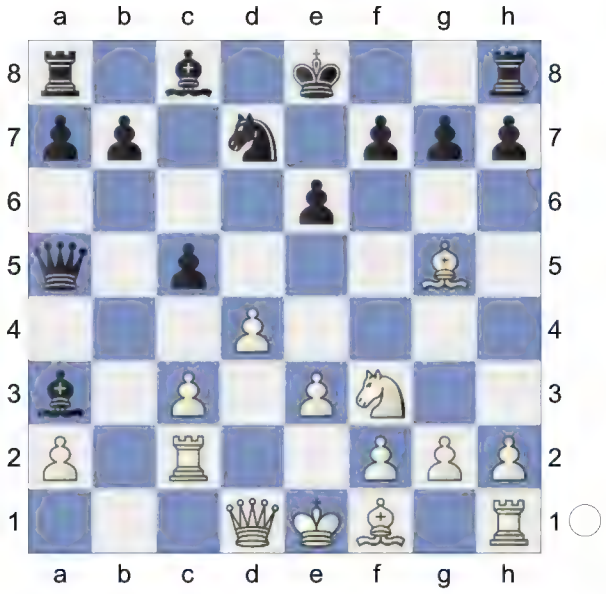
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 The position is equal. **10...c5N**
[10...b6 11.Be2 *(11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 h6 14.Bh4 0-0 15.c4 Rfe8 16.Nd2 Bf8 17.f4 Qh5 18.Nf3 c5 19.Be1 Rad8 20.Qe2 Nf6 21.Bh4 cxd4 22.exd4 Qf5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Rd2 Rd6 25.Kh1 Red8* 0-1 (83) Nomindalai,T (2189)-Rogic,D (2378) Split op 13th 2024 (8) *)* 11...Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2
A) 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Rd1 *(14.e4 Rac8 15.e5 Qa4 16.c4 Rfe8 17.Rd1 c5 18.d5* Cambridge Springs *)* 14...Rfe8 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.c4 c5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5

Bb4 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.h4 Qa4 Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan (blitz) 141/(11) 2019;

B) 13.Rxe2 0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.e5 Qxc3 16.Re3 Qa5 17.Nd2 Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd5 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Rh3 g6 23.Qh4 Ref7 24.exf6 Qxd4 25.Ng5 F-F (52) 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Semi-Slav 5.cxd5 (2618) WchT 3rd Luzern 1993 (1.1)]



11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4 b6! 13.Be4 Rb8 14.Bf4 Bb7! 15.Qe2

[But not 15.Bxb8 Bxe4 16.Bg3 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 0-0∓]

15...Ba6

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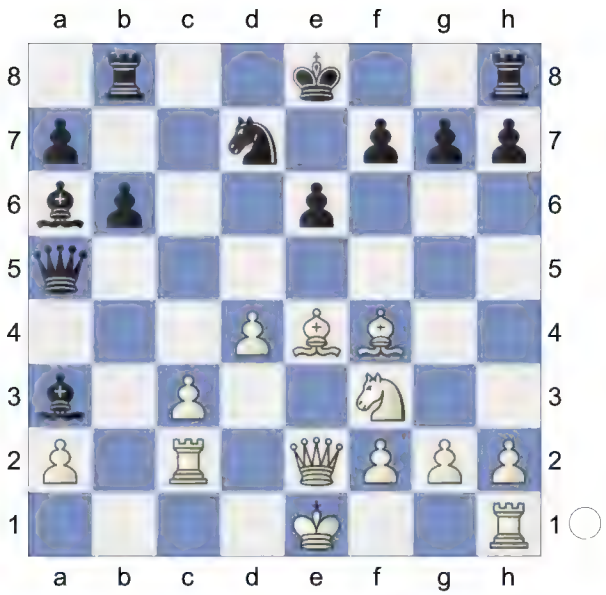
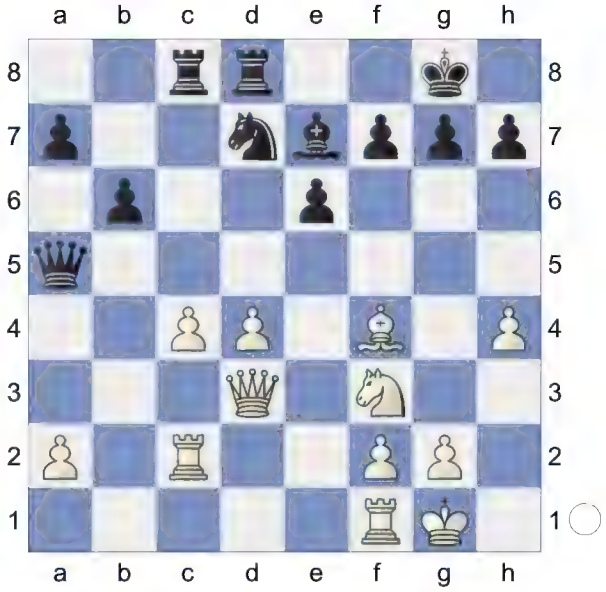


16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rc8 18.0-0 0-0 19.c4 Be7 20.h4 Rfd8

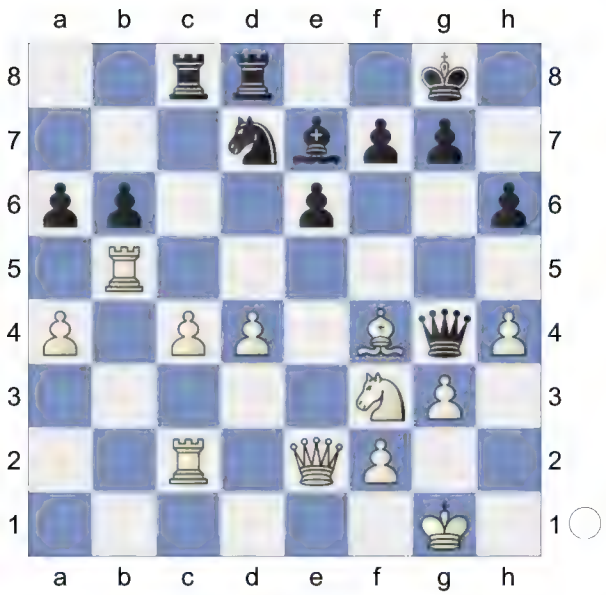


21.Rb1 Qh5 22.Rb5 Qg6 23.Qe2 -0.07/21

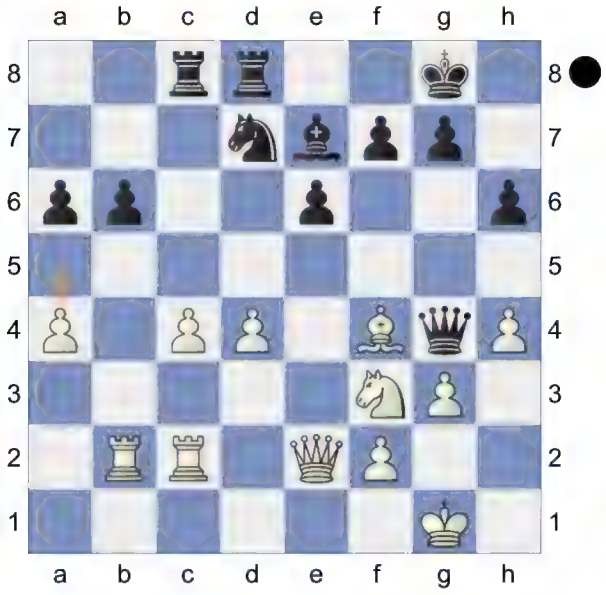
[23.Qxg6 0.30/21 might be stronger. hxg6 24.Kf1]

23...h6 24.a4 Qg4 25.g3 a6

(Diagram)

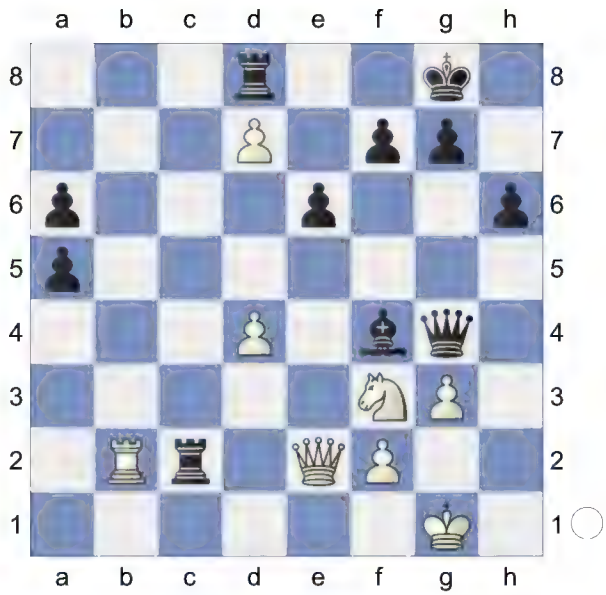


26.Rbb2

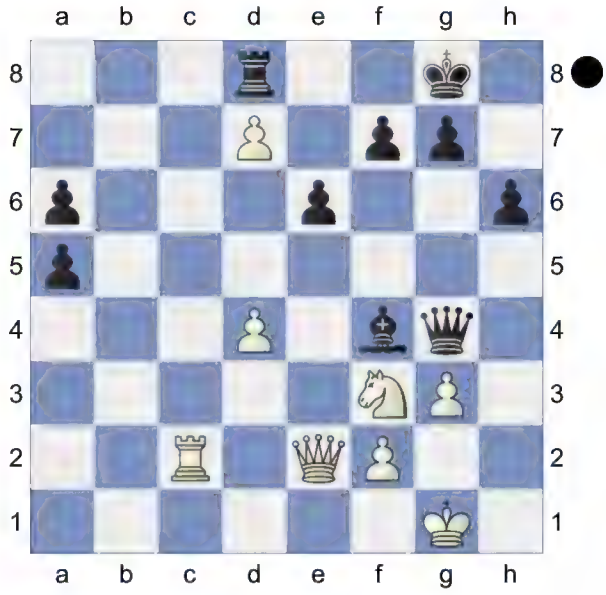


Bxh4 0.95/20 **27.a5** 0.51/19
[27.Nxh4± 0.95/20 Qxe2
Remove Defender 28.Rxe2]
27...bxa5!± **28.c5** With the idea c5-c6!
28...Bg5 **29.c6** -0.66/20
[Better is 29.Bxg5= 0.05/20 hxg5
30.Rb7]
29...Bxf4∓ **30.cxd7** **Rxc2**

(Diagram)

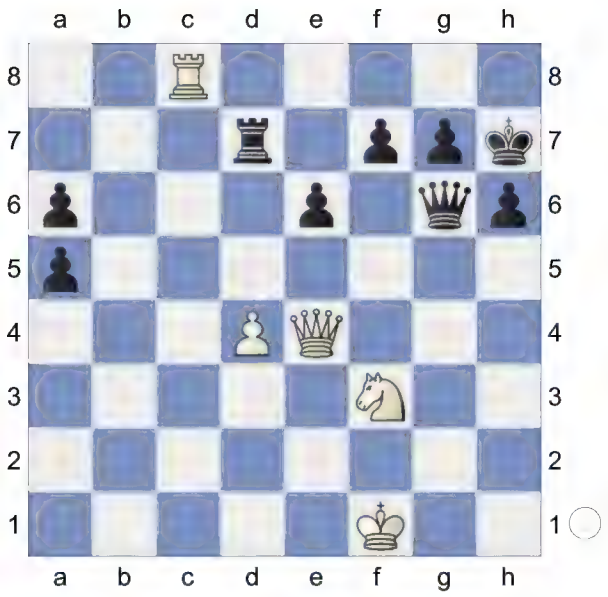


31.Rxc2

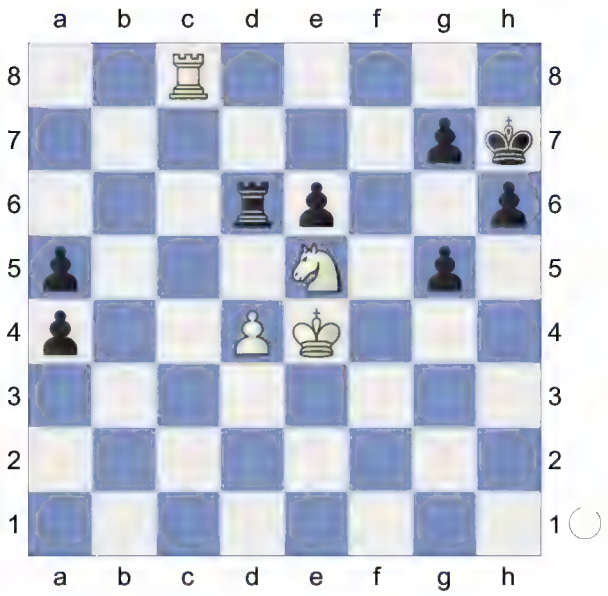


Bxg3! Demolition **32.fxg3** **Qxg3+**
33.Kf1! **Rxd7** ...g7-g5 is the strong threat. **34.Rc8+** **Kh7** And now ...Rd7-d5 would win. **35.Qe4+** **Qg6** 0.01/21
[35...g6∓ -0.66/24 36.Ne5 Ra7
(36...Rd5 37.Rf8=)]

(Diagram)

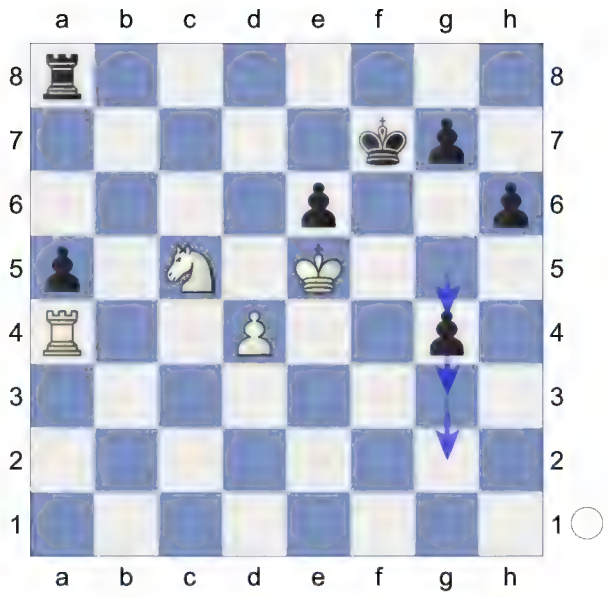


36.Qxg6+= fxg6 Endgame. KRN-KR **37.Ke2 g5** Threatens to win with ...g5-g4. **38.Ke3 Rd6 39.Ne5 a4 40.Ke4 a5**

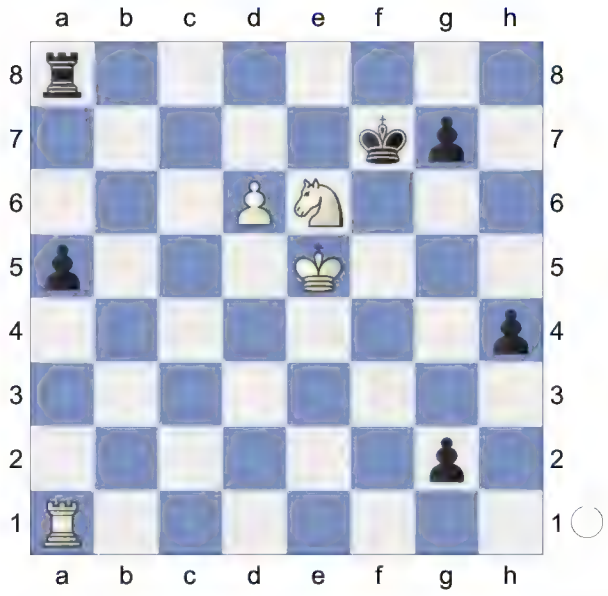


41.Rc4 Ra6 42.Rxa4 Kg8? 1.87/23
[42...Ra8= 0.01/23]
43.Nd3+- Kf7 44.Nc5 Ra8 45.Ke5 White is more active. **45...g4**

(Diagram)

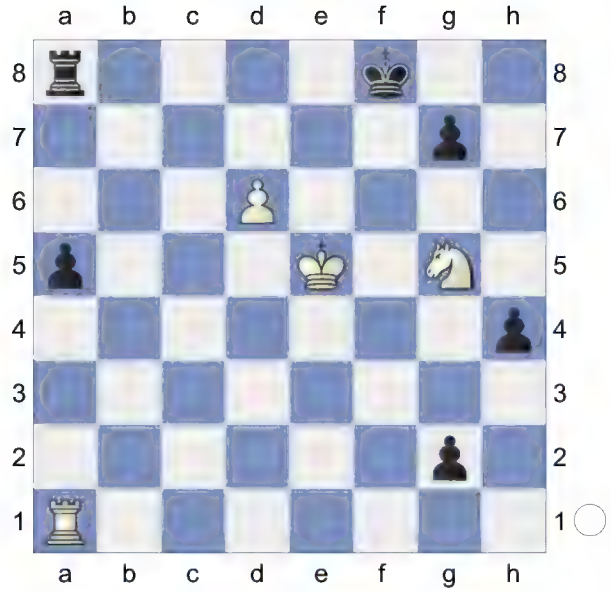


46.Nxe6 Strongly threatening d4-d5. **46...h5** 2.08/20
[46...g5 1.66/21 is a better defense. 47.Kf5 g3]
47.d5 g3 48.Ra1 Black must now prevent Ra1-f1+. **48...h4** 2.72/19
[⌓48...a4 1.95/17]
49.d6 g2

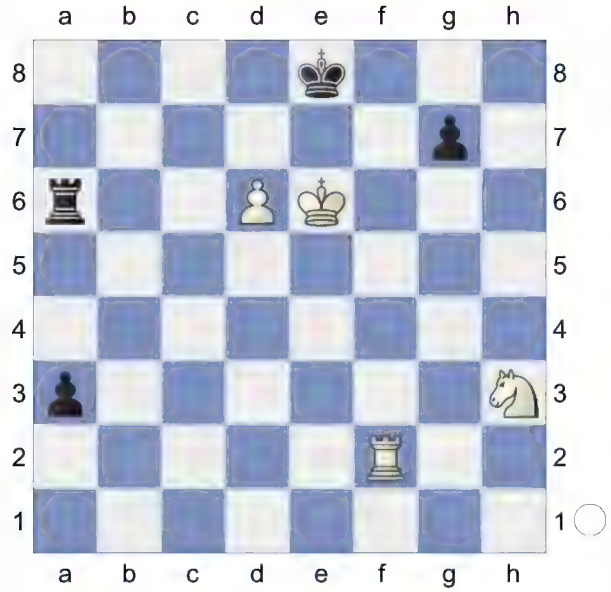


...Ra8-e8 would now be deadly. **50.Ng5+** 2.36/19
[⌓50.Rc1! 1.83/20 aiming for Rc1-c7+. h3 51.Ng5+ Kf8 52.Nxh3 Re8+ 53.Kf5]

50...Kf8



51.Rg1 1.39/20
[51.Rc1!+- 2.50/22]
51...h3? 6.30/19 A mistake that costs the game.
[51...Re8+± 1.39/20 52.Kf4 h3 53.Nxh3 Re6]
52.Nxh3 a4 53.Rxg2 a3 54.Rf2+ Ke8 55.Ke6 Ra6



56.Ng5

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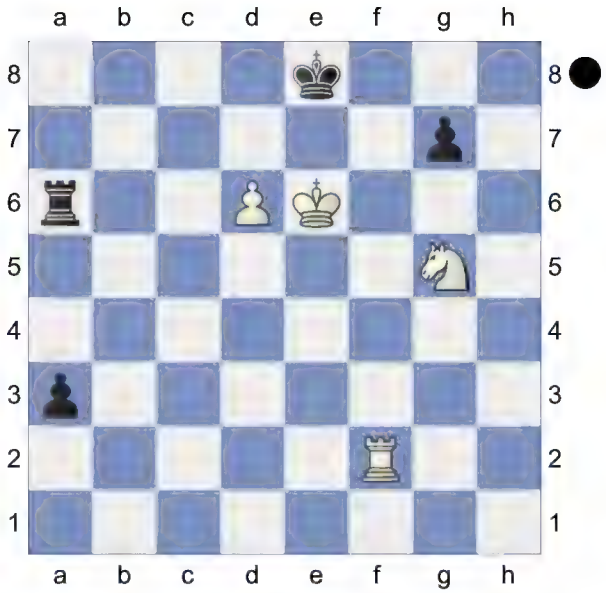

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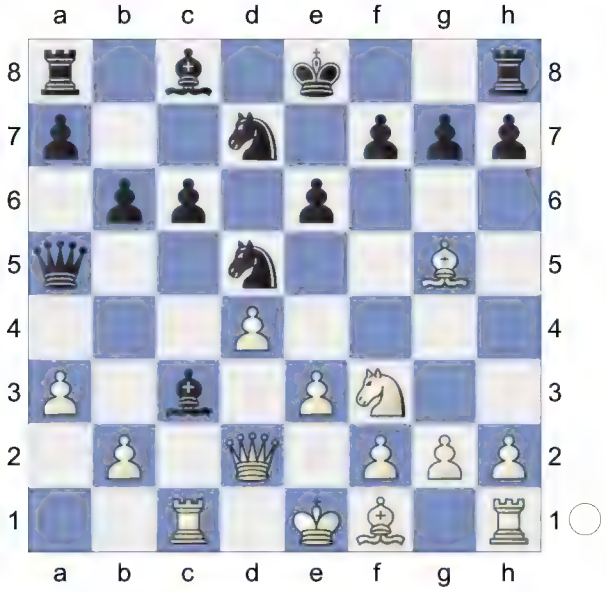
50 **D52**
□ **So,Wesley** **2822**
■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2651**
PRO League KO 2017 (2) 08.03.2017
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Current Reputation: Playable for both sides **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 b6 10.a3 Bxc3

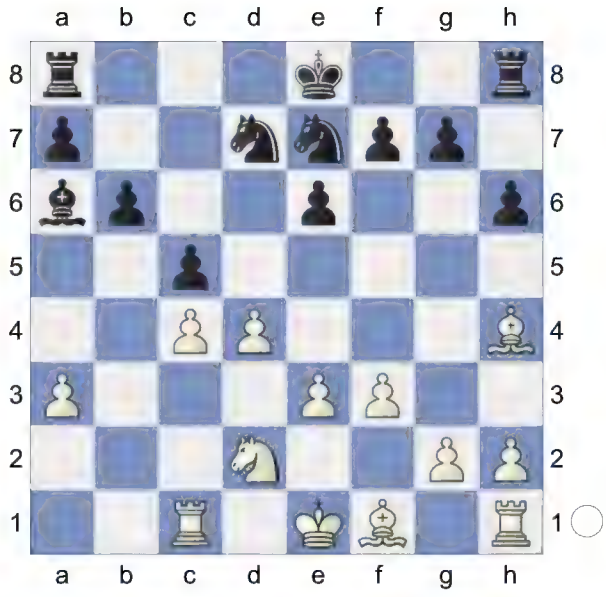


11.bxc3 h6 White has an edge. **12.Bh4 c5 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.f3**

[15.Bd3 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.d5 Ne5 18.Ke2 Kd7 19.Bg3 Re8 20.Rc3 Ba6 21.Rb1 Rab8 22.a4 Vachier Lagrave,M (2721)-Malakhov,V (2725) Hrvatska 110/(240) 2010]

15...Ba6

(Diagram)



16.Be2 f5N

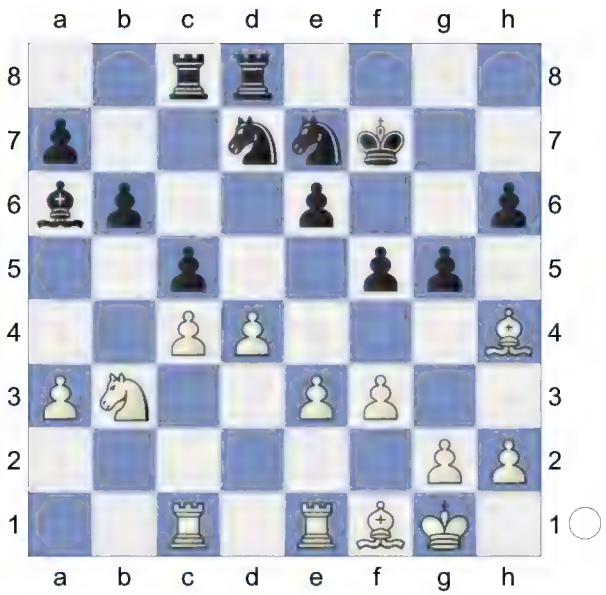
[16...Rc8 17.0-0 Nf5 18.Bf2 cxd4 19.exd4 0-0 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.g4 Ne7 22.Bg3 *(22.Bf1)* 22...f5 23.a4 fxg4 24.fxg4 Nf6 25.Bf2 Ng6 26.h3 e5 27.dxe5 Nxe5 28.Bg3 Nd3 29.Rc2 Nc5 30.Bf2 Bb7 31.a5 (39) Chapter D50-Games Chapter D50 Game 2]

17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Rac8 19.Rfe1 Rhd8 20.Bf1 0.31/22 White is more active.

[20.a4± 0.73/20]

20...g5±

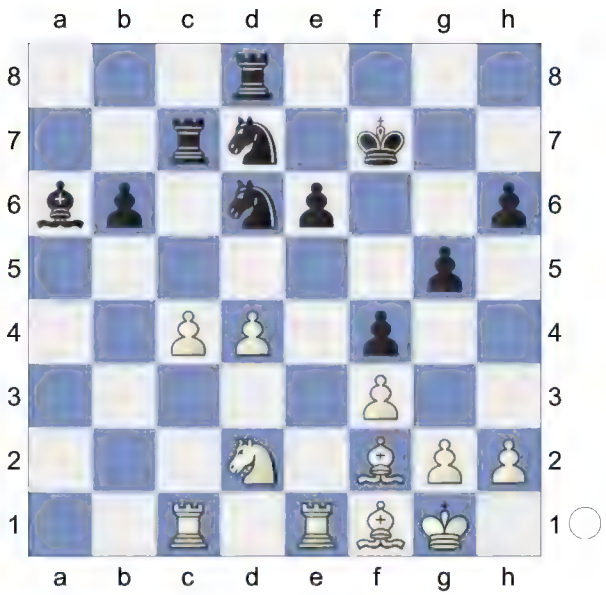
(Diagram)



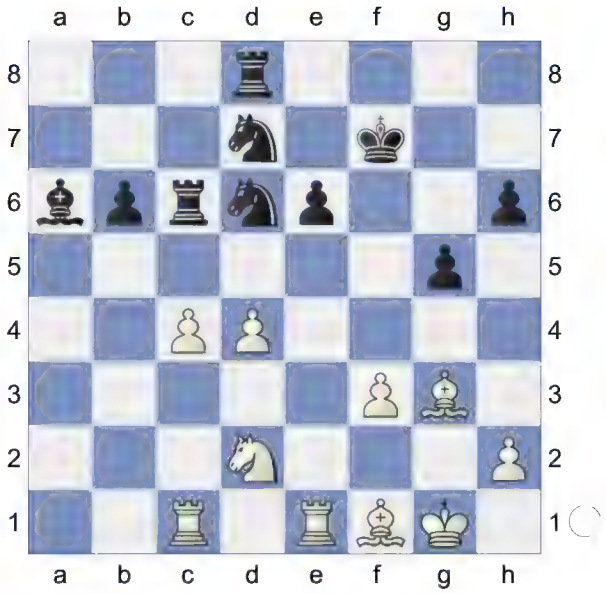
21.Bf2 cxd4 22.exd4 f4 23.a4!
White now steadily converts the win.
23...Nf5 24.a5 Rc7 25.axb6! axb6

26.Nd2 Nd6

(Diagram)



27.g3! fxg3? 2.92/21
[27...Bb7± 1.09/19 is a better defense. 28.Bh3 Re8]
28.Bxg3+- Rc6



29.Rxe6! Double Attack
[29.Bd3 Nf6±]
29...Nf6? 5.45/24
[29...Kxe6 2.97/21 30.d5+ Ke7 31.dxc6 Nc5]
30.Rce1 Bc8

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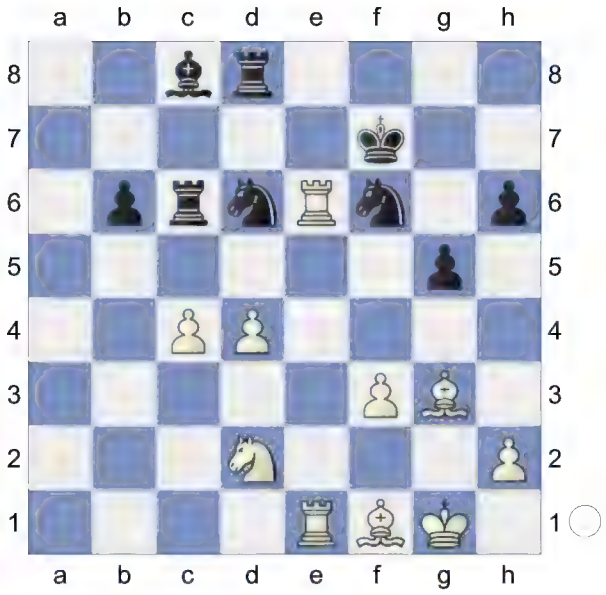
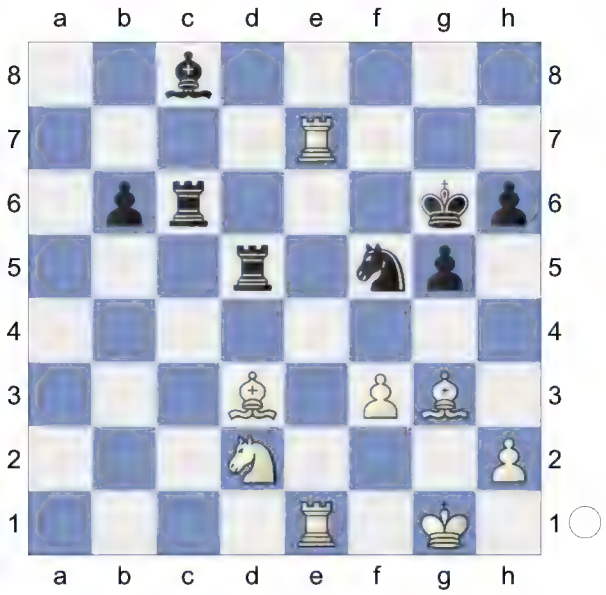


Inhibits d4-d5. **31.Re7+ Kg6 32.d5 Nf5 33.Bd3 Nxd5 34.cxd5 Rxd5**



35.Nc4! Rxd3
[35...Kf6 36.Bxf5]

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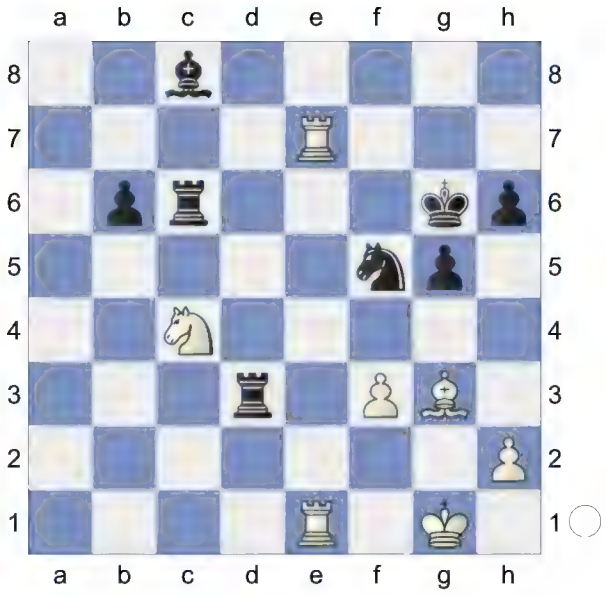
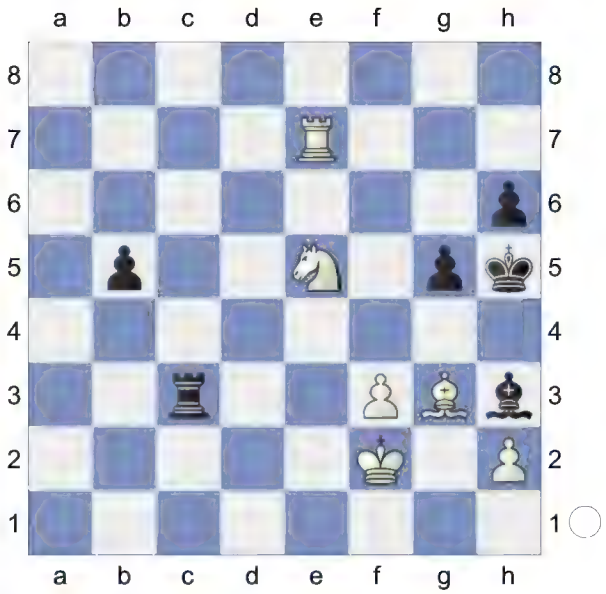


36.Ne5+ Kh5
[36...Kf6? 37.Rf7+ *(37.Nxc6 Nxe7 38.Rxe7 Rxf3+-)* 37...Ke6 38.Nxc6++-]
37.Nxd3
[Don't take 37.Nxc6 Nxe7 38.Nxe7 Ba6]
37...Nxe7 38.Rxe7 Rc3 39.Ne5 Bh3 40.Kf2 b5



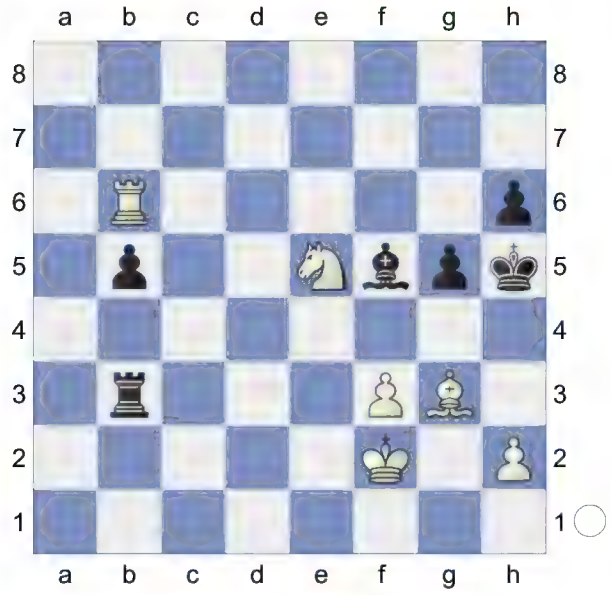
41.Rb7 Rb3? 6.28/26
[41...Ra3 3.79/24 42.Rxb5 Ra6]
42.Rb6 Ne5-f7 would kill now. **42...Bf5**
43.Nf7 4.44/25

[⌓43.Rf6 9.40/28 Bc2 44.Ng4 Rxf3+ Decoy 45.Kxf3 Bd1+ 46.Kg2 Bxg4 47.Bd6 Bf5 48.Kg3 *(48.Rxf5 Kg6+-)*]

43...Bg6 44.Ne5 0.01/24

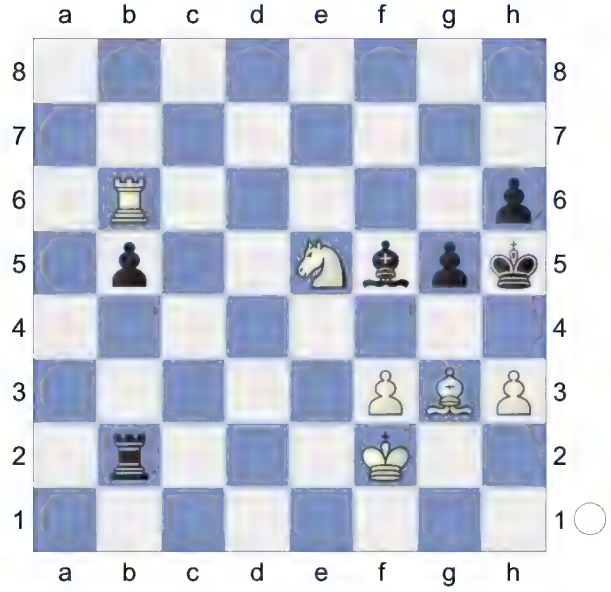
[White should play 44.Nd8+- 4.26/23 Bf5 45.Nf7]

44...Bf5=



45.h3! Intending Ne5-g4 and mate.

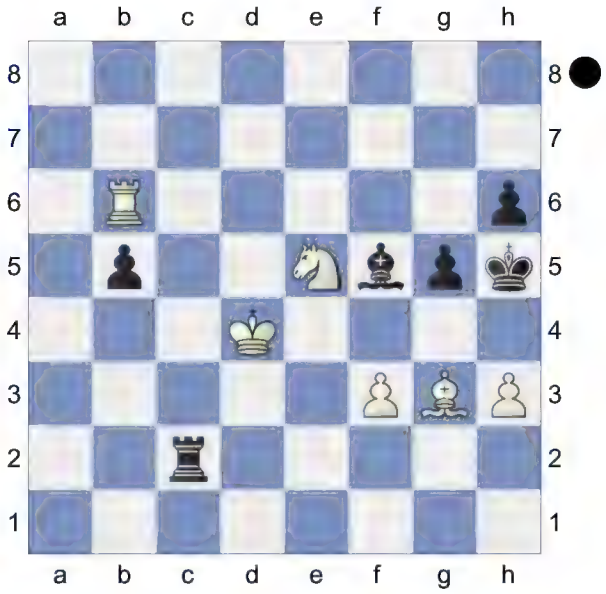
45...Rb2+



46.Ke1 Rb1+ 47.Kd2 Threatening mate with Ne5-g4. **47...Rb2+ 48.Kc3 Rc2+** 8.55/28

[⌓48...Re2 4.02/25 49.Ng4 *(49.Rxb5 Rg2+-)* 49...b4+ 50.Kd4 *(50.Kxb4 Rb2+ 51.Kc5 Rxb6+-; 50.Rxb4 Kg6+-)* 50...Re6 51.Rxb4 Bc2]

49.Kd4



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51 **D52**

□ **Ding,Liren** **2811**

■ **Shankland,Samuel L** **2705**

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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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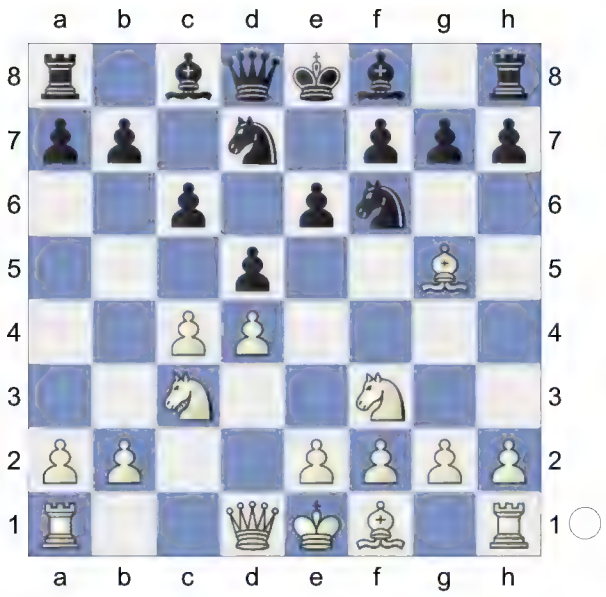
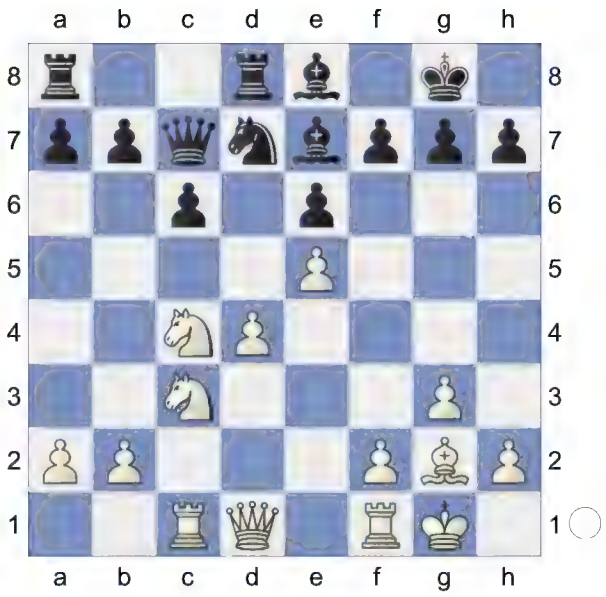


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 The position is equal. **14.e4 Be8 15.e5 Nd7**

(Diagram)



16.Ne4 Nb6 17.Ncd6 Nc8 18.Nc4N -0.01/17 Excellent horsemanship.

[18.Nxe8± 0.40/20 Rxe8 19.h4 *(19.Qg4)*]

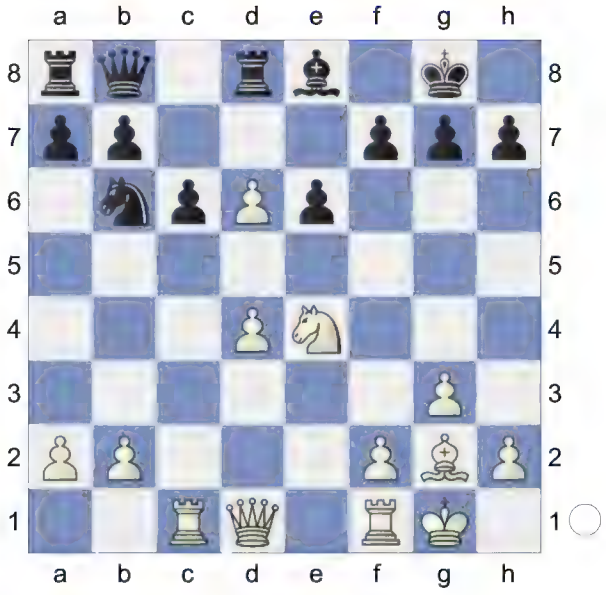
18...Nb6!=

[18...c5?! 19.Nxc5 Bxc5 20.Ne3±]

19.Ncd6 Bxd6 0.47/21

[19...Nc8!= 0.01/17]

20.exd6 Qb8



21.Qg4 -1.15/23

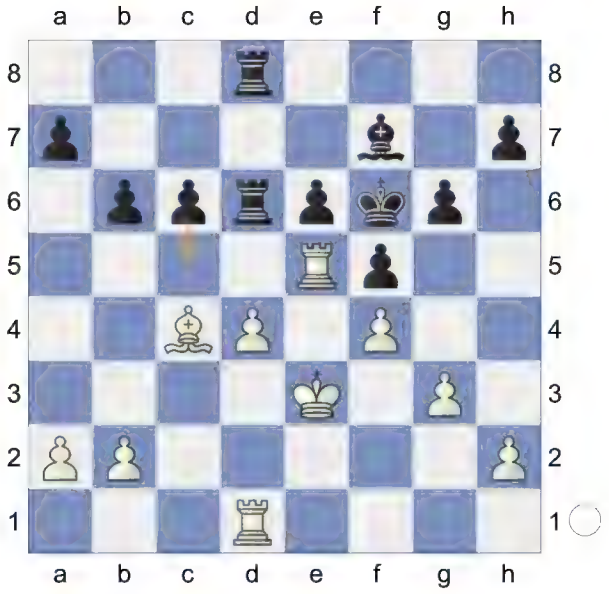
[21.Qd3= 0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

21...f5∓ 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.Qh4 Bg6

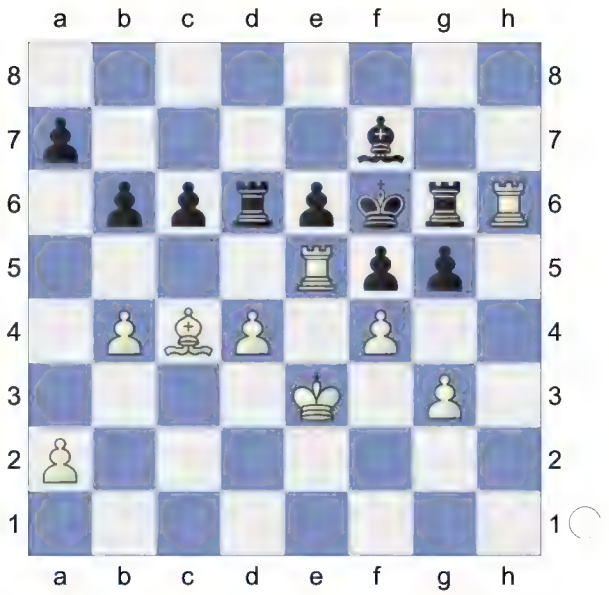
-0.70/19
[23...gxf6∓ -1.13/21 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Qg5+ Bg6]
24.d7 Nxd7
[24...gxf6? 25.Qxf6+ Kg8 26.Qxe6+ Bf7 27.Qxf5∓]
25.Nxd7 Rxd7

26.Rfe1 Bf7 27.Bf1 Qd8 28.Qxd8+ Raxd8 29.Bc4 Rd6 30.Re5 g6

31.Rce1 Re8 32.Rd1 Kg7 33.f4 Kf6 -1.38/22
[33...Red8-+ -1.87/22 34.Rde1 Rxd4 35.Bxe6 Re8 36.Bxf7 Rxe5 37.Rxe5 Kxf7]
34.Kf2 Red8 35.Ke3 b6

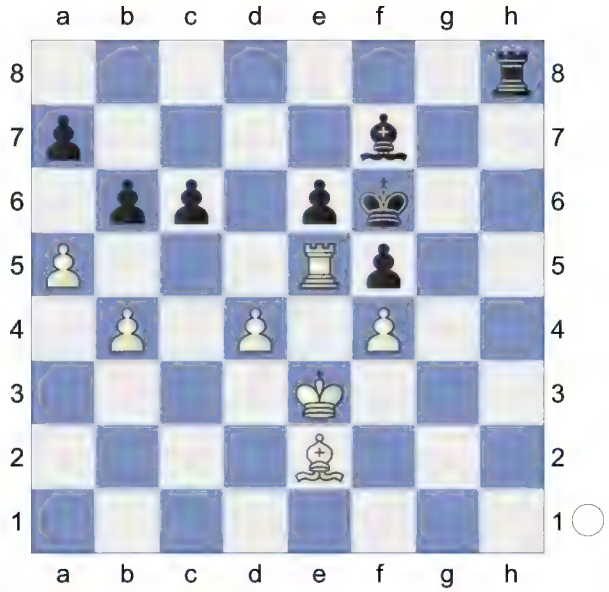


Hoping for ...c6-c5! **36.b4 h6 37.h4 Rg8 38.Rh1** -1.26/22
[⌓38.Be2 -0.76/22]
38...g5 39.hxg5+ hxg5 40.Rh6+ Rg6 -0.75/25
[⌓40...Ke7 -1.30/23 41.b5 gxf4+ 42.gxf4 Rg3+ 43.Ke2 Rc3 *(43...Rxd4 44.Bxe6 Bxe6 45.Rexe6+ Kd8 46.bxc6=)*]



41.Rxg6+ Kxg6 Endgame. KRB-KRB

42.a4 Kf6 43.a5 gxf4+ 44.gxf4 Rd8 45.Be2 Rh8



46.Bf3 -1.09/25
[46.b5∓ -0.70/24]
46...Rh3 -0.71/27
[⌓46...Be8 -1.09/25 47.Be2 Rh3+ 48.Kf2 Ke7]
47.Kf2 Be8 -0.23/24
[47...Rh2+∓ -0.72/24 48.Bg2 Be8]
48.Kg2 -0.77/24
[48.b5= -0.23/24 remains equal.]
48...Rh4 49.Kg3 Rh7 Strongly threatening ...Rh7-d7. **50.Re1 Bd7** -0.01/25
[50...Rd7∓ -0.82/23 51.Rd1 bxa5 52.bxa5 Rb7]

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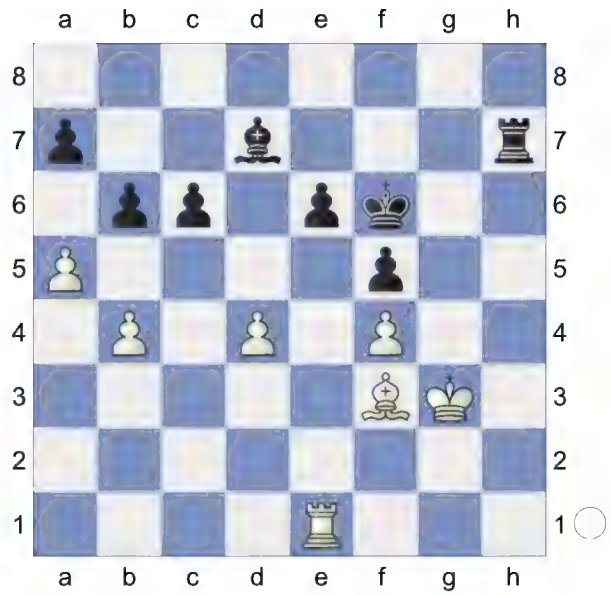


51.Rc1 -0.75/25
[51.axb6= -0.01/25 axb6 52.Ra1]
51...Rg7+ -0.01/23
[Better is 51...Rh8∓ -0.75/25]
52.Kf2= bxa5 -0.01/24
[52...Rg8!∓ -0.62/24]
53.bxa5 Rg8 54.Rb1 Against Rg8-b8. Black should prevent Rb1-b7. **54...Rd8**
55.Rb7 Be8 0.63/24
[55...Ke7= 0.09/24]

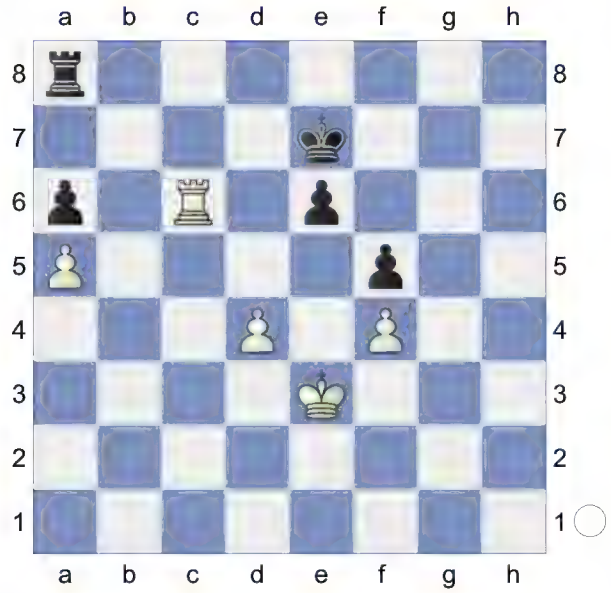
56.Ke3± aiming for a5-a6! White is more active. **56...a6! 57.Rb6 Ra8** 1.19/26

[57...Ke7!± 0.64/24]

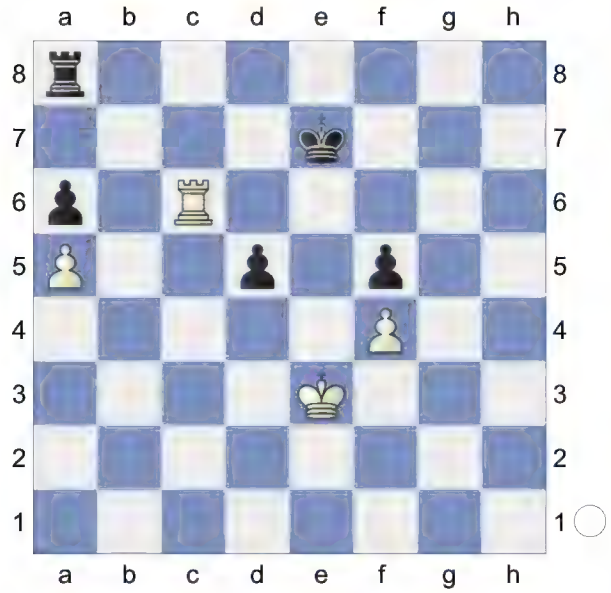
58.Bxc6 0.55/27

[58.Be2!± 1.19/26]

58...Bxc6 59.Rxc6± d4-d5 would now be deadly. KR-KR **59...Ke7**



60.d5! exd5



61.Kd4 Rb8 62.Rxa6 Rb5? 3.33/27

[62...Rb4+± 0.66/26 63.Ke5 *(63.Kxd5 Rxf4 64.Kc6 Rc4+ 65.Kb5 Rc2=)* 63...d4]

63.Ke5? 1.13/24

[63.Ra8+- 3.33/27 is the precise move to win. Black must now prevent a5-a6. Kf6 64.Kc3]

63...d4+ 64.Kxd4 Kd7? 5.22/27

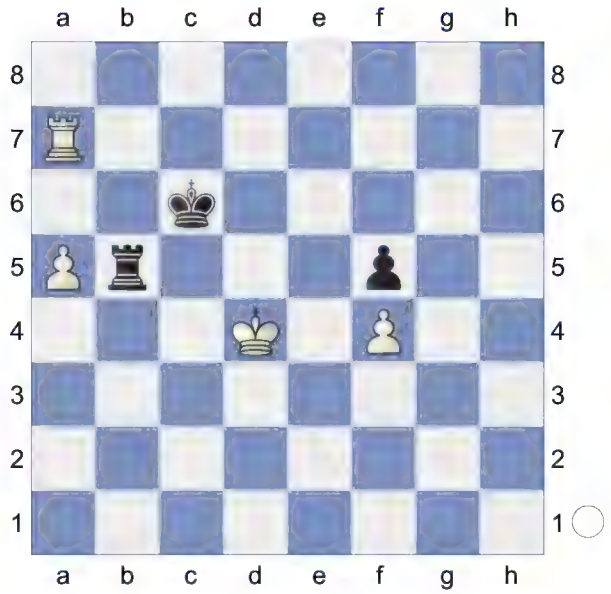
[64...Rb4+ 1.74/25 65.Ke3 Rb3+ 66.Kd2 Ra3]

65.Ra7+? 1.95/27

[65.Kc4 5.22/27 Rb1 66.Rf6]

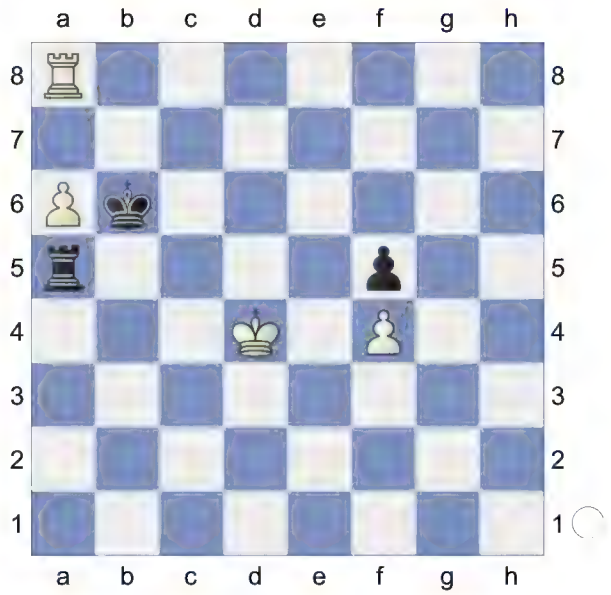
65...Kc6? 4.85/28

[65...Kd6 1.95/27 might work better. 66.Ra6+ Kc7]



66.a6+- White is clearly winning.

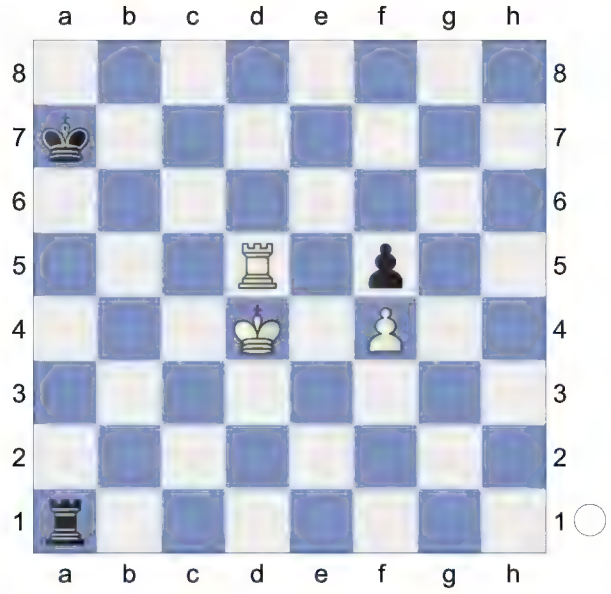
66...Ra5 67.Ra8 Kb6



68.a7! Kb7

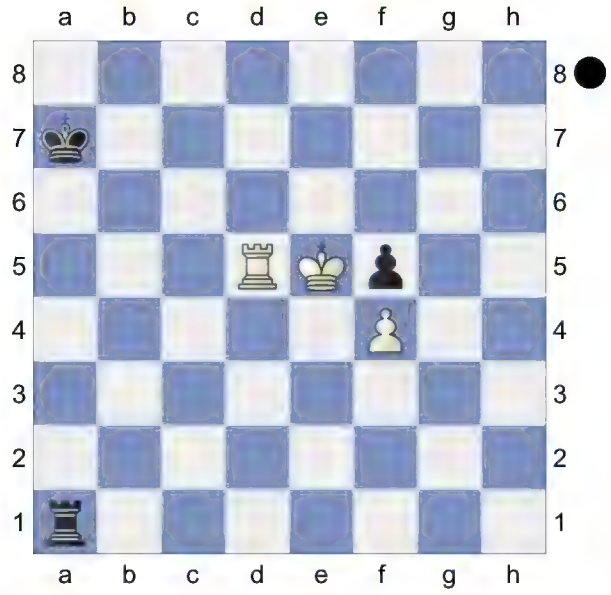
[68...Ra4+ 69.Ke5]

69.Rd8 Kxa7 70.Rd5 Ra1



71.Ke5

[Less strong is 71.Rxf5 Kb6 72.Kd5 Kc7+-]



White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)

1-0

52 **D52**

□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2810**

■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2765**

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[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

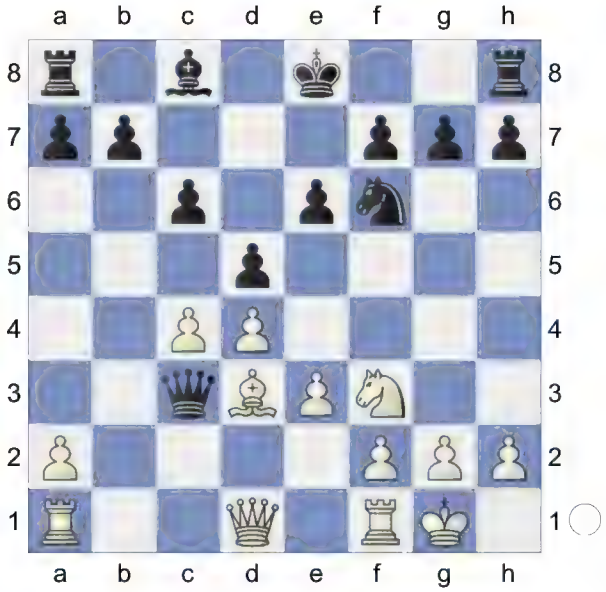
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6

[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qd5 13.Bd3 b5 14.e4 Qg5 15.Ne5 Qxg2 16.0-0-0 Qg5+ 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Bb7 19.Ke3 c5 20.Rb1 a6 21.a4 Rfc8 ½-½ (31) Henzler,S (2655)-10. ♔b1 b5 11. c5 7382 (2815) VW-Cup6 sf02 email 2015]

[7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 Re8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 17.Kh1 Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kh7 12.Nb5 0-0 13.Bc2-Oltean,G T-10/93 9395 1993]

7...Nxf6 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.0-0N
[9.Qb3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.exd4 0-0 15.Ne4 Qd5 16.Qxb4 Qxe4 17.Rac1 Nb6 18.Rfe1 Qd5 19.Re5 Qd7 20.Rec5 Nd5 21.Qd2 b6 22.R5c4 Rac8 23.b3 f6 ½-½ (43) Shadrin,A-3..Nf6 129/144 Toshkent 2016 (11)]
9...Bxc3 10.bxc3 Qxc3



11.c5 Qa5 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.f4 0-0
14.Rf3 Ne4 0.62/23
[14...g6= 0.24/19]
15.Bxe4± dxe4

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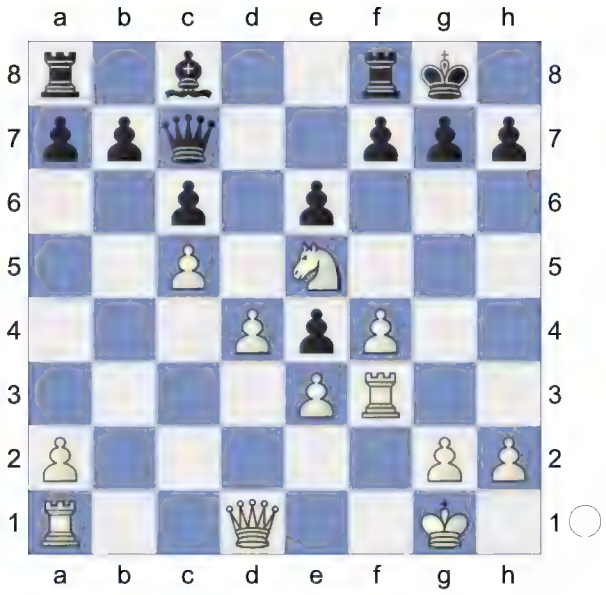
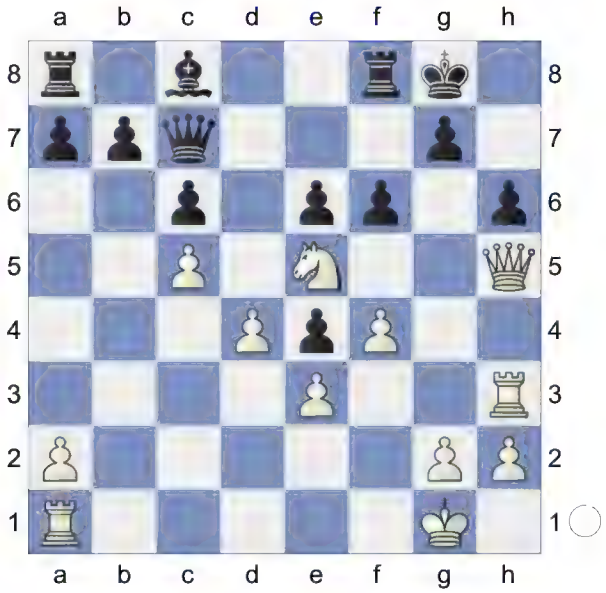


16.Rh3 f6 1.42/21
[⌓16...g6 0.76/22]
17.Qh5!± White is more active. **17...h6** 2.29/23
[17...g6± 1.29/25 18.Nxg6 Rf7]



18.Ng4!+- Rf7

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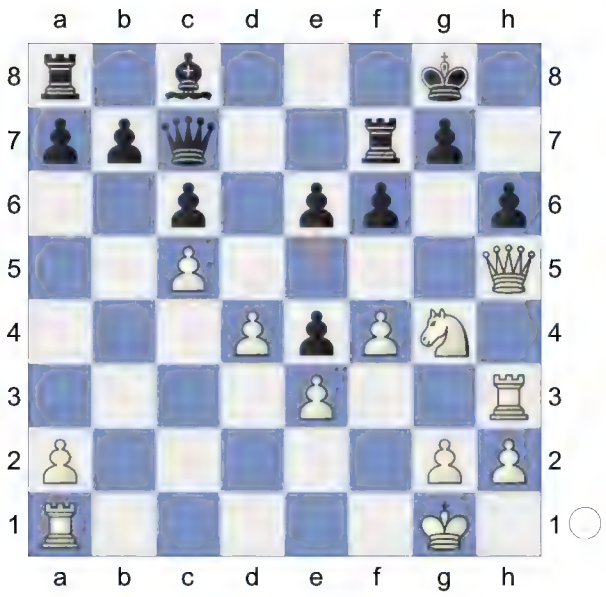
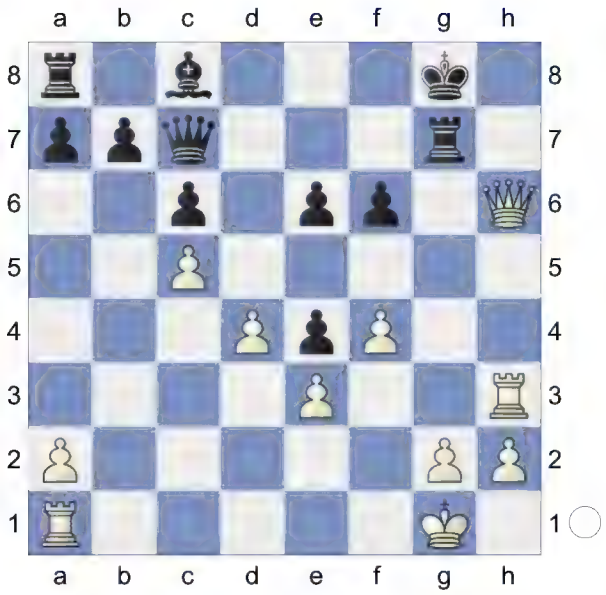
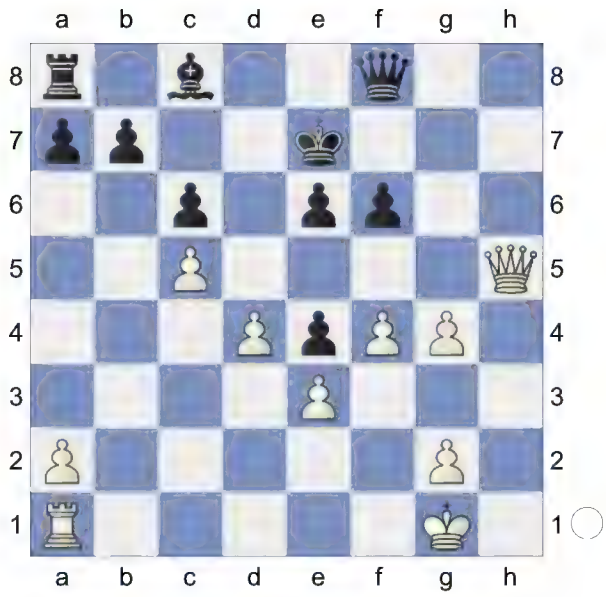


19.Nxh6+! D e m o l i t i o n **19...gxh6**
20.Qxh6 Rg7

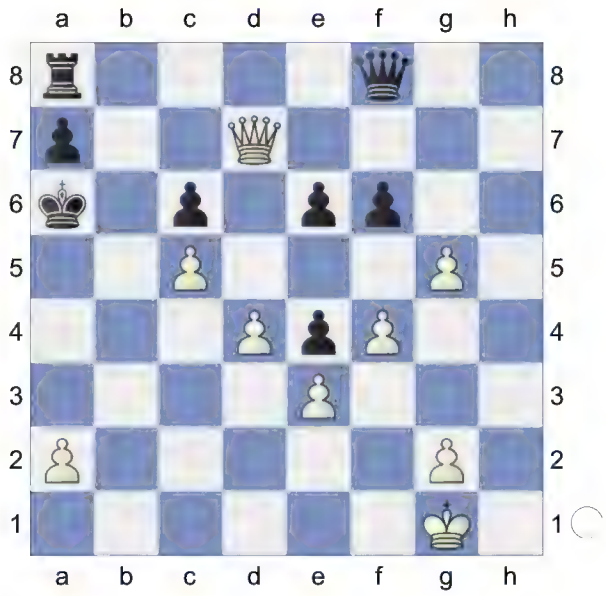


21.Qh8+
[21.Qxf6 Bd7∓]
21...Kf7 22.Rg3? -0.47/25
[22.Rh7+- 2.21/26 Kg6 23.Rh6+ Kf7 24.g4 *(24.Rh7 Kg6+-)*]
22...Rxg3∓ 23.hxg3 Qe7 24.g4 Qf8
Against g4-g5 **25.Qh5+ Ke7**

(Diagram)

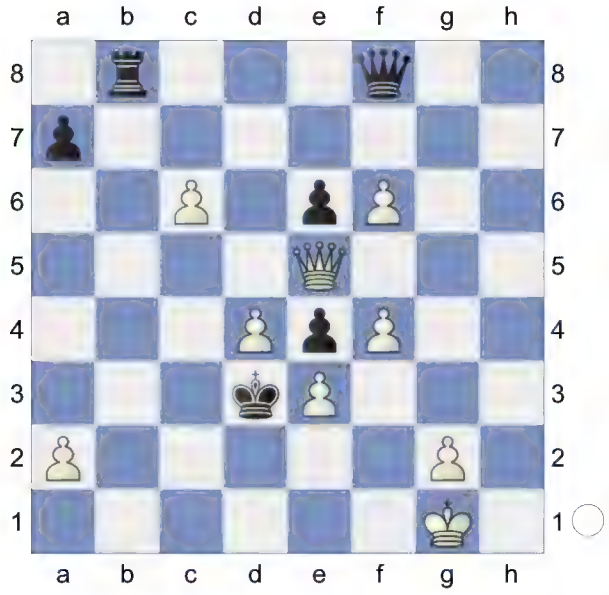


26.g5 Bd7 27.Qh7+ Kd8 -0.71/20
[27...Qf7∓ -0.34/23
is more appropriate. 28.gxf6+ Kxf6 29.Qh4+ Kg7 30.Qg5+ Kh7]
28.Rb1 -0.32/20
[28.g6∓ -0.71/20 Kc7 29.Rb1]
28...Kc7 next ...Ra8-d8 is good for Black.
[28...b5 seems wilder. 29.g6 Kc7 30.a4 a6]
29.Rxb7+! Decoy **29...Kxb7 30.Qxd7+ Ka6!**

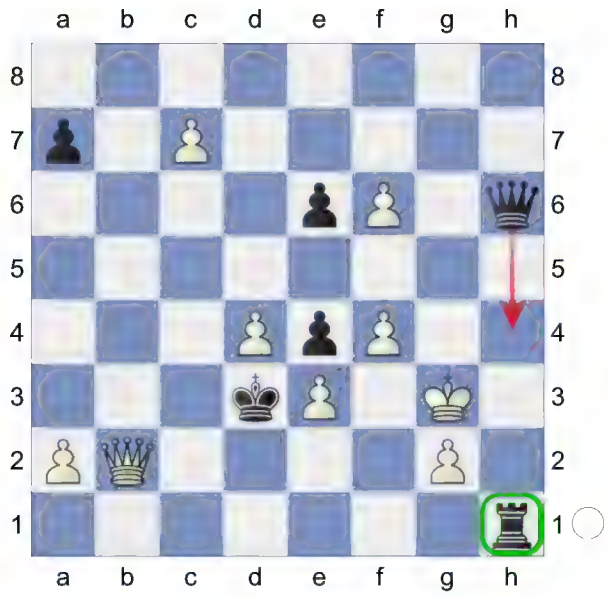


Hoping for ...Qf8-e8. **31.Qxc6+ Ka5**

32.gxf6
[32.Qxe4 fxg5 33.fxg5 Rb8∓]
32...Rb8 Threatens to win with ...Rb8-b1+. **33.Qc7+**
[33.Qxe6 Qh6 34.Qh3 *(34.Qxe4? Qh4-+)* 34...Qxh3 *(34...Qxf6 35.Qh7∓)* 35.gxh3 Rf8-+]
33...Kb5 And now ...Kb5-c4 would win.
34.c6? -1.91/22
[34.Qe5= -0.01/18]
34...Kc4? -0.01/21
[34...Ka6-+ -1.91/22 aiming for ...Qf8-h8! 35.Qh7 Qxf6]
35.Qe5!= Kd3
[35...Rb1+ 36.Kf2 Kd3 37.Qxe6]



Strongly threatening ...Qf8-h8. **36.c7!**
[36.Qxe6 Qa3 37.Kh2 Qc1-+]
36...Rb1+
[36...Rc8!? 37.Kf2□ *(37.Qxe6? Rxc7 38.Qe5 Rc1+ 39.Kf2 Rc2+* Deflection *40.Kg3 Kxe3-+)* 37...Qb4 38.Qxe6 *(38.f7 Qd2+ 39.Kg3 Kxe3=)* 38...Rxc7∓]
37.Kf2? -8.61/23
[37.Kh2= -0.01/23]
37...Qh6? 0.01/26
[Black should try 37...Qb4-+ -8.61/23
38.Kg3 Qe1+ *(38...Kxe3 39.Qxe6 Rh1 40.Kg4=)* 39.Kg4 Qe2+ *(39...Kxe3? 40.f7+-)* 40.Kg3 Qxe3+ *(40...Qxa2? 41.c8Q+-)* 41.Kg4 Qe2+ *(41...Qxd4? 42.Qxd4+ Kxd4 43.c8Q+-)* 42.Kg3 e3 *(42...Qxa2? 43.c8Q+-)*]
38.Kg3! Some like it hot. The position is equal.
[38.c8Q? Qh4+ 39.g3 Qh2#]
38...Rh1
[38...Kxe3? is the wrong capture. 39.c8Q *(39.c8R? Rh1-+)* 39...Qg6+ 40.Qg5+-]
[38...Rc1 39.d5 *(39.Qxe6? Qg6+ 40.Kh2 Rxc7-+; 39.Qb5+ Kxe3 40.Qg5 Qh1±)* 39...Rh1 *(39...Kxe3 40.dxe6+-; 39...Qg6+ 40.Qg5+-)* 40.Qd4+ *(40.c8R? Qh4#)* 40...Ke2 41.Qc4+ *(41.c8R? Qh4#)* 41...Kd2 42.Qd4+ *(42.c8B? Qh4#)* 42...Ke2 43.Qb2+ *(43.c8R? Qh4#; 43.Qc4+ Kd2=)* 43...Kxe3 44.Qb3+ *(44.c8B? Qxf4#)* 44...Kd4 45.Qb4+ *(45.c8B? Qh4#)* 45...Kd3 46.Qa3+ *(46.c8N? Qh4#)* 46...Kd2 47.Qb4+ Kd3 48.Qb5+ *(48.c8N? Qh4#)* 48...Ke3 49.Qb3+ *(49.c8B? Qxf4#)* 49...Kd4 50.Qa4+ *(50.c8B? Qh4#)* 50...Kd3 51.Qb3+ *(51.c8R? Qh4#)* 51...Kd2 52.Qb4+ *(52.c8B? Qh4#; 52.Qb2+ Kd3=)* 52...Kd3]
39.Qb5+ Kd2
[39...Kxe3!? 40.Qb3+□ *(40.c8B? Qxf4#)* 40...Kd2 41.Qb2+ Ke3 42.Qc3+ *(42.c8B? Qxf4#)* 42...Ke2 43.Qc4+ Kd2 44.Qb4+ Ke2 45.Qb2+ *(45.c8B? Qh4#)* 45...Kd3 46.Qb3+ *(46.c8B? Qh4#)* 46...Kd2 47.Qb2+ Kd3 48.Qb3+ *(48.c8B? Qh4#)* 48...Kd2=]
40.Qb2+ Kd3
(Diagram)

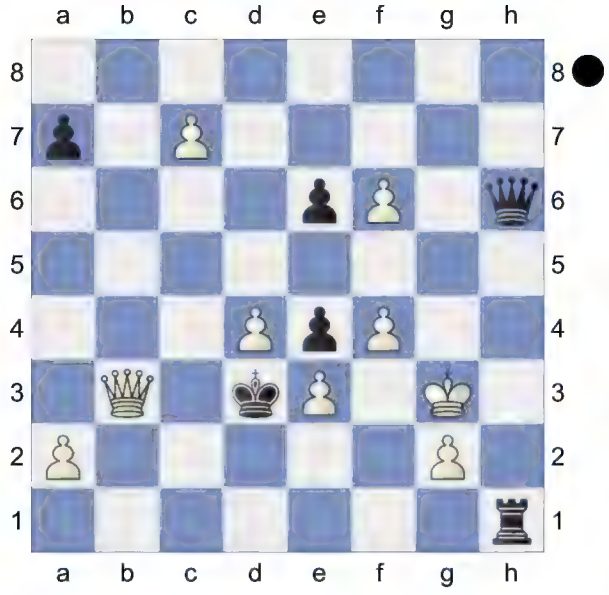


41.Qb3+

[41.c8B? Qh4#]

41...Kd2 42.Qb2+ Kd3 43.Qb3+

[43.c8B? Qh4#]



Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.33

½-½

53 **D52**

□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2810**

■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2722**

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[Marin,M]

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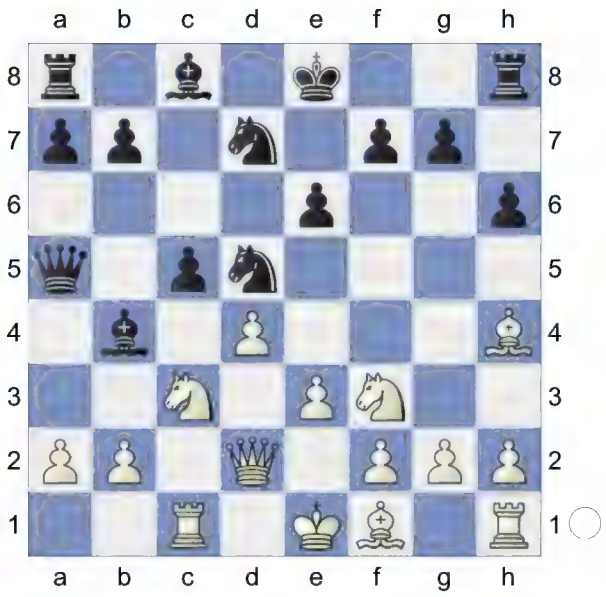
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Schandorff,Lars Marin,Mihail Anand,Viswanathan Anand, Viswanathan: 'Marin,M' **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5



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[11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 is a common option - Black gets a somewhat worse but solid position after R.Scherbakov: 'is a common option - Black gets a somewhat worse but solid position after' b6]

11...Nxc3N Bryan Paulsen: 'Shirov's latest attempt to defend the Black cause. ' R.Scherbakov: 'This decision is double-edged. Black allows White to build a strong pawn center, hoping for Q-side counterplay.' R.Scherbakov: 'This decision is double-edged. Black allows White to build a strong pawn center, hoping for Q-side counterplay.'

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Aronian,L (2805)-Shirov,A (2722)/Wijk aan Zee 2011/CBM 141/[Krasenkow] (1-0, 53) Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 0-0 R.Scherbakov: 'but eventually failed to cope with the problems after' 14.0-0 N5b6 *(14...b6!? 15.e4 N5f6* deserved attention*)* 15.Bb3 was already slightly better for White in the earlier L.Aronian-A.Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 2011. Black's development is still an issue, and his kingside may come under pressure. Re8 Prevents Bh4-e7. 16.Rfd1 , Aronian - Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 2011. R. Scherbakov: ', Aronian - Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 2011.']

[R.Scherbakov: 'Black also tried' 11...N7b6 has been the most popular, and I'm not sure what is wrong with it aside from a general lack of ambition. Here 12.Bxd5!? *(*the *12.Bd3 cxd4 13.Nxd4* of D.Berczes-I.Madl, Zalakaros 2011, seems well met by *Nxc3 14.bxc3 Ba3 15.Rb1 Bd7* with good counterplay due to the weak c-pawn. Prevents Rb1-b5*)* 12...Nxd5 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 was the interesting course of D.Solak-D.Blagojevic, Serbian Team Championship 2005. It is an open question as to whether White has anything of substance due to the simplifications and the threat to the a-pawn becoming more significant. The position requires more practical testing. One observation I can offer is that the bishops of opposite colours do seem to amplify the drawing chances given the absence of a clear attacking plan for White. R. Scherbakov: 'and White was better in the game Solak - Blagojevic, Herceg Novi 2005' R.Scherbakov: 'and White was better in the game Solak - Blagojevic, Herceg Novi 2005']

[R.Scherbakov: 'The simple' 11...0-0 Anand,Viswanathan R.Scherbakov: 'deserves attention.']

12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 Bryan Paulsen: 'Compare this with the note on 11...N7b6, and notice how White's position looks better with his solid pawn structure and still-present bishop-pair.

'. The position is equal. Kitty Kat: 'White has an edge.' **13...a6** Schandorff,Lars: 'A logical follow-up. Black wants to play ...b5 and ... ♗b7 with good piece play. Yeah, except the fact that the dark-squared bishop is offside.'Schandorff, Lars: 'A logical follow-up. Black wants to play ...b5 and ...♗b7 with good piece play. Yeah, except the fact that the dark-squared bishop is offside.' **14.Be2** Bryan Paulsen: 'A recognition of the impending ...b5, although there was no need to rush.'

[14.0-0 would have ended up in the same place.

A) while 14...b5? 1.55/22 14...0-0 0.22 would have been met by a rather unexpected 15.d5! Nf6 *(15...bxc4?* 3.57/22 15...e6-e5 1. 27 was simply bad: *16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Qd6 Kf7 18.Qe7+ Kg6 19.Qxe6+ Nf6 20.Ne5+ Kh7 21.Qc6 Ra7 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Qxf6 Rg7* Inhibits Qf6-g6+. *24.Rfd1+-* Prevents Qa5-d8*;* while *15...Nb6* wasn't quite sufficient: *16.dxe6! Nxc4 17.Qd5!* Intending Qd5-c6+ and mate. *0-0 18.exf7+ Rxf7 19.Qxa8* with a big material advantage *)* 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.dxe6! fxe6 18.Qd6 Qd8 19.Qg3 with a strong attack;

B) 14...0-0]

[14.d5 -0.01/22 14.0-0 0.41 Anand, Viswanathan Nb6 15.dxe6 Nxc4 16.exf7+ Kf8! 17.Qd3 b5 *(17...Nb2 18.Qd6+ Kxf7)* 18.Qe4! Kxf7! 19.Qe7+! Kg8= *(19...Kg6? 6.33/19* 19...Kf7-g8 0.01 *20.Bf6!+-)*]
[14.Bd3 Schandorff,Lars b5 15.0-0 *(15.Be4 Ra7! 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rfd1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qxd2 19.Rxd2)* 15...Bb7 16.c4 Qxd2 17.Nxd2 cxd4 18.exd4 Be7 19.Bg3 0-0 20.a4]

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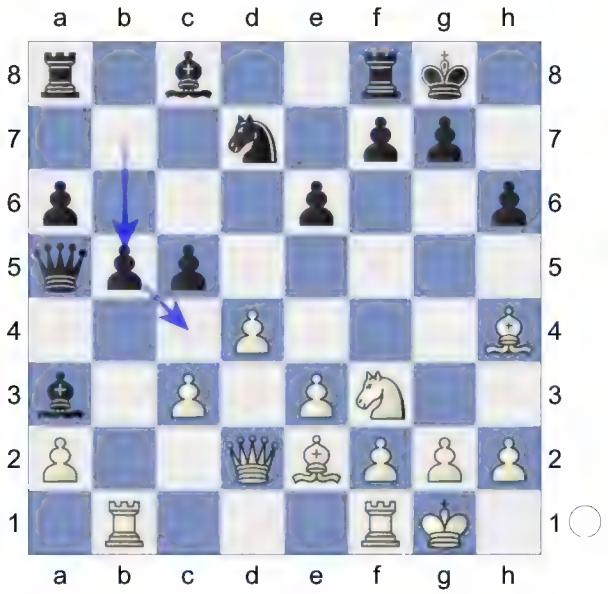

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[R.Scherbakov: 'Simplifications by' 16...Qxd2 0.48/20 16...Ba3-b4 0.01 Anand,Viswanathan 17.Nxd2± Schandorff,Lars: 'and as usual the bishop is in trouble. Black is almost forced to capture a bit prematurely on d4.' Schandorff,Lars: 'and as usual the bishop is in trouble. Black is almost forced to capture a bit prematurely on d4.'

A) 17...e5 couldn't completely solve Black's problems: 18.dxe5 *(*or *18.cxb5* 0.40/21 18.d4xc5 0.84 *axb5 19.Bxb5 cxd4 20.exd4 exd4 21.Nb3* with chances to win the d4-pawn though it was not easy to secure his a2-pawn R. Scherbakov: 'with chances to win the d4-pawn though it was not easy to secure his a2-pawn'*)* 18...Nxe5 19.Bg3 Nxc4 20.Nxc4 *(20.Bxc4?!* -0.28/24 20.Nd2xc4 0.14 *Rd8!)* 20...bxc4 21.Bxc4 and White keeps pressure.;

B) 17...cxd4 Schandorff,Lars 18.exd4 Schandorff,Lars: 'and White has strong pressure even without the queens.'and White has strong pressure even without the queens.]

17.Qc2 Bb7

[17...bxc4 0.53/20 17...Bc8-b7 0.03 Anand,Viswanathan 18.Qxc4 Nb6 1.07/22 *(18...Ra7!± 0.65/19)*
A) 19.Qc2 0.36/19 19.Qc4-b3 0.73 Nd5 1.38/20 *(Black should try 19...cxd4± 0.36/19 20.Qe4 Bd7)*;
B) 19.Qb3± And now a2-a3! would win.
B1) 19...Nd5? 1.82/21 19...Nb6-d7 0.92 20.Ne5!+- Nc3? 3.07/23 *(20...f6± 1.56/19* is a better defense.*)* 21.Bf3+- Nxb1 22.Rxb1+-;
B2) 19...Nd7± 0.86/19;
B3) 19...Bd7? 2.97/23 20.a3+-]
[17...Re8 Anand,Viswanathan 18.cxb5 axb5 19.dxc5 *(19.a3 Bxa3 20.Bxb5)* 19...Nxc5 20.Qb2 0.15/21 *(20.Rfd1!± 0.90/21 Bb7 21.Rd4)*]

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18...bxc4! R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' '?!' Kitty Kat: 'N'
[Before releasing the tension, it might have made sense to complete his development with Before releasing the tension, it might have made sense to complete his development with 18...Rac8!? Bryan Paulsen: 'was possibly the most logical follow-up to the previous moves played by both sides, taking aim at the white queen on the c-file. However, after' Anand, Viswanathan: 'Marin,M' R.Scherbakov: 'looked more to the point, developing the rook and placing it in front of the opponent's queen. However, White's chances were preferable after' R. Scherbakov: 'looked more to the point, developing the rook and placing it in front of the opponent's queen. However, White's chances were preferable after'
A) 19.Ne5!? 0.21/21 19.d4-d5 0.59 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc6 21.Rd6 Bc3 0.46/25 *(21...Rfe8=* -0.01/20) 22.f4 -0.01/22 *(22.Be7± 0.46/25 Rfe8 23.Rxc6* Remove Defender *Rxc6 24.cxb5)* 22...b4 23.Bf3! Bxf3 24.gxf3 with good attacking chances on the K-side.;
B) 19.d5 exd5 20.cxd5 c4 21.a4! White retains the better chances anyway. The queenside pawns should prove to be more of a weakness than a strength, while the passed d-pawn is something White can centralize around. Nc5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ne5 Na4 Cambridge Springs Variation-N,N 2012]
[18...Rfc8 0.76/21 18...b5xc4 0.23 Anand,Viswanathan 19.d5! exd5 20.cxd5±]
[18...Nb6 simplifies 19.Ne5 Qa4

20.Qxa4 Nxa4 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Rb3 Be4]

19.dxc5 -0.18/24 Bryan Paulsen: 'The easiest way to cement White's pull.' R. Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' '?!' Bryan Paulsen: 'The easiest way to cement White's pull.' Schandorff,Lars: 'There is danger in the b-file. Bryan Paulsen: 'The easiest way to cement White's pull.''Schandorff,Lars: 'There is danger in the b-file.'

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A) 19...Nb6 20.Nxc4 Nxc4 21.Bxc4 Rfc8 22.d5 0.19/25 *(22.a3± 0.59/23 Qxa3 23.dxc5)* 22...exd5= 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Qb6 25.e4 Qe6 26.f3 0.01/20 with advantage thanks to Black's poor bishop on b4. R.Scherbakov: 'with advantage thanks to Black's poor bishop on b4.' *(26.Bg3± 0.38/22)*;

B) 19...Bd5 20.Nxc4 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Nb6 22.d5 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Rxd5 with a slight advantage due to the precariously placed bishop on b4.]

[Better is 19.Nd2± 0.32/23 Nb6 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Nxc4]

19...Nxc5 0.71/26 R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' '?' R.Scherbakov: 'A serious mistake, which leads to real problems.' R. Scherbakov: 'A serious mistake, which leads to real problems.'

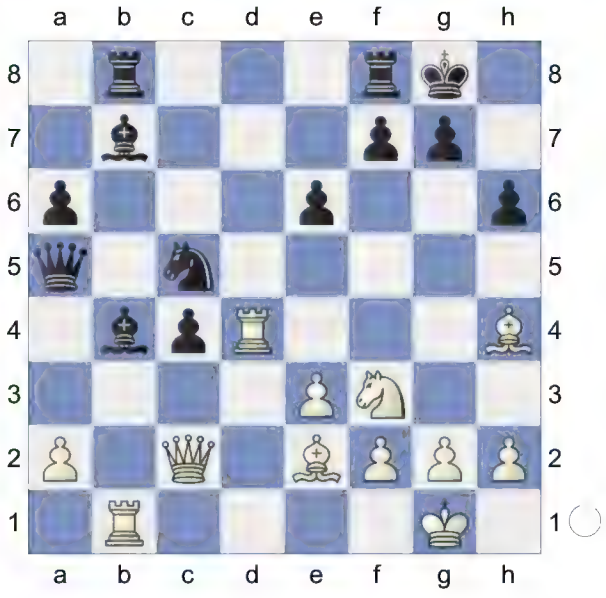
[19...Bc6!? Anand,Viswanathan R. Scherbakov: '!' '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: 'had to be played:' 20.Rd4 *(or 20.Rd6 Bb5 21.Bxc4 Nxc5)* 20...Bxc5 21.Rxc4 Rac8 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Rxc5 Be4! 24.Rxa5 Bxc2 25.Ra1 Bd3! 26.Bxd3 Nxd3 27.Rxa6 Ra8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.a3 *(29.Be7* White wants to play a2-a4. *Ra7)* 29...f6 followed by ...Nd3-b4 and White cannot keep his a-pawn.]

[19...Bd5= -0.18/24 remains equal. Kitty Kat: ' keeps the balance.']

20.Rd4± Anand,Viswanathan: 'Marin,M: '↑" Schandorff,Lars: '!' R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' '!' Anand,Viswanathan: 'Marin,M: ' ↑" Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Kitty Kat: '±!'

[20.Qxc4 Anand,Viswanathan Ba3 21.Nd2 Repels Bb7-e4 *(21.Ne5* aiming for Bh4-e7. *Be4* Schandorff, Lars: ' ⇄ ' Schandorff,Lars: ' ⇄ ' ' ⇄ ' *22.Be7!* Be7xc5 is the strong threat. *Bxb1 23.Bxf8 Rxf8; 21.Qg4* Hoping for Bh4-f6. *f5)* 21...Bd5 22.Qg4 f5 23.Nc4 fxg4 24.Nxa5 Ne4]

20...Rab8



Anand,Viswanathan: '!' '!' **21.Ne5** Bryan Paulsen: 'Pressure on c4 is

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[21.Bg3!? Rbd8 Strongly threatening ...Rd8xd4. 22.Qxc4 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 Bc3 24.Rdd1 should also be slightly better for White due to the bishop-pair and the lack of a secure outpost for the knight on c5.]

[21.Rxc4 0.32/25 21.Nf3-e5 1.00 Anand,Viswanathan Bd5 22.Rbxb4 Rxb4 23.Rxc5 Qxa2 0.86/25 *(23...Qb6± 0.39/25 24.Nd4 Be4 25.Qxe4 Qxc5)* 24.Qxa2± Bxa2 25.h3 *(25.Bd3 0.54/23 25.h2-h3 1.32 Ra8)* 25...Ra8=]

[21.Bxc4 Bc3

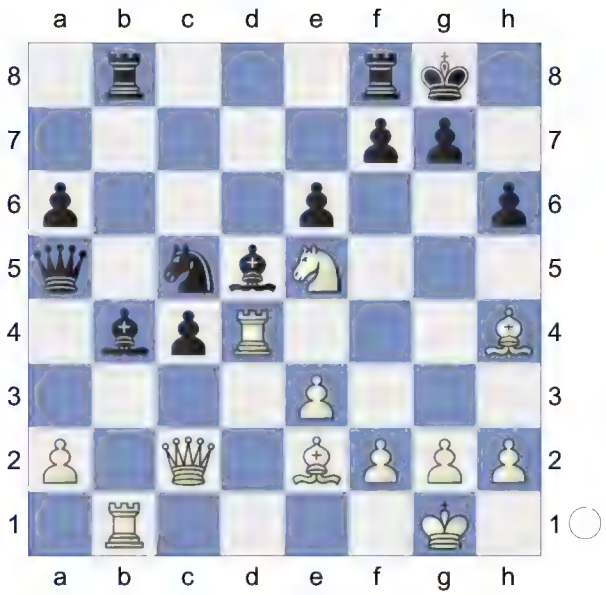
A) 22.Rdd1 Be4 23.Rxb8 Rxb8∓ *(23...Bxc2 24.Rxf8+ Remove Defender Kxf8 25.Rd8+∓)*;

B) 22.Rf4 Bxf3 23.Rxf3 Be5∓]

[21.Rxc4 Bd5 22.Rbxb4 Rxb4 23.Rxc5 Qb6∓]

21...Bd5 1.44/22 Kitty Kat: '

[Black should play 21...Ba8!± 0.68/20]



' **22.Be7!** R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' '!'. White is much more active.

[22.Nxc4 Qa4 23.Rc1 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Na4±]

[22.Bxc4 Kitty Kat: '?' Kitty Kat: ' perishes.' Bc3 23.Rxb8 Rxb8 24.Rxd5 *(24.Bxd5? Bxd4 25.Nf3 Qc3-+)*

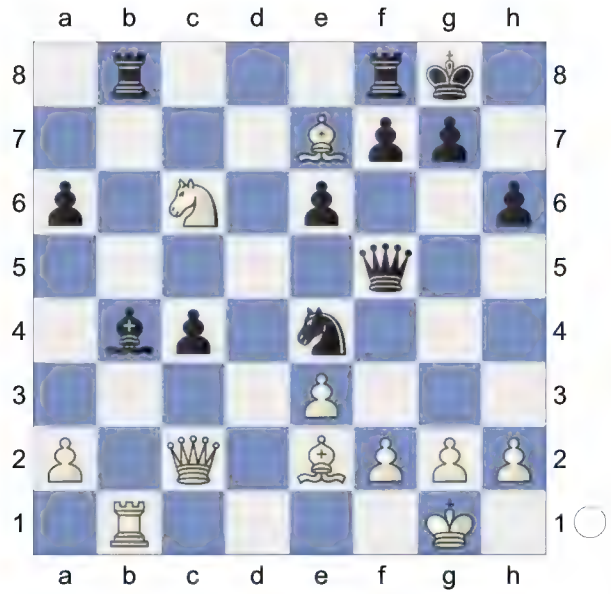
A) 24...Rb2 25.Rxc5 *(25.Rd8+? Qxd8 26.Qxc3 Rb1+ 27.Bf1 Qd1-+)* 25...Qxc5-+;

B) 24...exd5 Kitty Kat: '?' 25.Nxf7 *(25.Nc6-+)* 25...dxc4-+]

22...Rfe8 1.61/24 Bryan Paulsen: '?!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Black misses his best chance.' Anand,Viswanathan: '?' '?' Bryan Paulsen: '?!' '?!' '?!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Black misses his best chance.' Anand,Viswanathan: '?' Schandorff, Lars: 'Bryan Paulsen: '?!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Black misses his best chance."

[22...Be4! is a stubborn tactical defence pointed out by silicon monster, and one that comes quite close to equalizing. After Anand,Viswanathan: '!!' '!!' 23.Rxe4 Nxe4 24.Nc6! *(24.Bxf8 0.21/24 24.Ne5-c6 0.93*

Anand,Viswanathan *Bxf8 25.Rxb8 Qe1+ 26.Bf1 Nd2 27.Rb1 Nxb1 28.Nxc4=)* 24...Qf5



25.Bf3! Nd2! 26.Qxf5 exf5 27.Rxb4 *(27.Bxf8* 0.28/26 27.Rb1xb4 1.24 Anand,Viswanathan *Nxb1 28.Bxb4 Rb6 29.Ne7+ Kh8 30.Nd5 c3 31.Bxc3 Rc6 32.Be1!* Threatens to win with Nd5-b4. *Rc1 33.Kf1 Nd2+ 34.Ke2 Nxf3 35.gxf3 Rc2+=)* 27...Rxb4 28.Bxb4 Nxf3+ 29.gxf3 Re8 White will carry a small edge into the endgame, but converting it will not be easy.

A) 30.Ne7+ Anand,Viswanathan Kh7

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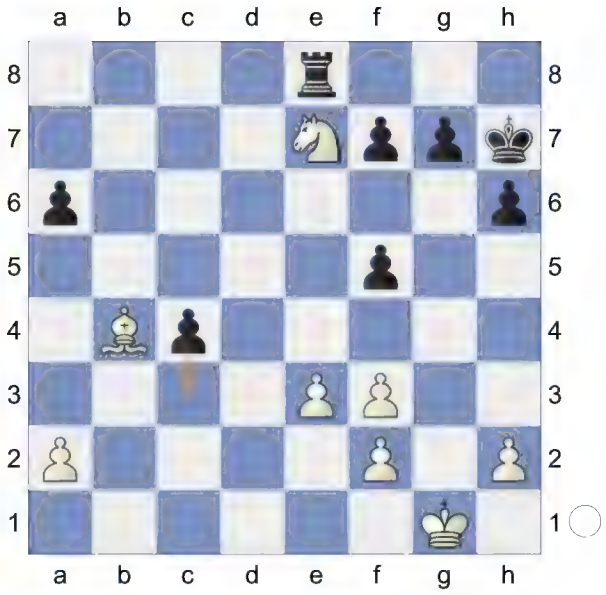

White must now prevent ...c4-c3! 31.Nxf5 0.25/24 *(31.Nd5!±* 0.85/23 *)* 31...Rb8= 32.Bc3 Rb1+ 33.Kg2 Nf5-e7! would now be deadly. Rc1= 34.Bb2 Rb1 35.Bxg7? -2.65/25 *(35.Bd4=* 0.19/24 *)* 35...Rb5!∓;

B) 30.Kf1 Anand,Viswanathan 30...Kh7∞]

[22...Be4± 1.19/27 23.Rxe4 Nxe4]

23.Bd6+- R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' '!' Kitty Kat: ' Really sharp! White is much more active.' **23...Rbd8** 4.66/23 Bryan Paulsen: '??' Bryan Paulsen: 'Unfortunately missing the hammer blow about to fall on the classic f7 weakness.' Schandorff,Lars: '?!' R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' '?' Bryan Paulsen: '??' '??' '??' Bryan Paulsen: 'Unfortunately missing the hammer blow about to fall on the classic f7 weakness.' Schandorff,Lars: '?!' '?!' Schandorff,Lars: 'Loses on the spot, but Black's position was beyond repair anyway. Bryan Paulsen: '??' Bryan Paulsen: 'Unfortunately missing the hammer blow about to fall on the classic f7 weakness.'' Kitty Kat: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'Loses on the spot, but Black's position was beyond repair anyway. '

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A) 24.Bxc4 1.02/23 24.Ne5xc4 1. 55 Nb3!? 25.axb3 Bxd6 26.Bxd5 exd5 1.33/22 *(⌓26...Rc7 0.89/21 27.Nc4 exd5)* 27.Qc6± Rbe7 28.Nf3!?± and Black would hardly defend his pawn weaknesses. R. Scherbakov: 'and Black would hardly defend his pawn weaknesses.';

B) 24.Nxc4 Bxc4 25.Qxc4 Ba3 26.Rxb7 Nxb7 27.Bxa3 Qxa3 28.Rd7 when the a-pawn will probably fall in the future. *(28.Qxa6* Schandorff,Lars *Qxa6 29.Bxa6+-)*]

[23...Rb7± 1.55/24 is more resistant.]

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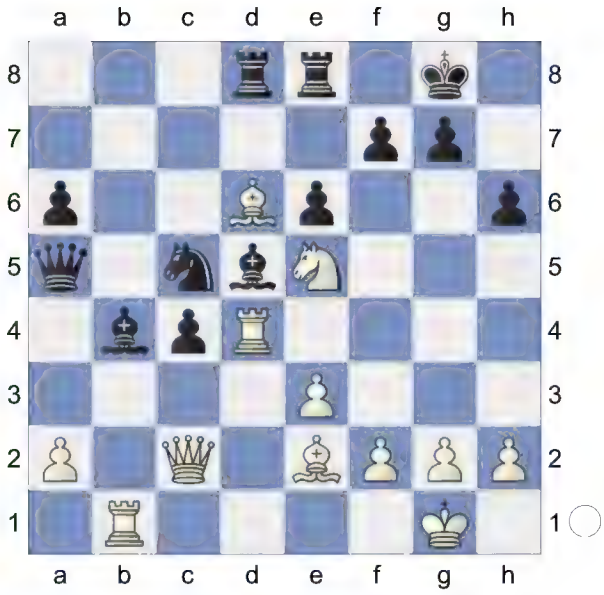

' **24.Bh5** Bryan Paulsen: '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Suddenly f7 is impossible to defend without material loss.
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[Kitty Kat: ' Not' 24.Nxc4 Bxc4 25.Qxc4 Ba3± Kitty Kat: '±']

24...Rxd6 9.73/21

[⌓24...Rf8 4.47/20]

25.Bxf7+ Kf8

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Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with ...Nc5-d3!' R.Scherbakov: 'Black resigned in view of the simple line' R.Scherbakov: 'Black resigned in view of the simple line' **26.Bxe8** Bryan Paulsen: 'Black resigned due to a major material deficit, and the likely loss of more.

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Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.62'

[26.Qh7+- Anand,Viswanathan]

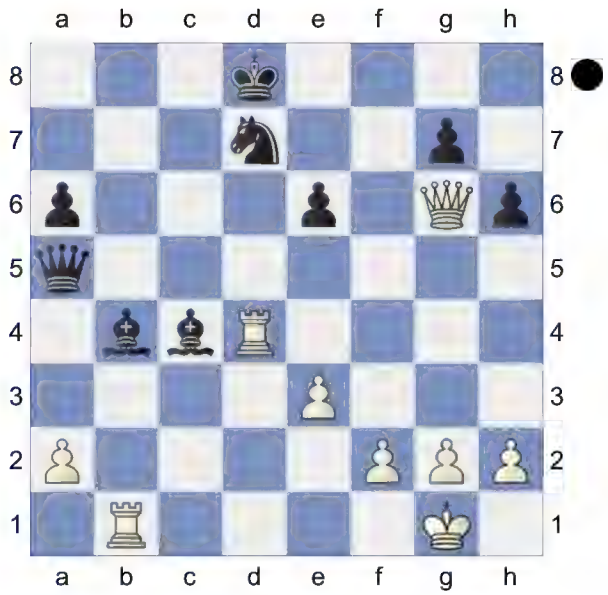
26...Kxe8 7.85/23 Schandorff,Lars

[⌓26...Be4 5.13/21 27.Rxe4 *(27.Qxc4 Bxb1 28.Rxd6 Ba3+-)* 27...Nxe4 28.Nxc4 *(28.Qxe4 Qd5+-)* 28...Qd5 29.Nxd6 *(29.Rxb4? leads to mate. Qd1+* Back Rank *30.Qxd1 Rxd1#)* 29...Nxd6 30.Rxb4 Nxe8]

27.Qg6+ Kd8 28.Nxc4 Bxc4 29.Rxd6+ Nd7N

[29...Kc7 30.Rd4 Chapter-Games Chapter 4-11]

30.Rd4



Schandorff,Lars: 'and the bishops are still an issue.'.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.40and the bishops are still an issue.

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54 **D52**
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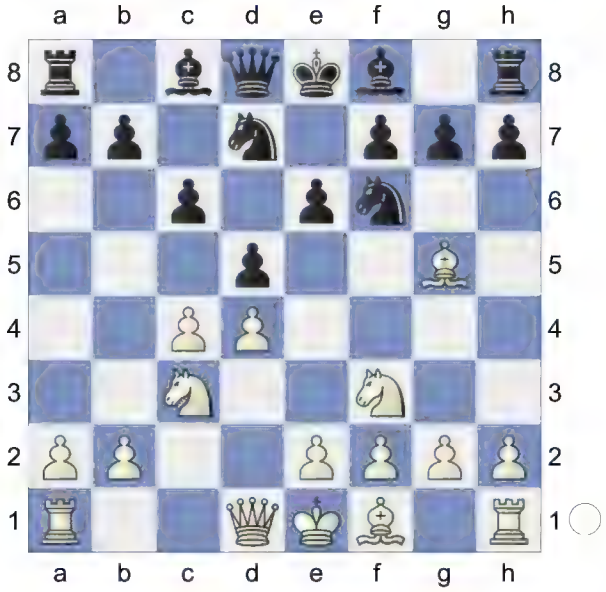
[Krasenkow,Michal]

Kitty Kat: 'D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
' **1.d4** Kitty Kat Krasenkow Krasenkow, M Schandorff,Lars Schandorff,Lars Krasenkow Krasenkow,M Schandorff, Lars Schandorff,Lars Krasenkow,M Schandorff,Lars Schandorff,Lars Krasenkow Schandorff,Lars Krasenkow, M Schandorff,Lars Schandorff,Lars **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

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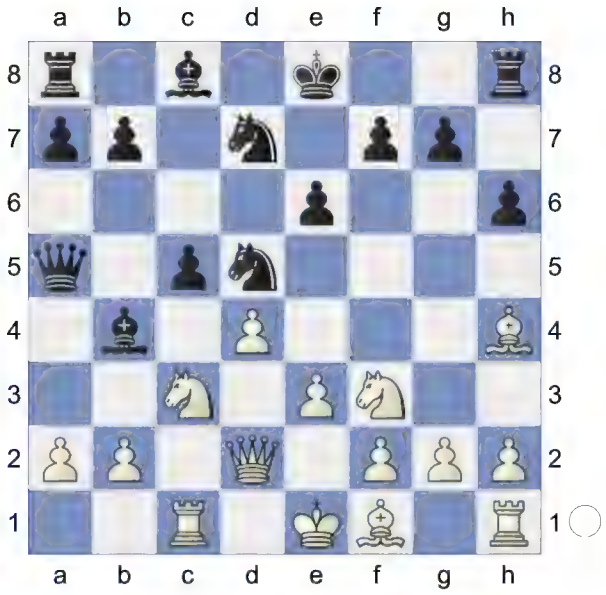

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[11.a3 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' and - 110/241 Ü 110/241 RR: 'F 110/241 Ü 110/241' and]

[11.Bd3 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow']

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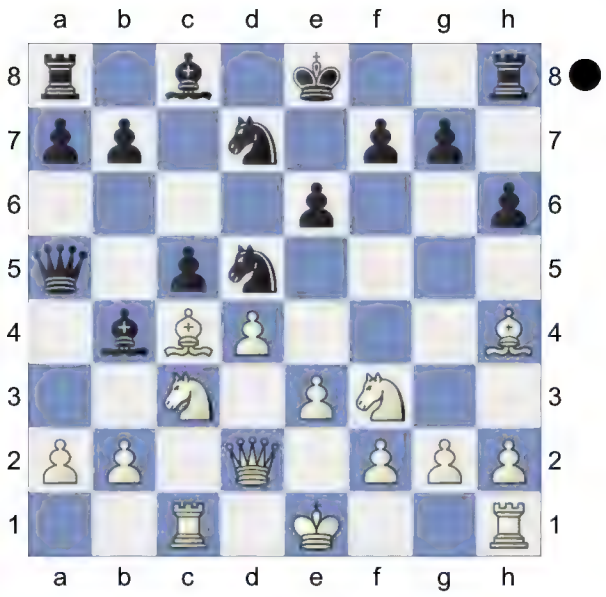

*' **11...cxd4** 'N' 'N' 'N' RR: 'N'

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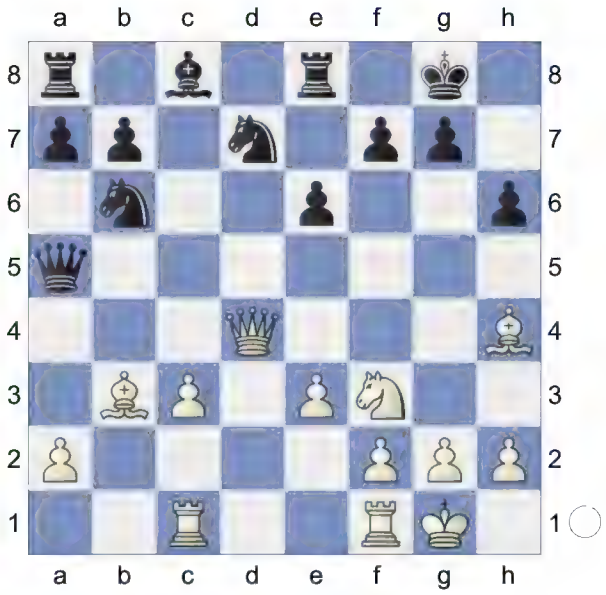
[11...N7b6!? Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' looks logical but White kept some pressure in the stem game: looks logical but White kept some pressure in the stem game: 12.Bxd5 Nxd5 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ne7 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Ne5 Rhd8 18.Qe2 Be8 1/2 Solak,D (2582)-Blagojevic,D (2549)/Herceg Novi 2005/CBM 106 ext (81) 19.Qg4! Kf8 20.Qe4↑]

[11...0-0]

12.Qxd4! Schandorff,Lars: 'The queen is very strong here.'Schandorff,Lars: 'The queen is very strong here.' **12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3** Schandorff,Lars: 'White's pawn structure is somewhat shattered, but he has got the bishop pair.' Kitty Kat: ' Hoping for Bc4xd5! The position is equal. ' Schandorff,Lars: 'White's pawn structure is somewhat shattered, but he has got the bishop pair.' **13...0-0 14.0-0 N5b6?!** Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: '?!'' "Anti-development", after which Black faces serious problems. "Anti-development", after which Black faces serious problems. "Anti-development", after which Black faces serious problems. "Anti-development", after which Black faces serious problems. "Anti-development", after which Black faces serious problems. Schandorff, Lars: 'Krasenkow: '"Anti-development", after which Black faces serious problems. "

[⌓14...b6 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow']

15.Bb3 Re8



Kitty Kat: ' Repels Bh4-e7' **16.Rfd1** Schandorff,Lars: ' ± ' ± ' Schandorff,Lars: ' ± ' ' ± ' Schandorff,Lars: ' ± ' ' ± '

Schandorff,Lars: ' ± ' ± ' ± ' Schandorff, Lars: 'Black has problems developing his queenside.' Schandorff,Lars: ' ± ' ± ' Schandorff,Lars: 'Black has problems developing his queenside.' Kitty Kat: ' White has more active pieces.' Schandorff,Lars: 'Black has problems developing his queenside.' **16...Qh5**

[16...Nc5 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' 17.Bc2±]

[16...e5 Schandorff,Lars 17.Qb4±]

17.Bg3

[17.e4!? Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: 'looks nice. White just takes extra space in the centre and at the same time prevents the rush forward of the black e-pawn as seen in the game. Krasenkow: '!?'' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: 'looks nice. White just takes extra space in the centre and at the same time prevents the rush forward of the black e-pawn as seen in the game.' Kitty Kat: ' simplifies'Schandorff,Lars: 'looks nice. White just takes extra space in the centre and at the same time prevents the rush forward of the black e-pawn as seen in the game.' Qc5 Kitty Kat 18.Bg3 e5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.Nxe5 Be6 21.Bxe6 Nxe6 22.Ng4]

17...e5 Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff, Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' '!' **18.Qb4 e4** Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff, Lars: '!' '!' '!' **19.Ne1** Schandorff,Lars: 'Covering the d3-square.'Schandorff, Lars: 'Covering the d3-square.' **19...a5 20.Qd4 Nc5**

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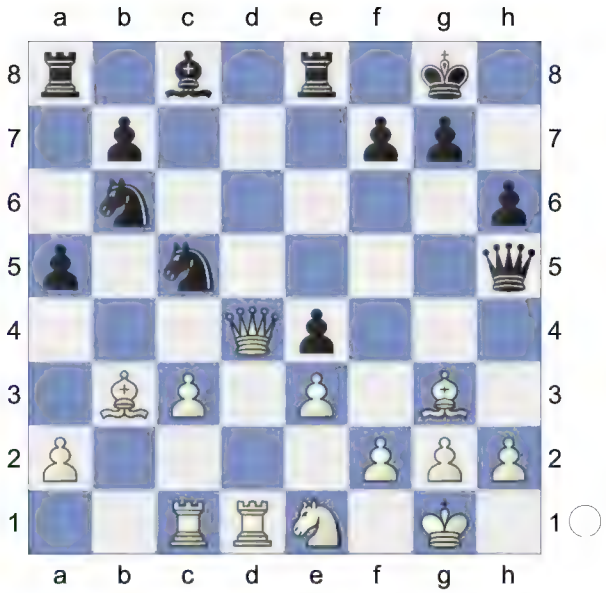

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' **21.Rb1 Nxb3 22.Qxb6** Schandorff, Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' Schandorff,Lars: '!' '!' '!' **22...Nc5 23.c4** Schandorff,Lars: 'Threatening ♖d5. If the knight is kicked away from c5 Black will have a hard time once again. 'Schandorff,Lars: 'Threatening ♖d5. If the knight is kicked away from c5 Black will have a hard time once again.' **23...Be6!** Schandorff, Lars: 'Shirov fights for the initiative.' Black gives up some material to consolidate his position. Schandorff, Lars: 'Shirov fights for the initiative.' Kitty Kat: ' Wards off Rd1-d5'Black gives up some material to consolidate his position. Schandorff,Lars: 'Shirov fights for the initiative.' Black gives up some material to consolidate his position.

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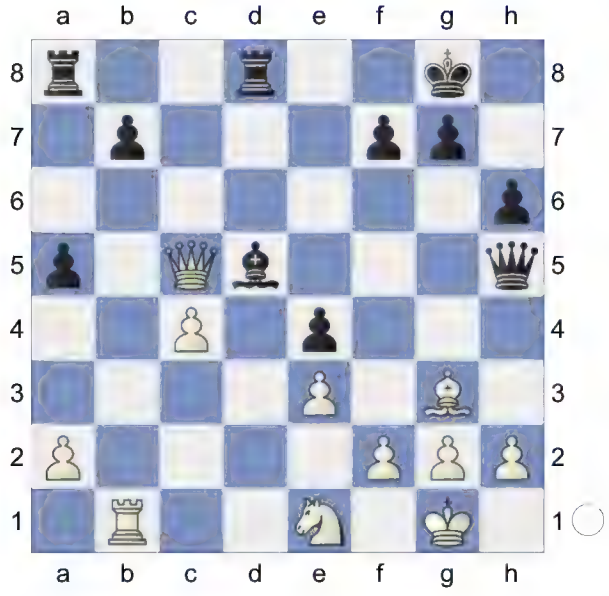
24.Rd5! Bxd5 25.Qxc5 Schandorff, Lars: 'Wins material.' Kitty Kat: ' Pin' Schandorff,Lars: 'Wins material.'

25...Red8



26.cxd5 ' ± ' ' ± ' ' ± ' RR: ' ± ' **26...Qxd5** Schandorff,Lars: 'But it turns out that Black has good compensation.' Schandorff,Lars: 'But it turns out that Black has good compensation. ' Kitty Kat: 'N' Schandorff,Lars: 'But it turns out that Black has good compensation.

' **27.Qc2** It is well-known that the side with two pieces for a rook should usually avoid the exchange of queens as rooks are more powerful in endings. It is well-known that the side with two pieces for a rook should usually avoid the exchange of queens as rooks are more powerful in endings. It is well-known that the side with two pieces for a rook should usually avoid the exchange of queens as rooks are more powerful in endings. It is well-known that the side with two pieces for a rook should usually avoid the exchange of queens as rooks are more powerful in endings. Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: 'It is well-known that the side with two pieces for a rook should usually avoid the exchange of queens as rooks are more powerful in endings."

[27.Qxd5 Rxd5 28.Rxb7 Schandorff, Lars: 'is critical, but the following variation illustrates the counterplay.' Schandorff,Lars: 'is critical, but the following variation illustrates the counterplay.' Rd2 29.a3 Schandorff, Lars Ra2 30.Bd6 Rd8 31.Rb6 Ra1 32.Kf1 Rc8 33.Rb2 Rcc1 34.Re2 Rc6 35.Be7 f6 Schandorff,Lars: 'Suddenly the bishop is in danger.' Suddenly the bishop is in danger.]

27...b5⩲ Schandorff,Lars: 'Black has a very active position and the possibility to create a strong passed pawn on the queenside. Aronian has problems activating the knight, but in time trouble (Black's!) he keeps the queens on and

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' **28.Qb2 b4 29.Be5 Qd2!?** Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: '!?"

[29...f6 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' 30.Bd4]

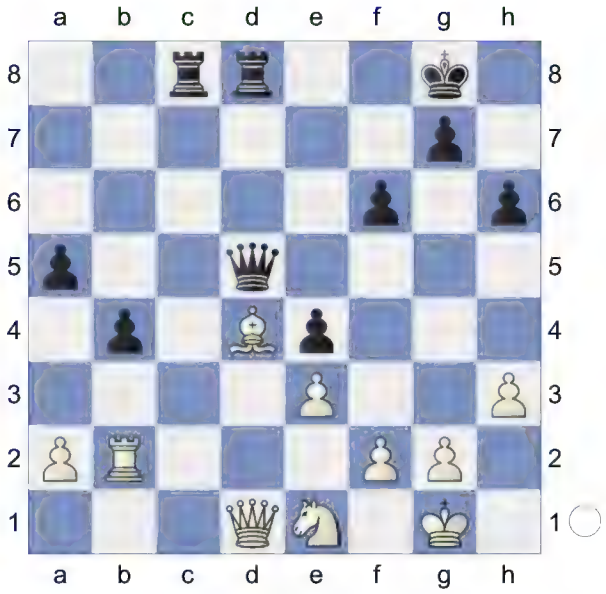
30.Qa1 Schandorff,Lars: '!?' '!?' Schandorff,Lars: '!?' '!?' Schandorff,Lars: '!?' '!?' Schandorff,Lars: '!?' '!?' '!?'

[30.Bxg7 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' Qxb2 31.Bxb2 Rd2⩲]

30...Qe2

31.Bd4 Rab8 32.h3 f6 33.Rb2 Qb5 34.Qb1 Qd5 35.Qd1 Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits a5-a4.' **35...Rbc8** 0.81/19

[35...Qc6± 0.38/20 (Kitty Kat) should be considered.]



36.Rd2 0.11/20

[36.Kh2± 0.81/19 Kitty Kat]

36...Qe6 Kitty Kat: '=' **37.Kh2 Rd7 38.g3 Rdc7** Kitty Kat: '!' **39.Bb2!?** Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: '!?" Kitty Kat: ' Inhibits Rc7-c1.' **39...Qxa2**

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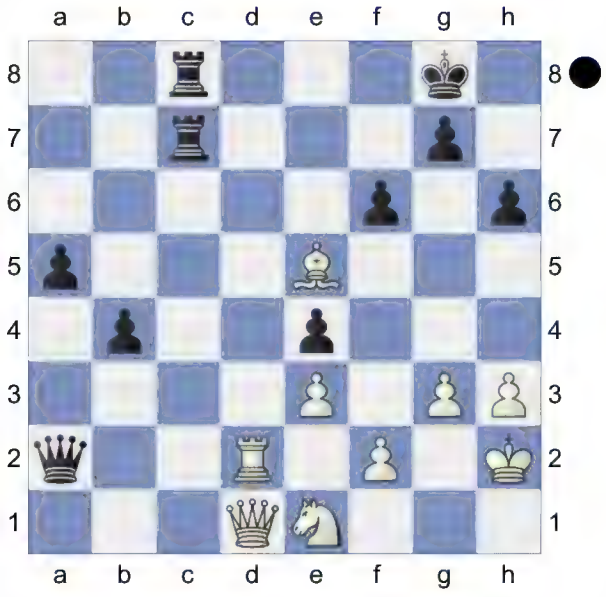
" **40.Be5** Kitty Kat: '



Discovered Attack' **40...Qxd2?!** 0.30/20 Schandorff,Lars: 'In the last move before the time control the mistake comes.'
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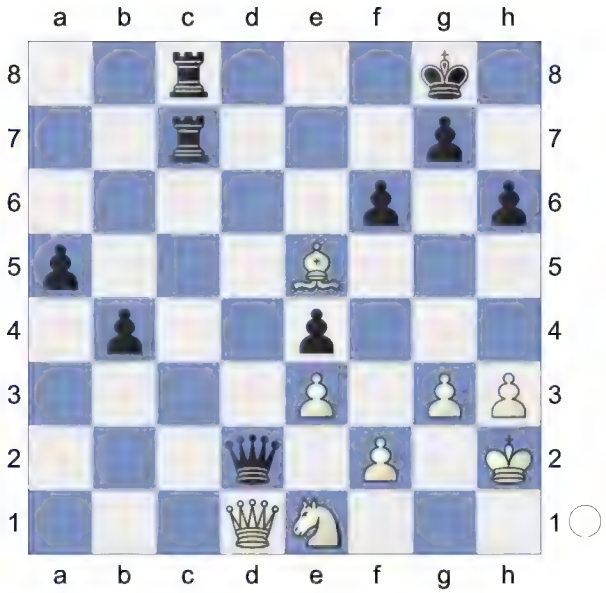

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[⌓42.Qa2+ Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' Rf7 43.Kg1]
42...Rf7 43.Kg2 Rcf8 Kitty Kat: ' Black wants to play ...a5-a4.' **44.h4**
[44.Qxa5 Kitty Kat Rxf2+ 45.Kg1 Rf1+ 46.Kh2 Rxe1-+]
44...Kh8
[44...a4 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' 45.Nc2]
45.Qxe4 Kitty Kat: ' And now Kg2-h3 would win.' **45...Rxf2+**

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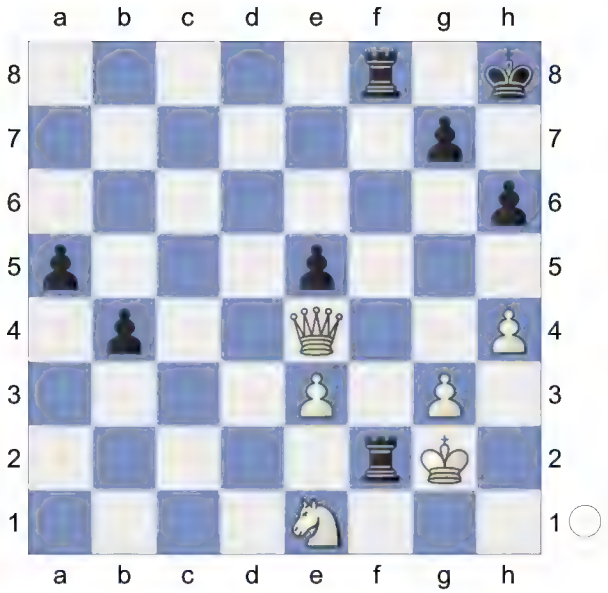

46.Kh3 Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening Ne1-d3!' **46...b3** Kitty Kat: ' White must now prevent ...b3-b2.' **47.Nd3** Schandorff,Lars: 'Finally it is back in business.'Schandorff,Lars: 'Finally it is back in business.' **47...b2!** Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: '!'' **48.Qb7** Kitty Kat: ' The board is on fire.'

[48.Nxf2 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' Rxf2 49.Qd3 a4 , and White must give a perpetual. , and White must give a perpetual.]

48...R8f7? 3.90/24 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: '?'' Kitty Kat: ' This move loses the game for Black.'

[48...a4! 0.32/23 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' Kitty Kat: ' ±!' 49.Nxb2 *(49.Nxf2 Rxf2)* 49...a3 50.Nd3 a2 51.Qa6 Rd2 52.Nxe5 *(52.Nb4 h5 53.Qa4!? Kh7! 54.Nxa2 Rff2=)* 52...Rf6 53.Qc8+ Kh7 , and the a2-pawn guarantees Black a draw. , and the a2-pawn guarantees Black a draw.]

49.Qb5 Kitty Kat: '+-' **49...a4** **50.Nxb2 a3**

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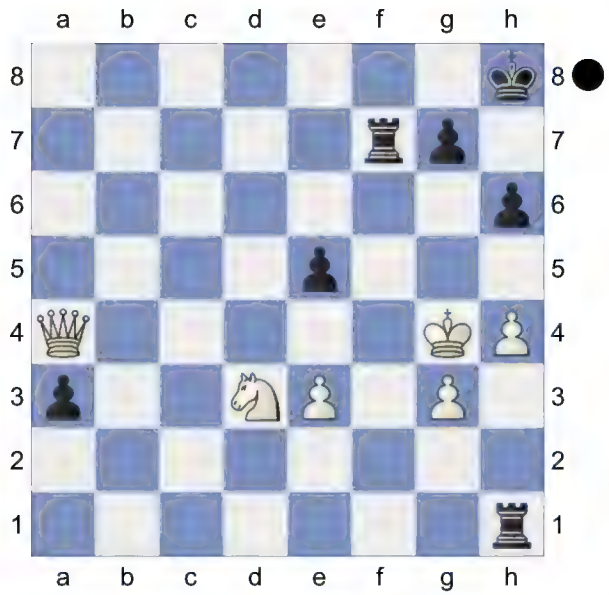
51.Nd3 Rf1 5.76/25

[51...a2 3.77/20 doesn't work now: Kitty Kat: ' ⩲ 'doesn't work now: doesn't work now: doesn't work now: doesn't work now: Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: 'doesn't work now:'' 52.Nxf2 Rxf2 Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow' *(52...a1Q 53.Qe8+* - that's the drawback of 48... ♖8f7 ! - that's the drawback of 48...♖8f7 ! - that's the drawback of 48...♖8f7 ! - that's the drawback of 48...♖8f7 ! Schandorff,Lars: 'Krasenkow: '- that's the drawback of 48...♖8f7 !'' *Kh7* Schandorff,Lars *54.Qxf7)* 53.Qe8+ *(53.Qxe5* Kitty Kat *Kg8+-)* 53...Kh7 54.Qxe5+- △Rf1 *(54...Re2* Kitty Kat *)* 55.Qe4+ Kh8 56.Qa8+]

52.Qa4

[52.Qxe5? (Kitty Kat) loses. a2 Kitty Kat: '-+' 53.Nf4 R7xf4 Promotion *(53...a1B?* is the wrong capture. *54.Qe8+ Kh7 55.Qxf7+-; 53...Rh1+ 54.Kg2=)* 54.exf4 a1Q-+ *(54...a1B? 55.Qe8+ Kh7 56.Qe4+ Kh8 57.g4+-)*]

52...Rh1+ 53.Kg4



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55 **D52**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2803**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2757**
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[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Bozic,Vitomir, Hokmome: 'D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
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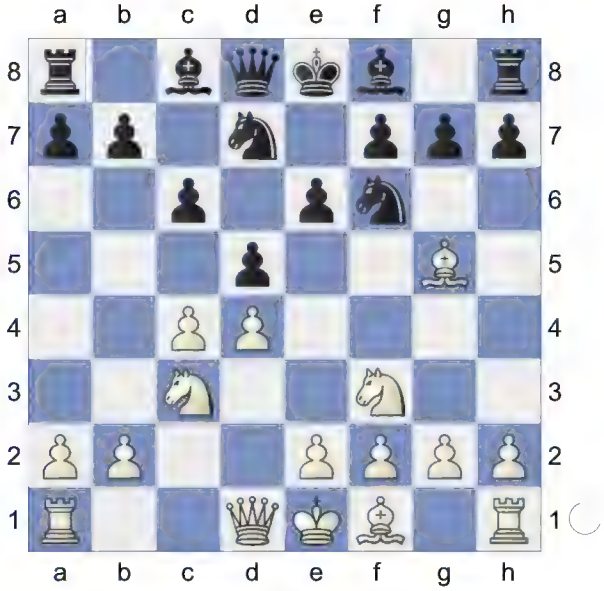

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Bxc3
[8...Ne4 9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Qc2 Qa5 12.Qxe4 Qf5 13.Qxf5 exf5 14.Bd3 Nb6 15.0-0 Be6 16.d5 Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxb2 Matlakov,M (2699)-Carlsen,M (2872) Moscow (blitz) 145/(136) 2019]
9.bxc3
[9.Rxc3 Qxa2 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Bd6 Re8 12.Ba3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
9...0-0 10.Be2 The position is equal.

10...b6N

[10...dxc4 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.0-0 b6 14.Bf3 Rd8 15.Qb3 Ba6 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Ne5 Bb7 18.c4 c5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.a4 Qc7 21.h3 h6 22.a5 bxa5 23.Qa3 Ne4 24.Qd3 Nf6 25.Qa3 (46) Chapter D75-Games Chapter D75 Game 4 cxd4 26.exd4 Nd7 27.Nf3 Nb6 28.c5 Nd5 29.Ra1 Nb4 30.Qxa5 Qxa5 31.Rxa5 Nc6 32.Ra6 Rc7 33.Rd2 Rd5 34.Kf1 g5 35.Ke2 e5 36.dxe5 Rxc5 37.g3 Kg7 38.Kf1 Rb7 39.Kg2 Rb6 40.Raa2 (46) Tuor,P-Noshin,A It Hihon (Spain) 1945]

11.Bf4 Re8 0.89/21

[11...b5= 0.21/19 keeps the balance.]

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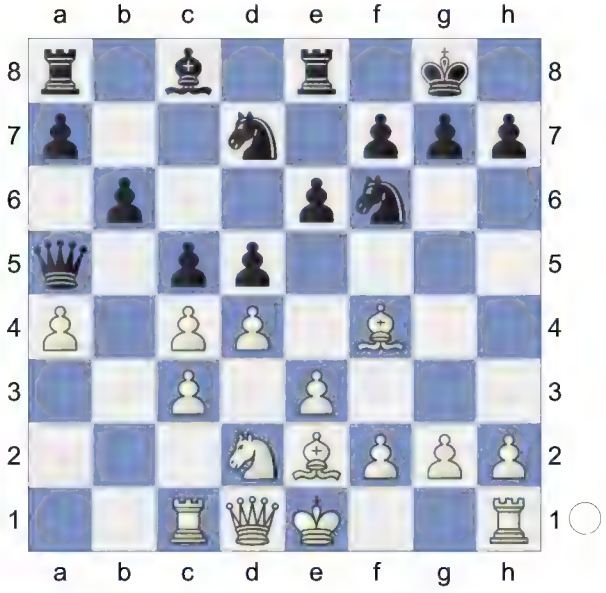
12.a4!± c5



13.0-0 0.30/19

[13.cxd5!± 1.13/21 cxd4 14.Nc4 *(14.cxd4 Nxd5 15.Bb5 Nxf4=; 14.exd4 Ba6=; 14.dxe6 Rxe6 15.Nc4 Qd5+-)*]

13...cxd4 14.exd4 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5

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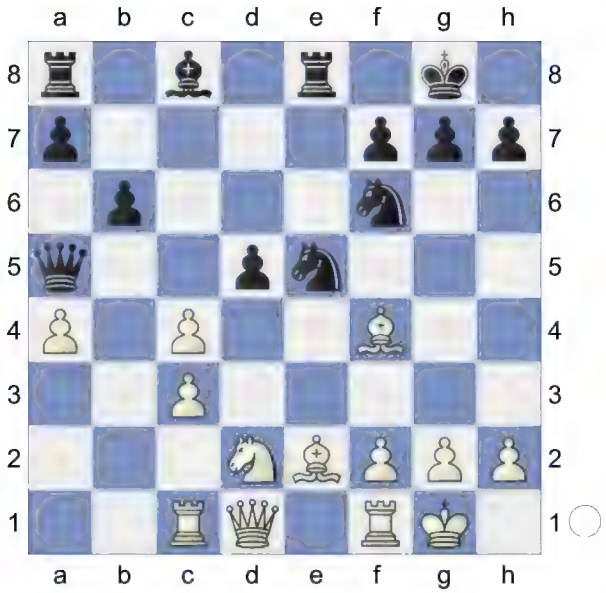
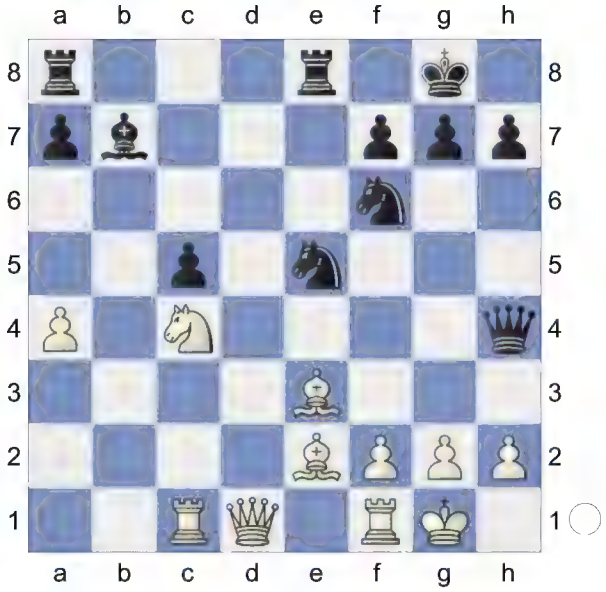
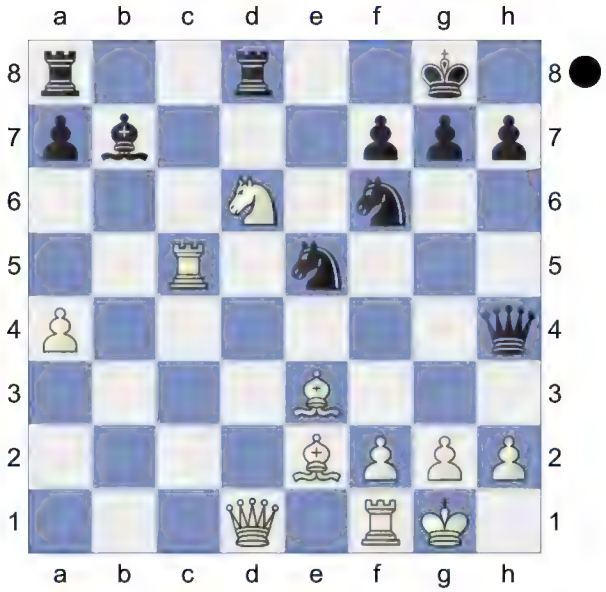


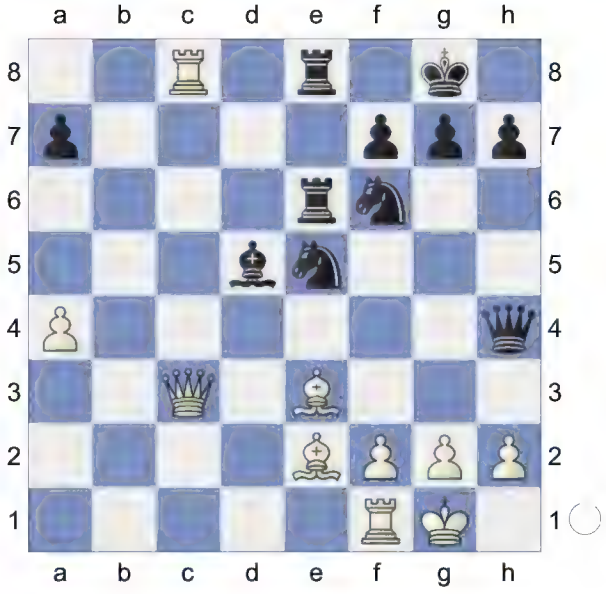
16.cxd5 Qxd5 17.c4P White is fighting back **17...Qd4** 0.35/21
[17...Qa5= -0.03/19]
18.Be3± This pair of bishops is nice.
18...Qh4 19.c5 Bb7 20.Nc4 bxc5



21.Nd6 -0.43/22
[21.Bxc5 Qg5 22.Ne3 Ng6∓]
[21.Nxe5= 0.16/20 Rxe5 22.Rc4 *(22.Rxc5 Rxc5 23.Bxc5 Bxg2∓* Decoy; *22.Bxc5 Bxg2* Decoy *23.Kxg2 Qg5+ 24.Kh1 Rxc5∓)*]
21...Red8∓ Strongly threatening ... Rd8xd6! **22.Rxc5?** -3.61/24
[22.Bxc5∓ -0.53/21 Ne4 23.f4]



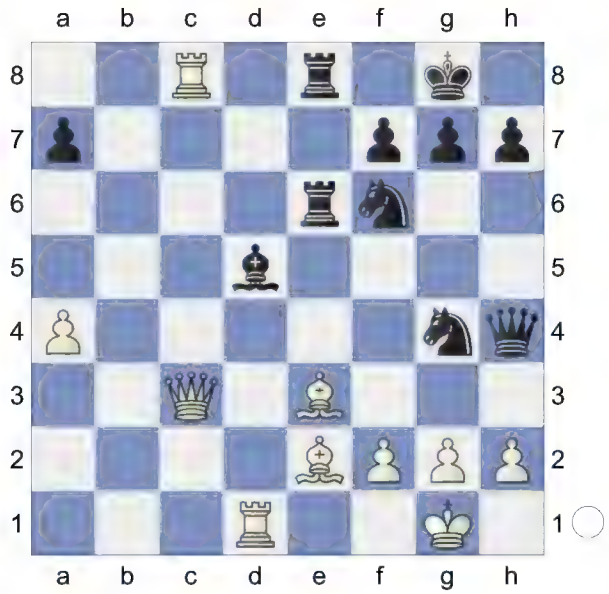
Loses the game. **22...Rxd6!-+ 23.Qb3**
[Don't play 23.Qxd6 Qe4 24.Bf3 *(24.Qxe5? Qxg2#)* 24...Nxf3+ 25.Kh1 *(25.gxf3?* too greedy. *Qxf3-+)* 25...Nh4-+]
23...Bd5 24.Qc3 Re8 25.Rc8 Rde6
[Not 25...Qxa4 26.Qxe5 Rxc8 27.Qxd6∓]



26.Rd1? -11.33/23
[26.Rxe8+ -3.78/20 Nxe8

(26...Rxe8? 27.Qd4-+) 27.f3]

26...Neg4



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56 **D52**

□ **Kivurawnuru** **2803**

■ **Stevenson,T** **2631**

Blitz 27.03.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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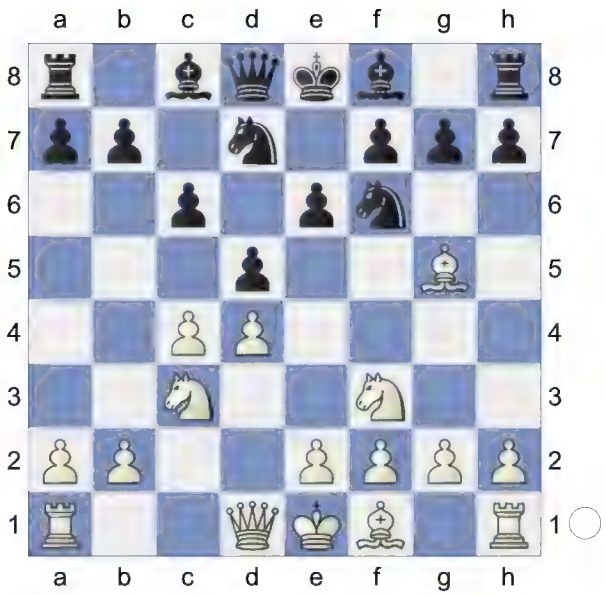


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3 Be7

11.Bg2 0-0 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7

The position is equal. **14.Qe2N**

[14.e4

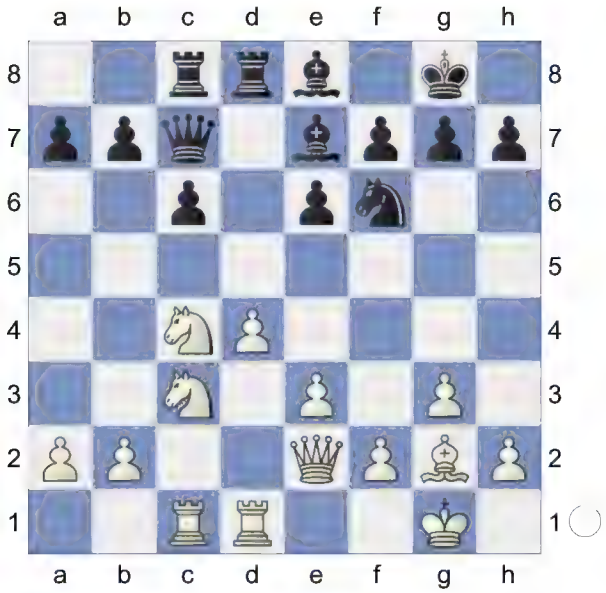
A) 14...b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Qd2 *(17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rd2* Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4*)* 17...Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5

24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 F-F (38) Janata (2489)-6.♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1];

B) 14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w]

[14.Qc2 Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 Bc3 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3)]

14...Be8 15.Rfd1 Rac8



16.a3 a5 17.Ne5 Qb8 0.34/20

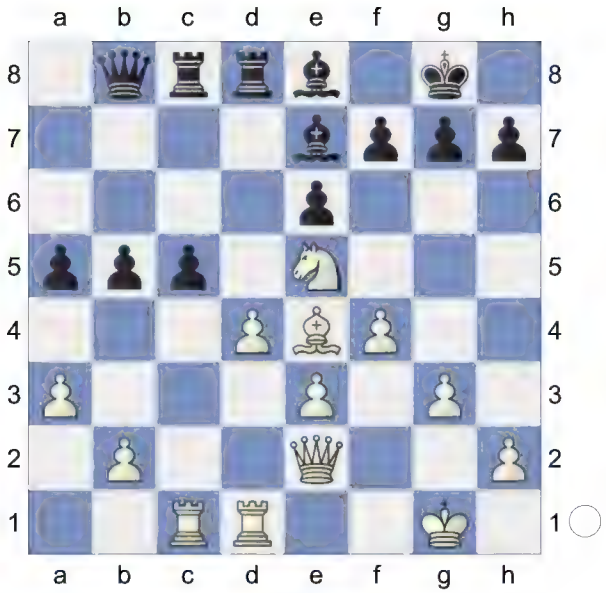
[17...c5= -0.16/20]

18.f4 -0.21/18

[18.Na4± 0.34/20]

18...b5= 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 c5

(Diagram)



21.dxc5

[21.d5 keeps more tension. exd5 22.Bxd5 c4 23.Kg2]

21...Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Rxc5 -0.04/21

[Black should try 22...Bxc5∓ -0.57/21 23.Kf2 b4]

23.Bxh7+ Kf8

[Much weaker is 23...Kxh7?! 24.Rxc5 Bxc5 25.Qc2+ Kg8 26.Qxc5±]

24.Be4 Qd6 25.Rb1

[25.Kf2 simplifies Qxd1 26.Rxd1 Bf6 27.Rd6]

25...Qc7

[25...Qxd1+ simplifies 26.Rxd1 Bf6 27.b4 Rc3]

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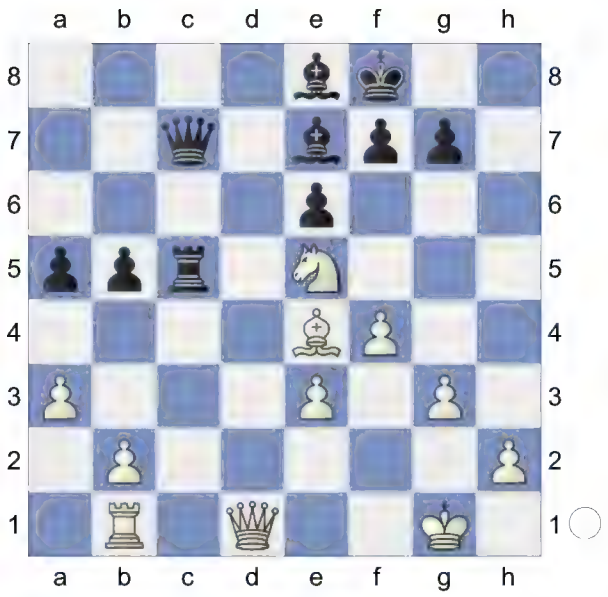
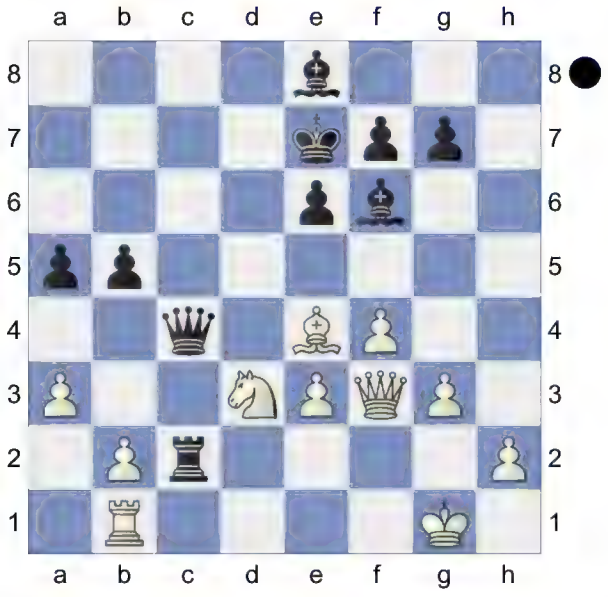


Black has compensation. **26.Qh5** -0.68/23

[Better is 26.Qd2= 0.01/18]

26...Bf6!∓ 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Nd3 Rc2 ...g7-g6 is the strong threat. **29.Qh5 Qc4 30.Qf3**



Bc6 -0.11/23

[Black should play 30...Rd2!∓ -1.23/20 31.b3 *(31.Rc1? Qb3-+)* 31...Qc3]

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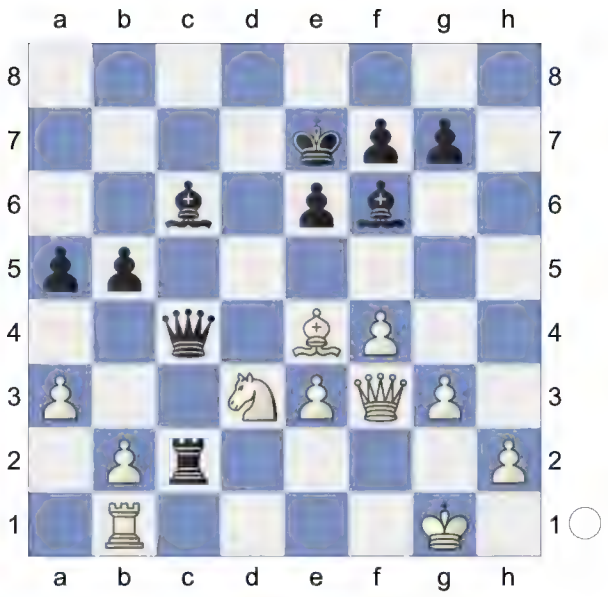
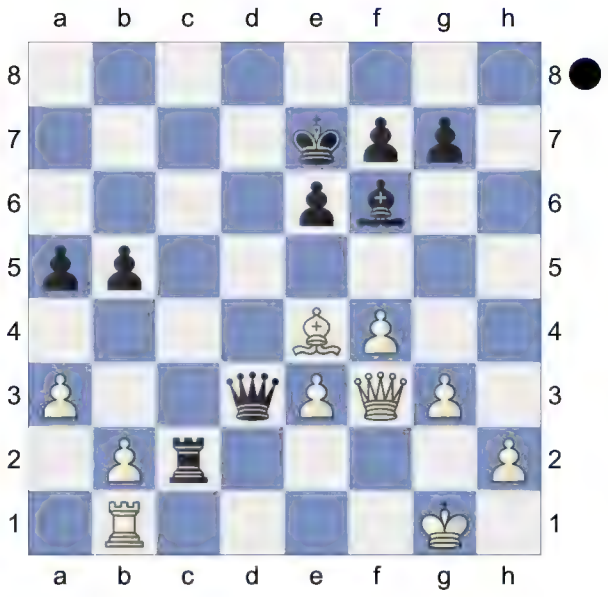


31.Bxc6= And now Bc6-e4 would win.

31...Qxd3 32.Be4



Rg2+? 9.15/23 **33.Kxg2**

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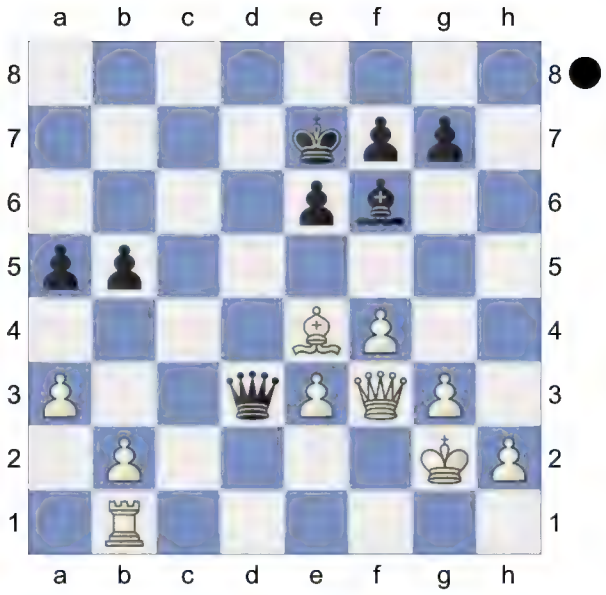

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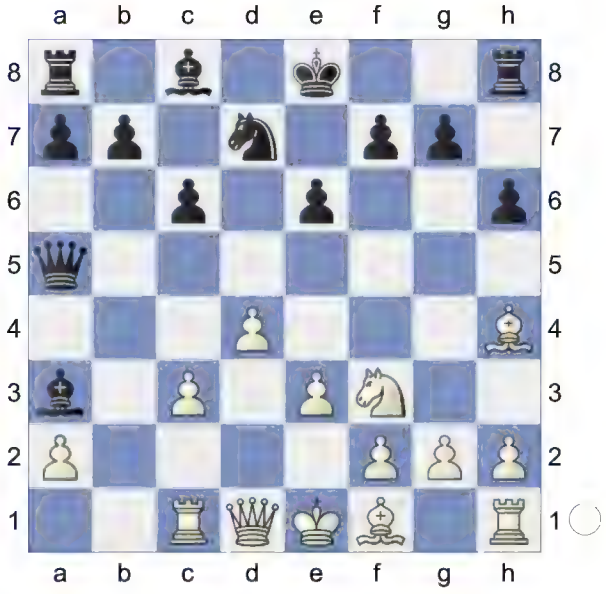
57 **D52**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2799**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2729**
Goldmoney Asian Rapid KO (1.23)
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

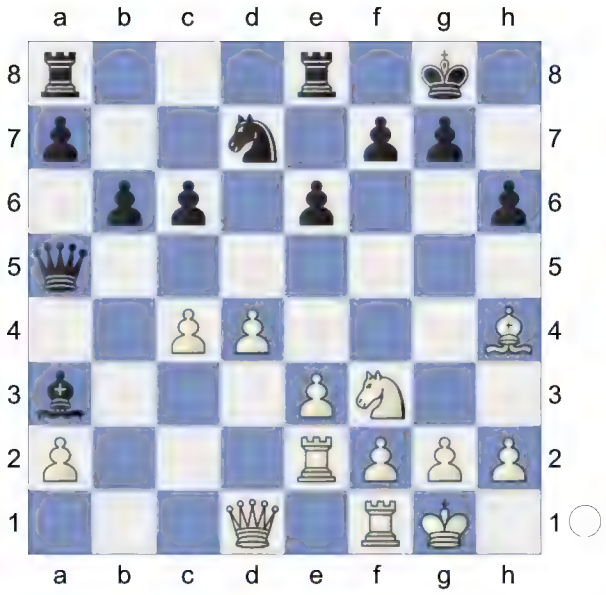
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 h6 9.Bh4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 White has an edge. **10...Ba3**



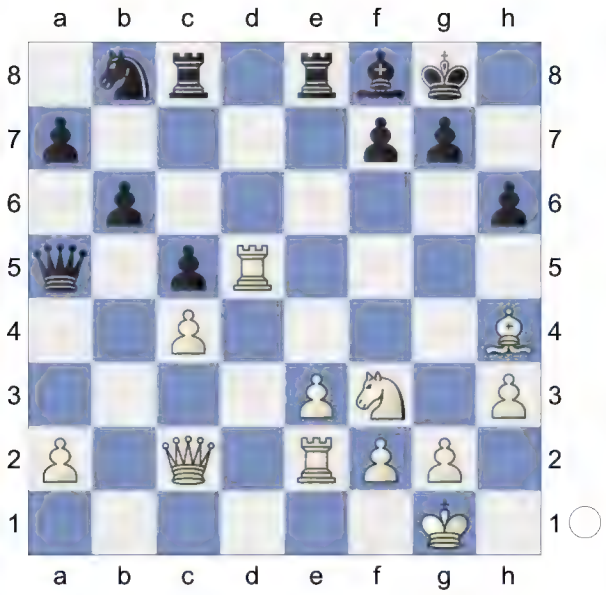
11.Rc2 b6 12.Be2 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 0-0 15.c4N

[15.e4 Rfe8 16.c4 b5 17.d5 cxd5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rfe1 Rxe2 21.Rxe2 Rc8 22.g4 Qb4 23.h3 h5 24.gxh5 Rc3 25.Re8 Qc4 26.Kg2 Rd3 27.Qe2 Rxd5 28.Qe7 Qc6 29.Rd8 Rd3 (64) Chapter D50-Games Chapter D50 Game 1]

15...Rfe8



16.Qc2 Rac8 17.Rd1 Bf8 18.h3 c5 19.d5 exd5 20.Rxd5 Nb8



21.Red2 b5 1.19/21
[21...Nc6= 0.30/21 22.Qf5 Qb4]
22.Ne5± aiming for Ne5xf7! White is more active. **22...bxc4?** 2.52/23
[22...Nc6± 0.79/20 is a better defense. 23.Nxc6 Rxc6]

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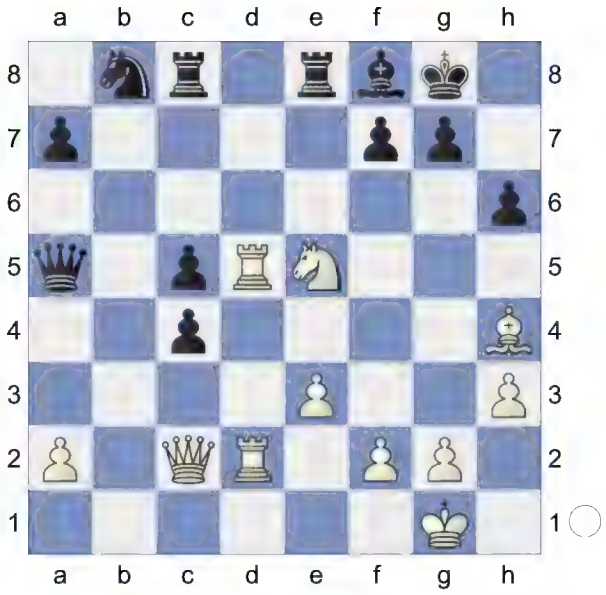
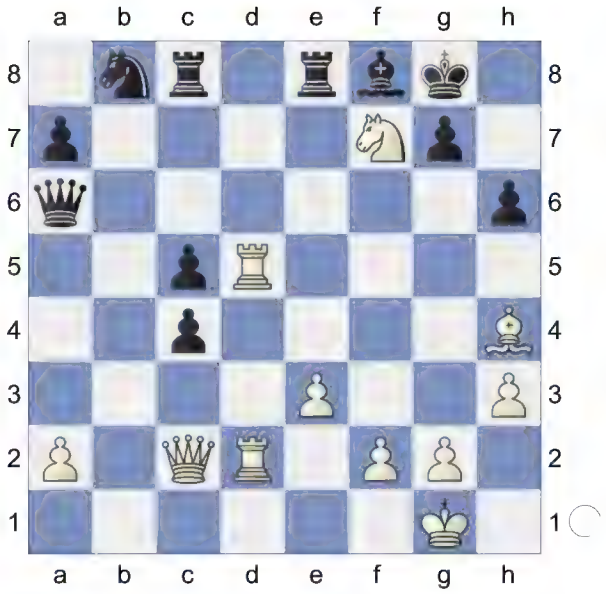


23.Nxf7!+- Deflection **23...Qa6**
[23...Kxf7? 24.Qh7+-]
[23...Rc6 24.Ne5]



24.Rd6! Qb7
[24...Bxd6? 25.Nxh6+ *(25.Nxd6 Rf8+-)* 25...Kh8 26.Nf7+ Kg8 27.Rxd6 *(27.Nxd6 Rf8+-)* 27...Kxf7 28.Qg6+ *(28.Rxa6 Nxa6 29.Qxc4+ Kf8+-)* 28...Kf8 29.Rxa6+-]

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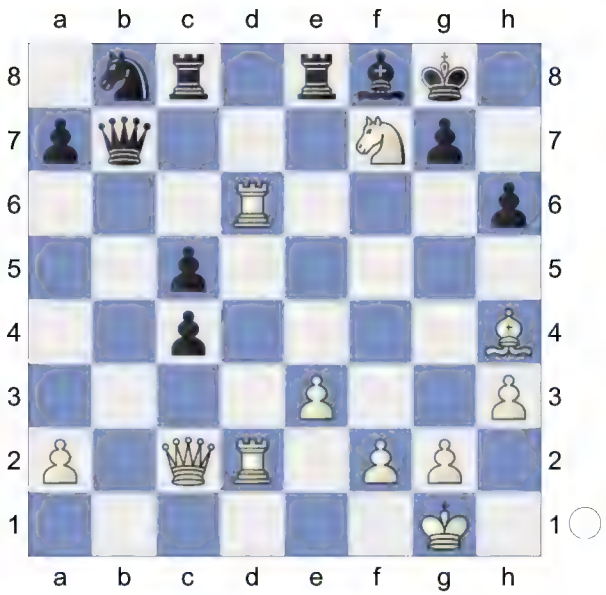
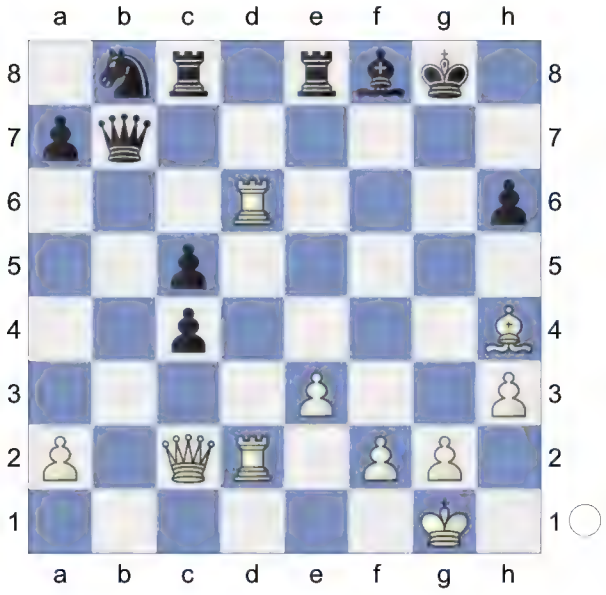
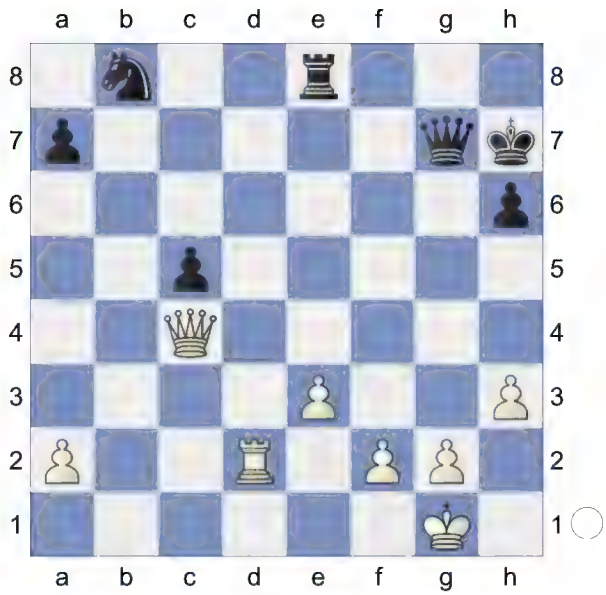


25.Nxh6+ gxh6

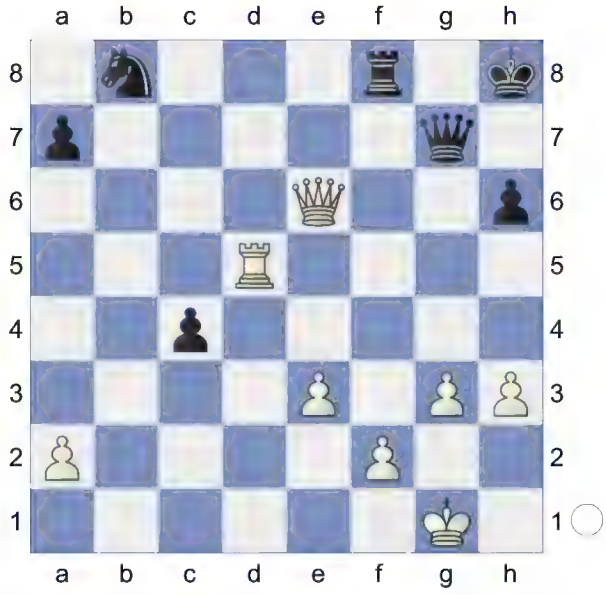


26.Rg6+
[26.Qxc4+ Qf7 27.Qg4+ Bg7±]
26...Bg7 27.Bf6
[27.Qxc4+ Kh8 28.Rd3 Rc6∓]
27...Rc7 28.Qxc4+ 0.95/24
[28.f3+- 3.46/22 and White stays clearly on top. Rf8 29.Qxc4+ Kh7 30.Qc2]
28...Kh7± 29.Rxg7+ Rxg7 30.Bxg7 Qxg7

(Diagram)



31.Rd5
[31.Qxc5 Qa1+ 32.Kh2 Qe5+ 33.Qxe5 Rxe5=]
31...Rc8 32.Qd3+ 0.34/24
[32.Qe4+± 1.10/22 Qg6 *(32...Kh8? 33.Re5+-)* 33.Qf4]
32...Kh8± 33.Qf5 White has compensation. **33...Rg8 34.g3 Rf8 35.Qe6 c4**



36.Rh5 Kh7 37.Qxc4 Nd7 38.Rd5 And now Qc4-d3+ would win. **38...Nb6 39.Qe4+ Qg6 40.Qxg6+ Kxg6=**

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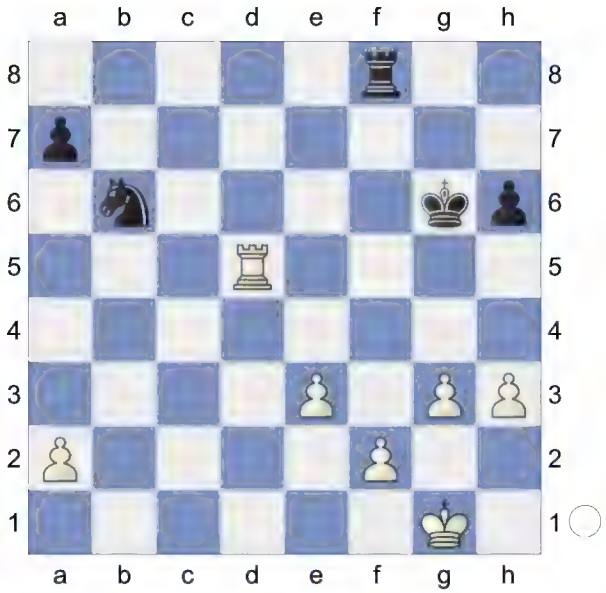
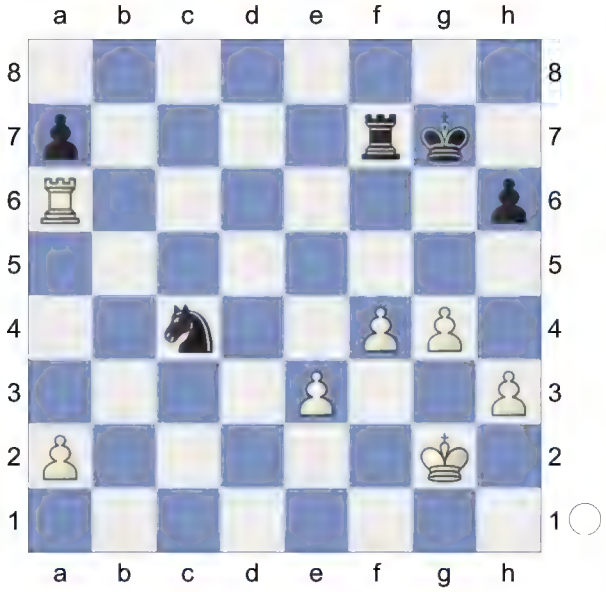


Endgame. KRN-KR **41.Ra5 Rf7 42.Kg2 Nc4 43.Ra6+ Kg7 44.g4 Ne5 45.f4 Nc4**



46.Re6 Rf6 47.Re4 Rc6 48.Kg3 a5 49.h4 -0.01/18
[49.f5± 0.38/21]
49...a4 50.g5 h5

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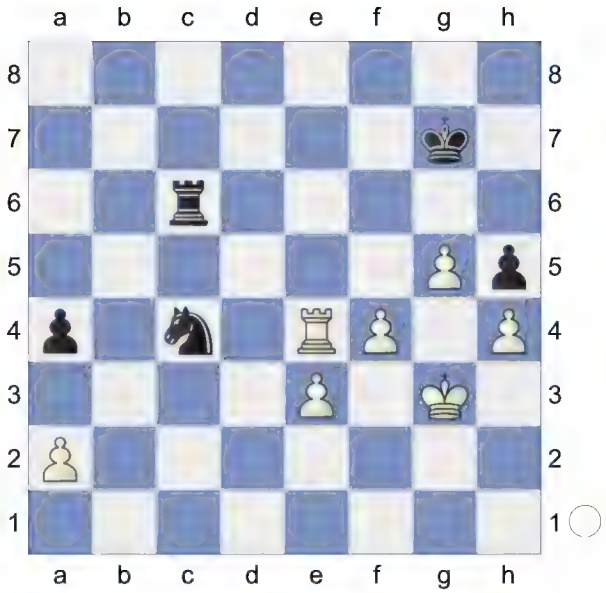

51.f5 Nd6 52.Re5
[52.Rxa4 Nxf5+ 53.Kf3 Rc7∓]
52...a3 0.82/23
[52...Rc4!= 0.01/23 keeps the balance.]
53.Rd5 Kf7? 2.93/23
[53...Ne4+± 0.76/22 was worth a try. 54.Kf3 *(54.Kf4 Rc4±)* 54...Rc4]
54.Kf4+- Threatens to win with e3-e4.
54...Ke7 3.92/20
[54...Ne8 2.67/20 might work better. 55.g6+ Kf8]
55.g6? 1.53/24
[55.e4+- 3.92/20]
55...Rc4+? 3.52/23
[55...Kf6± 1.53/24 was necessary.]

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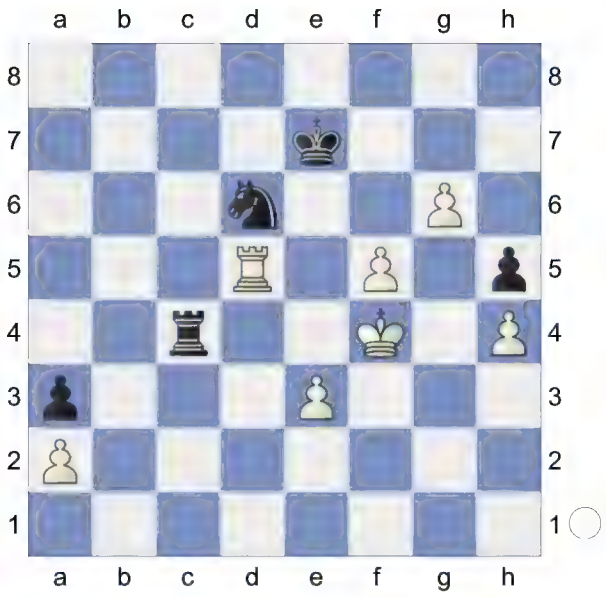
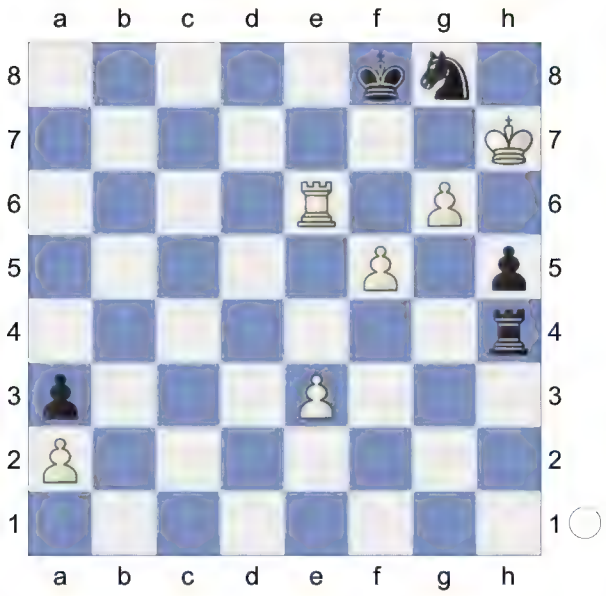
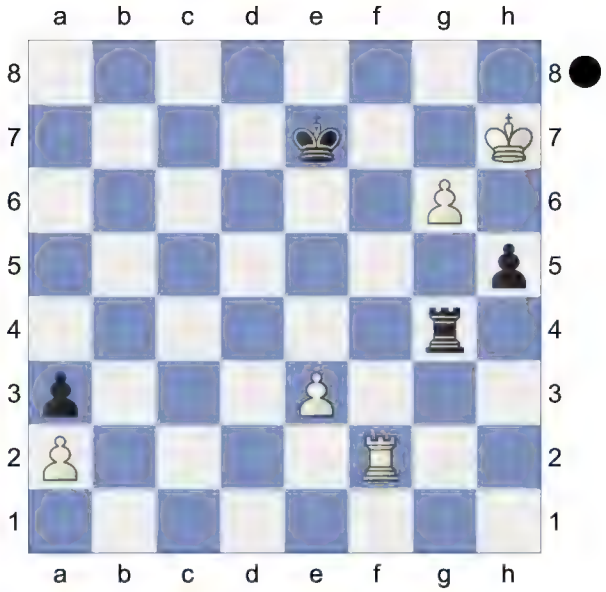


56.Kg5 f5-f6+ would now be deadly.
56...Ne4+ 57.Kh6! Nf6? 6.13/21
[57...Kf6 3.53/21 58.g7 *(58.Kxh5? leads to mate. Ng3+* Deflection, Double Attack *59.Kh6 Rxh4#)* 58...Rc8]
58.Re5+ White is clearly winning.
58...Kf8 Hoping for ...Nf6-g4+. **59.Re6 Ng8+** 8.05/24
[⌓59...Ng4+ 5.05/21 60.Kxh5 *(60.Kg5 Rc7+-)* 60...Nf2 Decoy]
60.Kh7 Rxh4



61.f6 Threatening mate with f6-f7.
61...Rg4 62.Ra6 Nxf6+ 63.Rxf6+ Ke7 64.Rf2



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58 **D52**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2795**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2759**
6. Final Masters (6.1) 12.10.2013
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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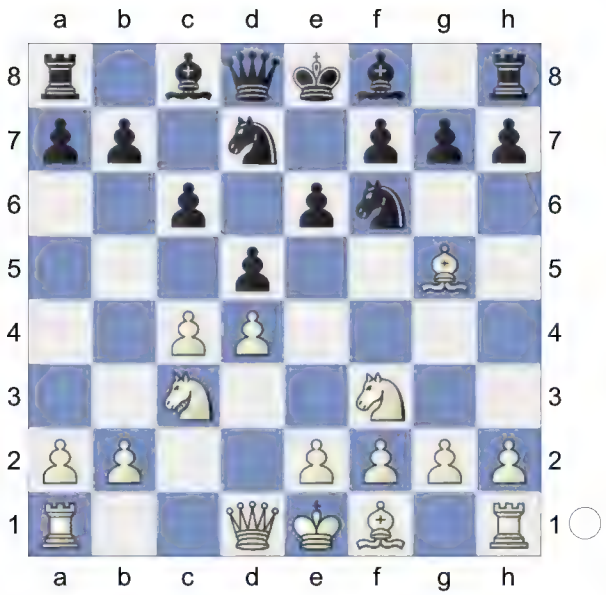


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 0.46/19

[9...dxc4= 0.08/18 10.Bxf6 gxf6]

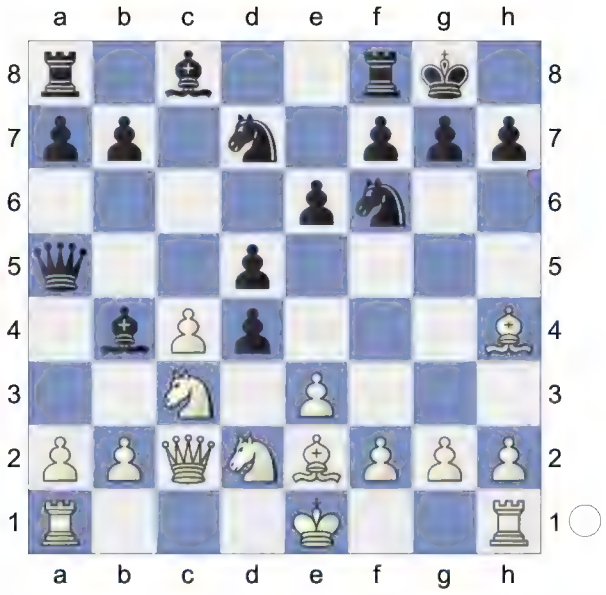
10.Bh4N

[10.Nb3 Qa4 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.dxc5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6 18.Rad1 Qxb2 19.Rd4 Qa3 20.Rfd1 Qe7 21.h4 Qf6 22.h5 Rb8 23.h6 g6 24.Bb3 b5 (28) Queen'S Gambit-8.Nd2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 Survey 2012]

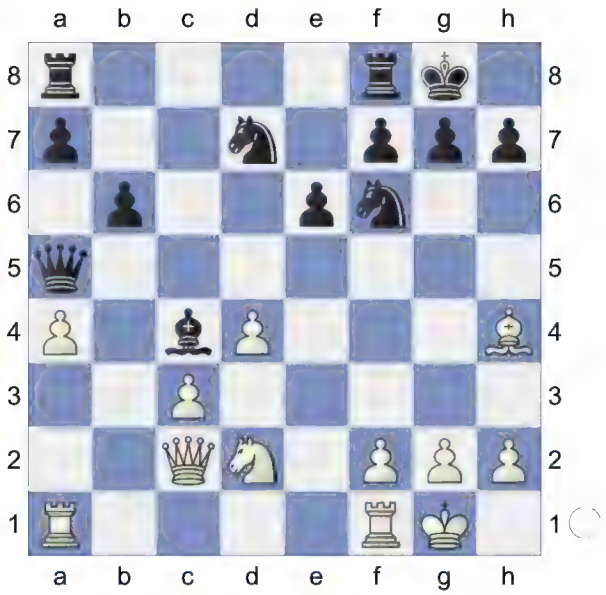
[10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.Na4 *(12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc7 14.Qe2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 16.Qxe4 Qxc4 17.Rae1 Re8 18.Qf3 f6 19.Bf4 Nb6 20.Nd2 Qd5 21.Qg3 Nc4 22.Ne4 Kh8* Queen'S Gambit-9.♗e2 c5 10. 0-0 70196 Survey 2012*)* 12...Qc7 13.Nxd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.Rac1 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rfd1 Qe5 20.Bf4 Qa5 21.b4 Qxb4 22.Bd6 Qa5 23.Bxf8 Nxf8 24.Bb3 Qh5+ (88) Grischuk,A (2771)-Shirov,A (2735) 110/242 Moscow 2010]

[10.Bf4 b6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ba6 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rfc8 15.Qa2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qd5 17.Rfc1 g5 18.Bg3 Ne4 19.Rc2 Rc6 20.Ne5 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Rc8 22.Qb2 Bxe2 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxe2 Rc3 ½-½ (32) 21.Qc4 (2565)-Bancroft,H (2638) ESP-chT Lanzarote 2003 (4. 1)]

10...cxd4



11.exd4 b6 12.0-0 Hoping for Nd2-b3. White is slightly better. **12...Bxc3!**
13.bxc3 Black should prevent a2-a4.
13...Ba6! 14.a4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4



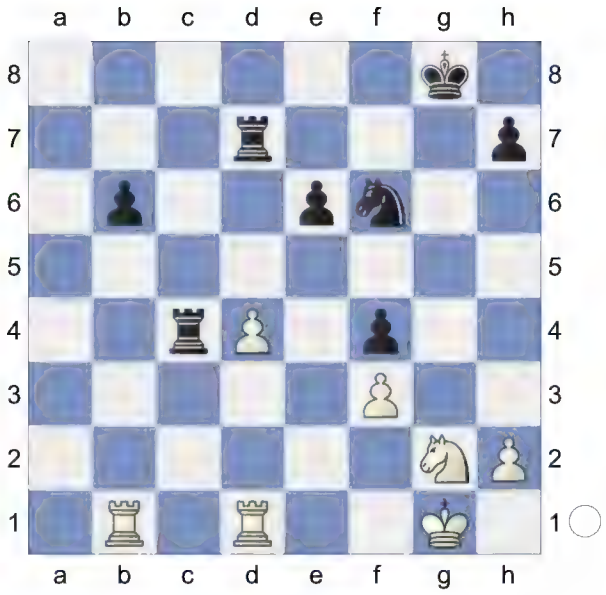
16.Nxc4 Qd5 17.Ne3 Qe4 18.Bxf6

-0.15/20
[18.Qxe4 0.21/21 was preferrable. Nxe4 19.c4]
18...Qxc2= 19.Nxc2 Nxf6 20.c4 Rac8

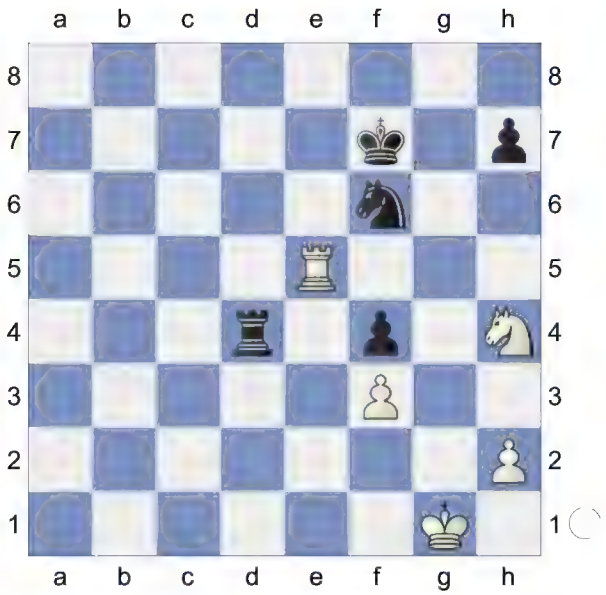
21.Ne3 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 Ne4 23.Rac1
Wards off Ne4-c3 **23...f5 24.f3 Nf6 25.g3 Rd7**

26.a5! g5
[26...g6 27.Ra1]
27.axb6 axb6 28.Rb1 f4 The position is equal. **29.gxf4 gxf4 30.Ng2 Rxc4**

(Diagram)

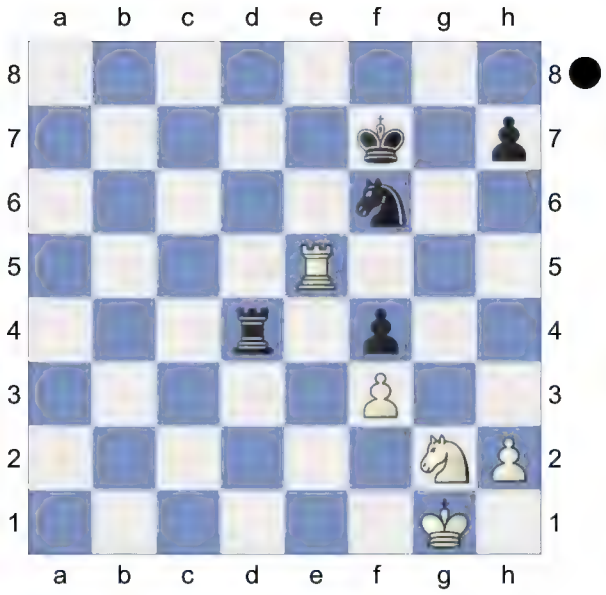


...Nf6-d5 would now be deadly. **31.Rxb6 Rcxd4 32.Rxd4 Rxd4 33.Rxe6** KRN-KRN **33...Kf7 34.Re5 Kg6 35.Nh4+ Kf7**



36.Ng2 Kg6 Prevents Re5-f5. **37.Nh4+ Kf7 38.Ng2**

(Diagram)



A balanced but interesting game.
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½-½

59 **D52**
□ **Mrbochwalt** **2792**
■ **Warriorchess04** **2612**
Rapid 04.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

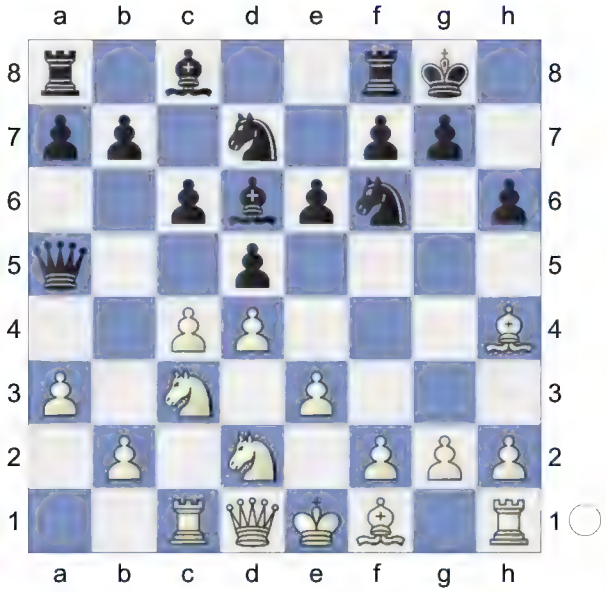
Blitz 10min
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Bozic,Vitomir, Hokmome: 'D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
' 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 h6N
[8...Ne4 9.Ncxe4 *(9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Qc2 Qa5 12.Qxe4 Qf5 13.Qxf5 exf5 14.Bd3 Nb6 15.0-0 Be6 16.d5 Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxb2* Matlakov,M (2699)-Carlsen,M (2872) Moscow (blitz) 145/(136) 2019 *)* 9...dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 f5 *(15...e5 16.dxe5 a5 17.Ra2 Qb4 18.Rb2 Qc5 19.Nxe4 Qa7 20.e6 fxe6 21.h4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.c5 Qd8 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
[8...0-0 9.Bh4 Re8 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Be2 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's

Queen's 2023]

9.Bh4 0-0 10.a3 White is slightly better. **10...Bd6**

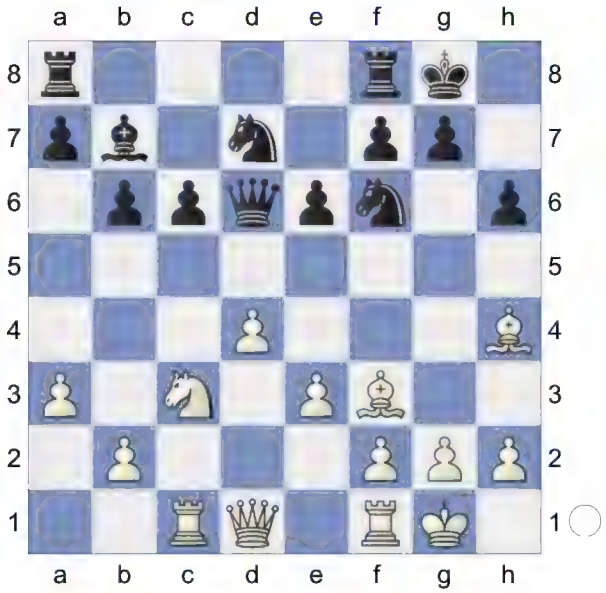


11.Be2 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 b6 1.61/20

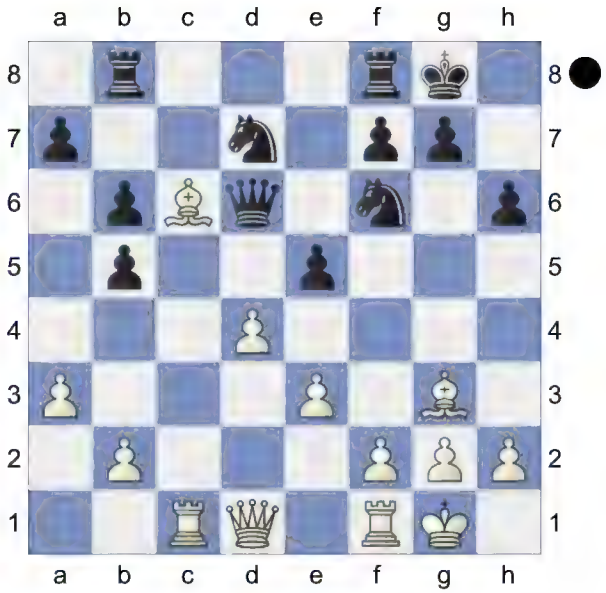
[14...e5± 0.99/18]

15.Bf3↑ And now Bh4-g3 would win. Black is under strong pressure. **15...Bb7** 1.89/21

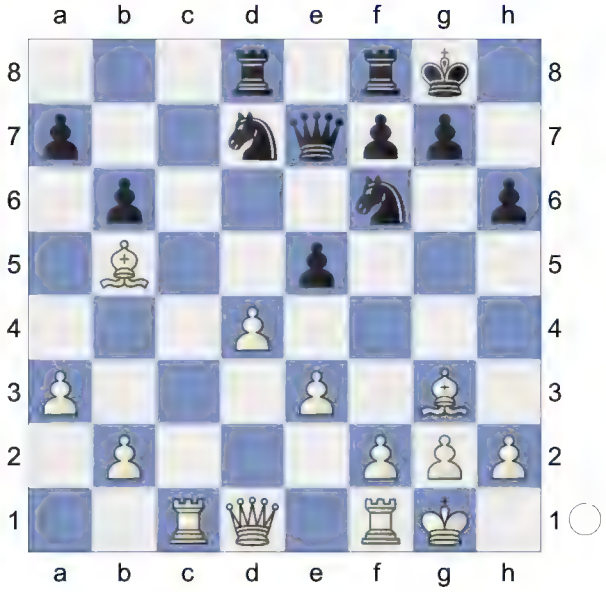
[15...Ba6± 1.48/21 was necessary.]



16.Nb5+- cxb5 17.Bxb7 Rab8 18.Bg3 e5 19.Bc6



d4xe5 is the strong threat. **19...Qe7 20.Bxb5 Rbd8**



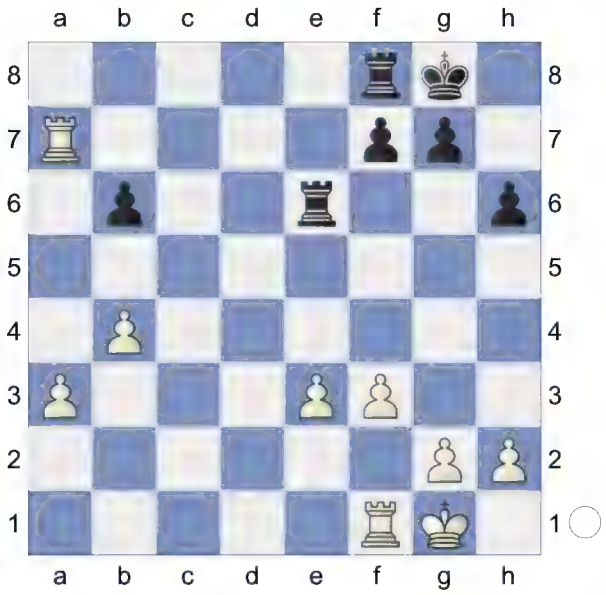
21.Rc7 Black must now prevent d4xe5. **21...Qe6 22.Rxa7 exd4 23.Qxd4 Nc5 24.Qc4 Qxc4** 3.05/19

[⌓24...Qf5 2.14/20 25.f3 Rd2]

25.Bxc4 A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Rd2**

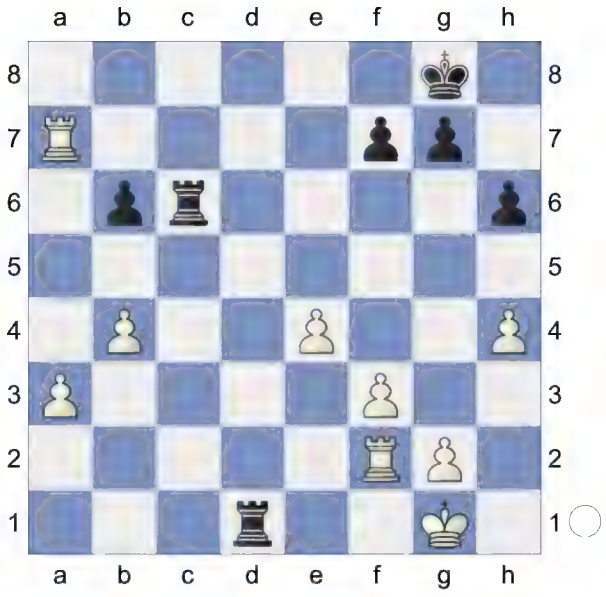
(Diagram)

26.Be5 Nfe4 27.f3 Nd6 28.Bxd6 Rxd6 29.b4 Ne6 30.Bxe6 Rxe6

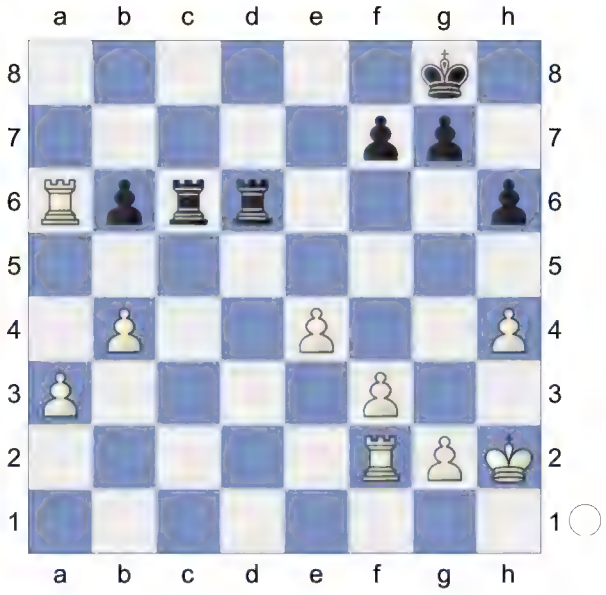


Endgame. KRR-KRR **31.e4 Rd8 32.h4 Rc6 33.Rf2** Inhibits Rd8-d2. **33...Rd1+**

(Diagram)



34.Kh2! Rd3 35.Ra6 Rdd6

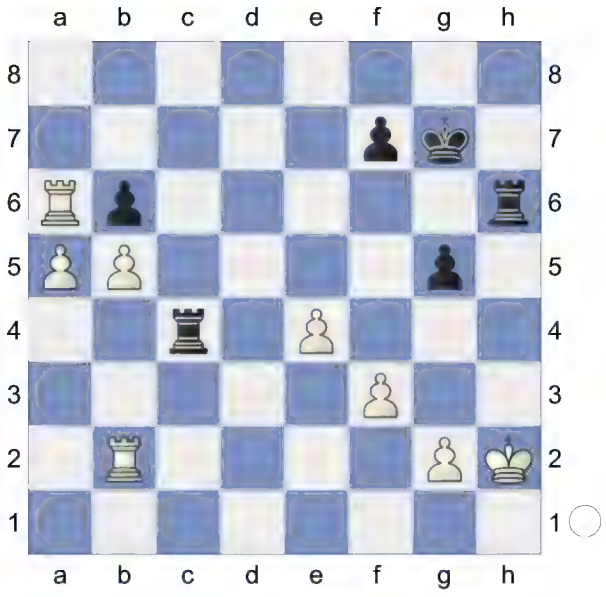


36.Rb2 g5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.a4 Kg7 39.b5 Rc4 5.66/23

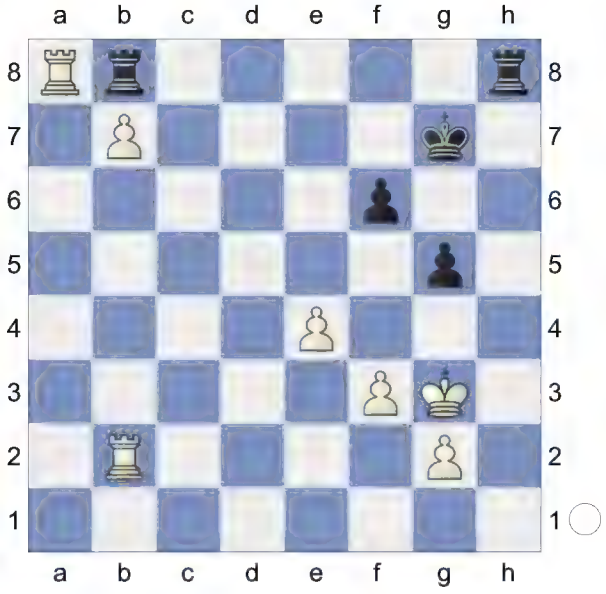
[⌓39...Rc8 3.88/21 40.Kg3 Rf6]

40.a5 White is clearly winning. **40...Rh6+**

(Diagram)



41.Kg3 bxa5 42.b6 Rc8 43.b7 Rb8 44.Rxa5 f6 45.Ra8 Rhh8



46.Rxb8 Rxb8 47.Kg4 Kg6 48.Rb6

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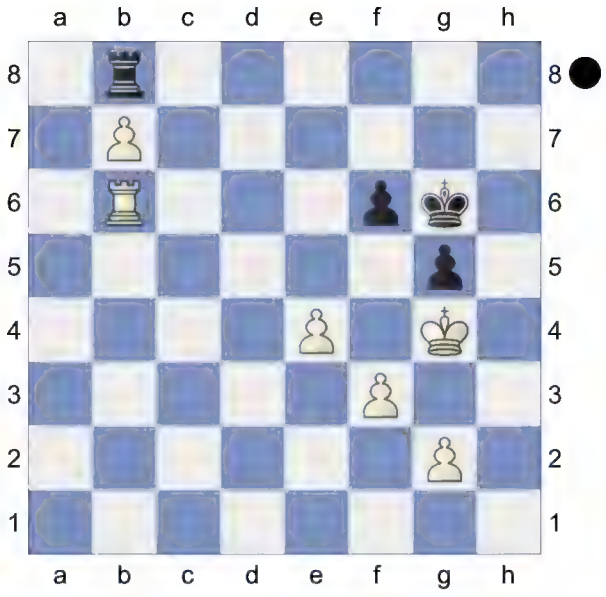
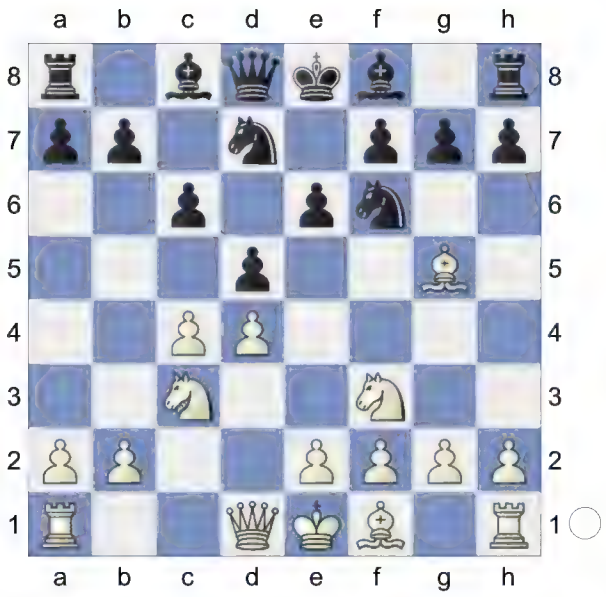


Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

60 **D52**
□ **Flamerare** **2792**
■ **Satyakeswara** **2767**
Rapid 13.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 7min+2sec
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

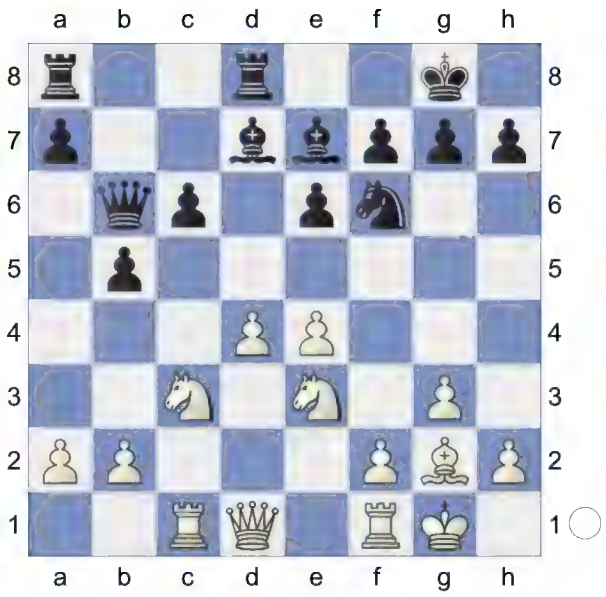
(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4 b5 15.Ne3 Qb6

(Diagram)



16.e5 Nd5 17.Qd2

[17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Nb4 19.Rd2 Nxa2 20.Ng4 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

17...Nxc3N

[17...Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 Ra1 30.a3 a5 31.bxa5 Ke7 32.Kf2 F-F (38) Janata (2489)-6. ♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1]]

18.bxc3 Rac8 19.h4 Qb8 20.h5 c5

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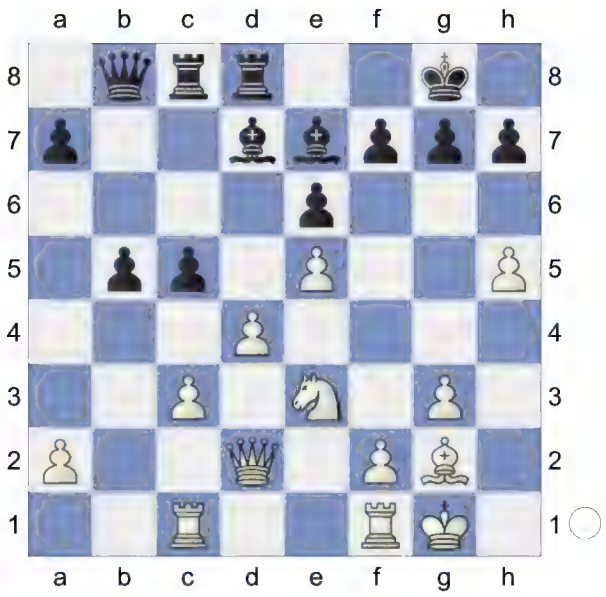
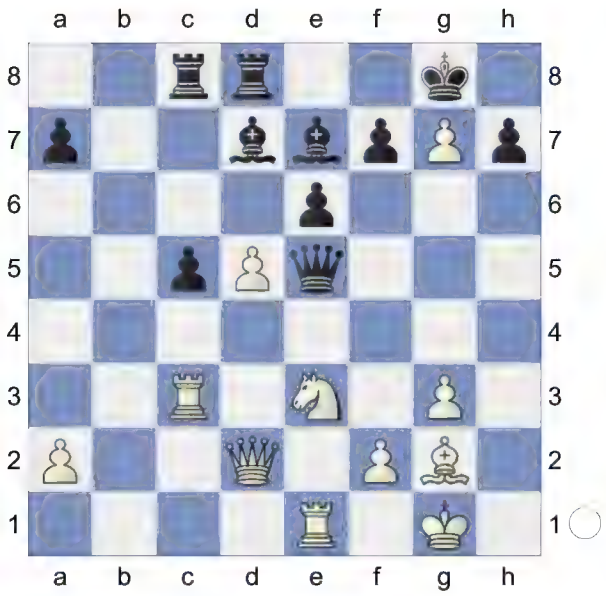


21.h6 b4 22.hxg7 bxc3 23.Rxc3 Hoping for Ne3-g4. **23...Ba4** 0.44/19
[23...Be8= 0.07/20]
24.d5± Qxe5 25.Re1 Bd7



26.Rc4 Qg5 Wards off Ne3-g4 **27.Rg4 Qh5 28.Qb2 Rb8 29.Qc3 Qh6 30.Re4 Qg5**

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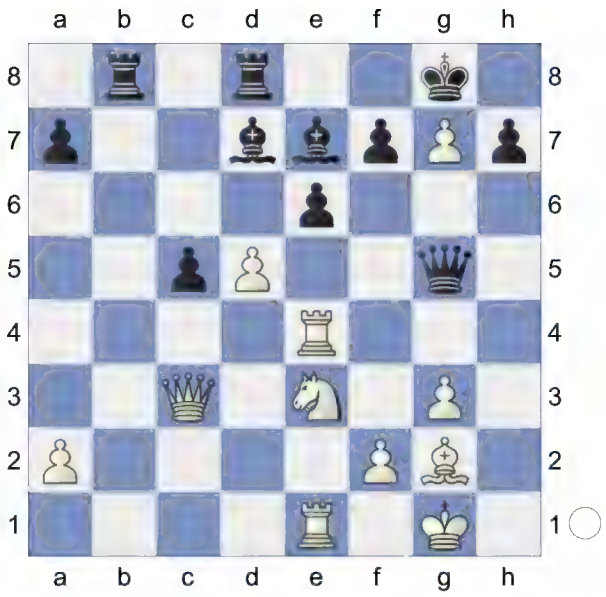
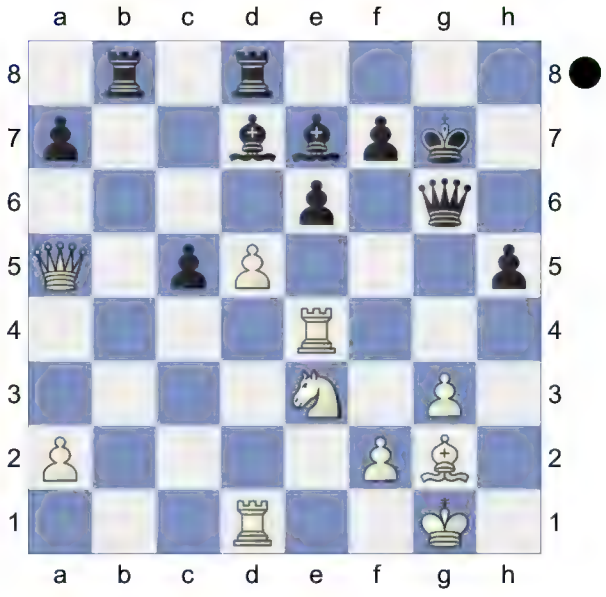


31.Rd1 h5 32.Qa5 Kxg7 33.Bh3 Qg6 34.Bg2
[34.Bf5 exf5 35.Rxe7 f4∓]
[34.Rf4 with more complications. e5 35.Bf5 Qb6 36.Qc3]



34...a6! 35.a3 Bf6

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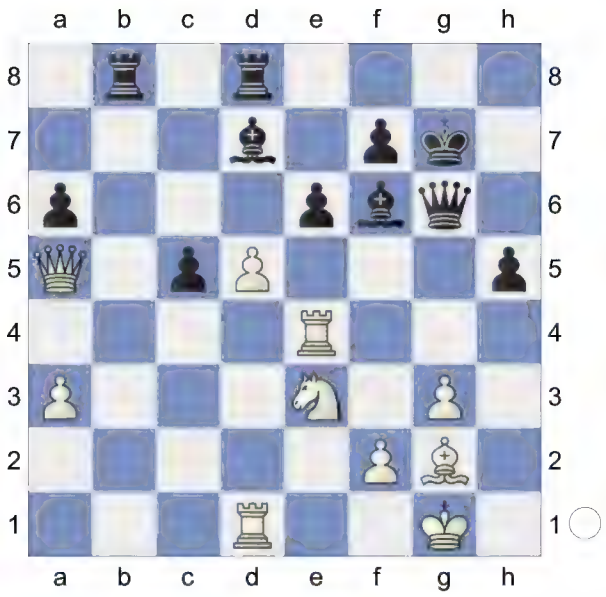
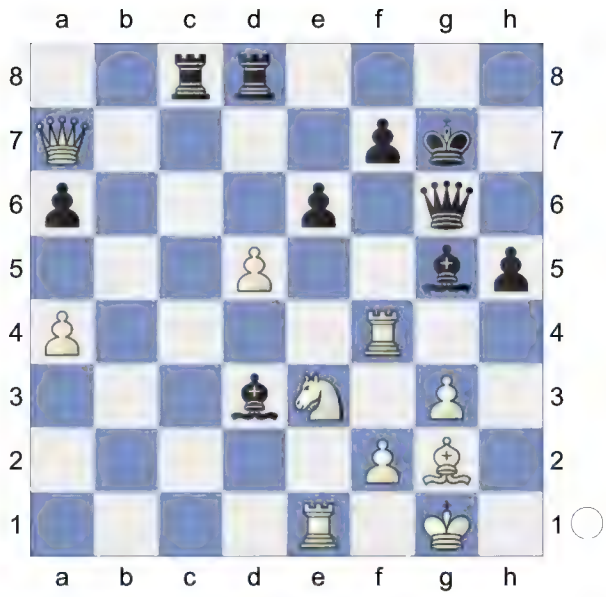
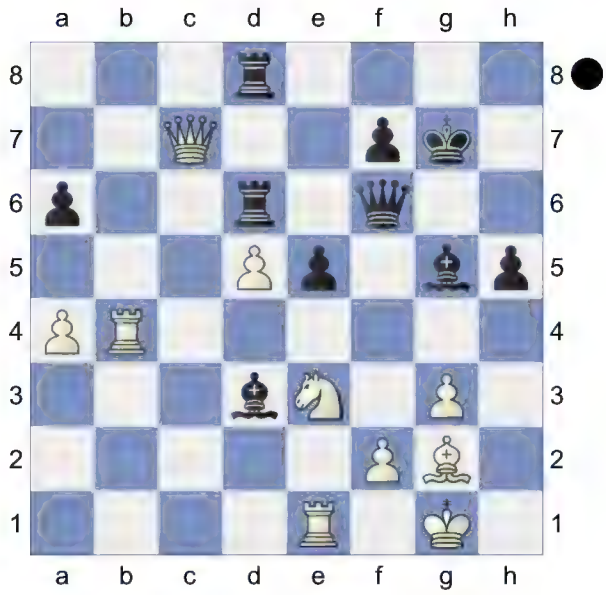


36.Qxc5 Rbc8 37.Qa7 Bb5 38.a4
[38.Rxe6 Rd7 39.Rxf6 Qxf6∓ *(39...Rxa7 40.Rxg6+ fxg6 41.d6=)*]
38...Be2 This pair of bishops is nice.
39.Re1
[39.Rd2 is interesting. Rc1+ 40.Kh2 Bg4 41.Rf4]
39...Bd3 0.74/20
[39...exd5 40.Rf4 Bc4 41.Bh3±]
[39...Ra8!= 0.28/21 40.Qc7 Rac8]
40.Rf4 0.15/20
[40.Rxe6 Ra8 41.Qc7 Rac8=]
[Better is 40.dxe6± 0.74/20 Bxe4 41.Bxe4]
40...Bg5=

(Diagram)



41.Rd4 e5 42.Rb4 Rd6 Prevents Rb4-b6 **43.Bh3 Rcd8 44.Qc7 Qf6 45.Bg2**



a5!

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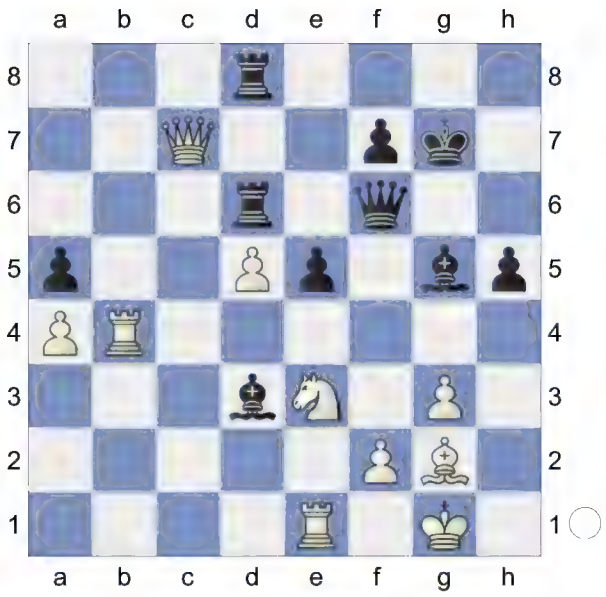
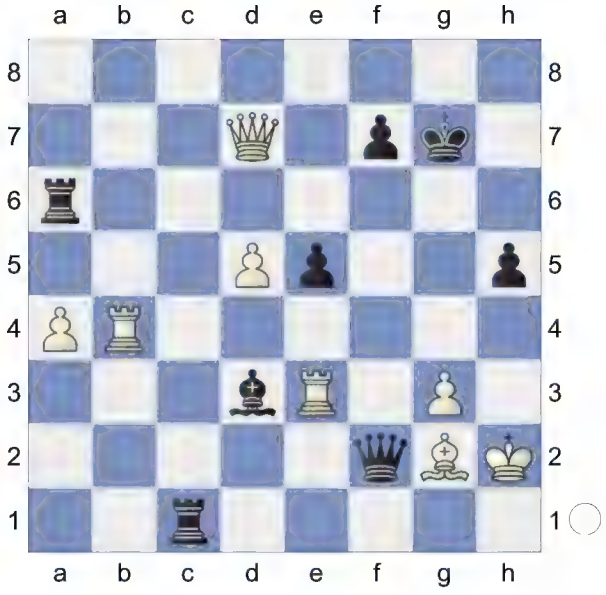


Deflection **46.Qxa5 Rc8** Dodges Ne3-c4 **47.Qa7 Ra6! 48.Qd7 Bxe3!** Deflection **49.Rxe3**

[49.Qxc8? Bxf2+ 50.Kh1 Bxe1-+]

49...Rc1+ 50.Kh2 Qxf2



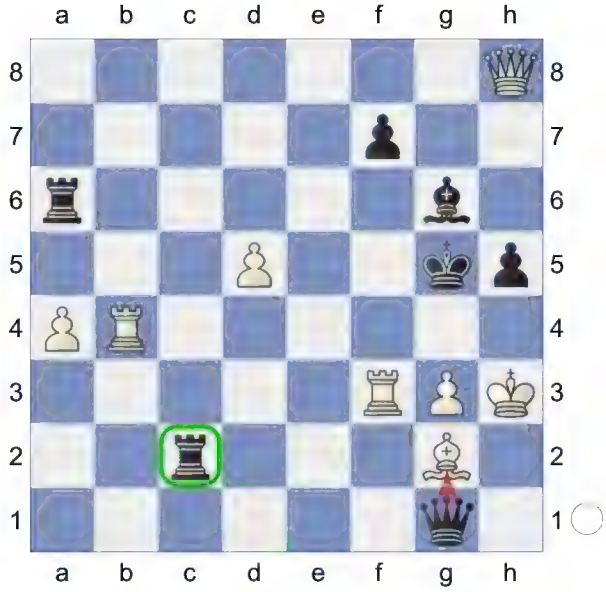
51.Rf3

[51.Rxd3 Qg1+ 52.Kh3 Rc2-+]

51...Qg1+ 52.Kh3 Chess con chili. **52...Bg6** The position is equal. **53.Qe8P** White puts up resistance **53...Rc2! 54.Qxe5+ Kh6**

[54...f6!? 55.Rb7+□ Bf7 56.Rxf7+ Remove Defender *(56.Qxh5* gets mated. *Qxg2+ 57.Kg4 Rc4+ 58.Rf4 f5+* Deflection *59.Kg5 Qxg3+)* 56...Kxf7 57.Qxh5+ Kg7 58.Qg4+ Kh6 59.Qf4+ Kg7 60.Qg4+ Kh8 61.Qh4+ Kg7 62.Qg4+=]

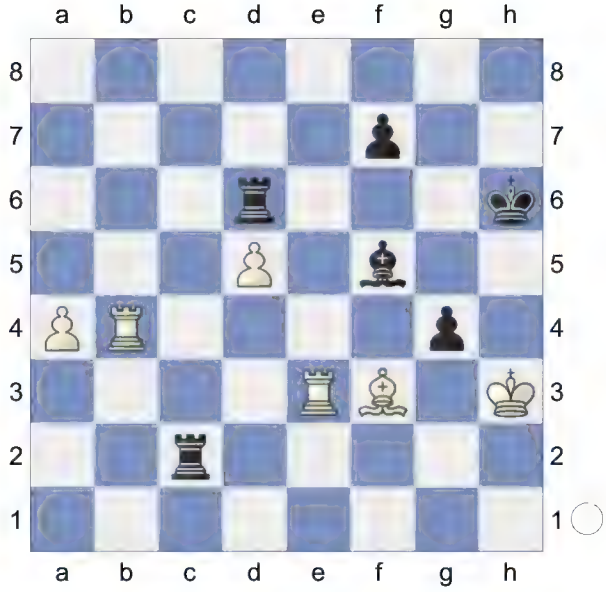
55.Qh8+ Kg5



56.Qe5+ Kh6 57.Qe3+

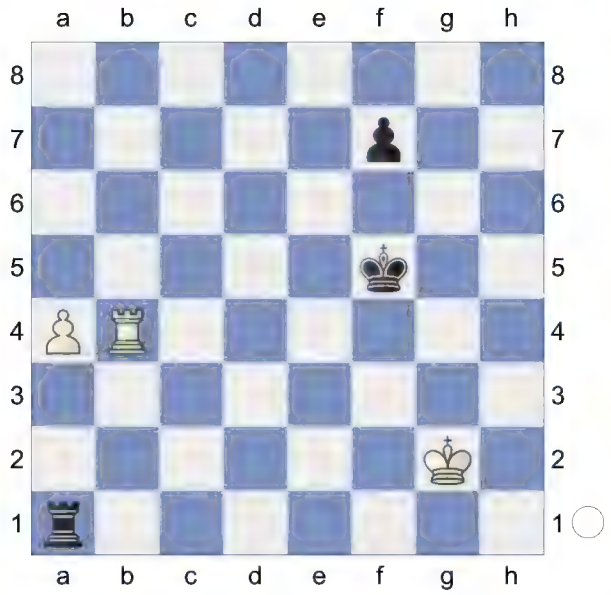
[57.Qh8+ Kg5 58.Qe5+ Kh6=]

57...Qxe3 58.Rxe3 Rd6 59.Bf3 Bf5+ 60.g4 hxg4+



61.Bxg4 Bxg4+ 62.Kxg4 Rxd5 Endgame. KRR-KRR **63.Rh3+ Kg6 64.Rg3 Rg5+ 65.Kh3 Rc1**

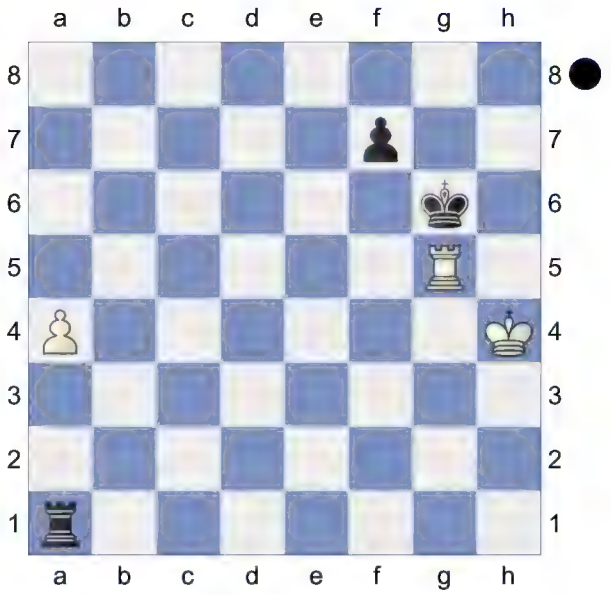
66.Rxg5+ Kxg5 KR-KR **67.Rg4+ Kf5 68.Rb4 Rg1 69.Kh2 Rf1 70.Kg2 Ra1**



71.Kg3 Ra3+ 72.Kh4 Ra1 73.Rb5+ Kg6 74.Rg5+ Kf6 ...Ra1-h1+ would now be deadly. **75.Ra5 Kg6**

(Diagram)

76.Rg5+ Kf6 aiming for ...Ra1-h1+. **77.Ra5 Kg6 78.Rg5+**



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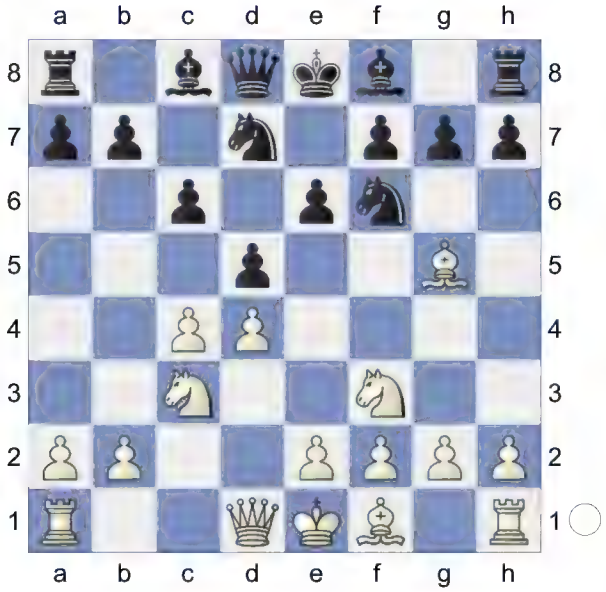
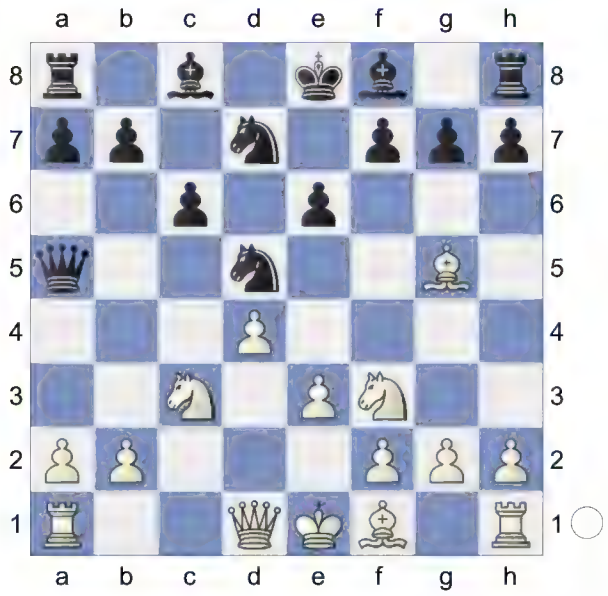
61 **D52**
□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2791**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2735**
Tal Memorial (9) 14.11.2010
[Krasenkow,Michal]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 AB: 'Krasenkow' **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7** AB: 'Diagram



' **6.e3**
[One radical way to avoid the Cambridge Springs Variation is to play 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 but somehow the Carlsbad Variation is out of fashion at the top level now.]
6...Qa5 AB: 'The Cambridge Springs Variation remains very popular more than a hundred years after its invention! Black is putting pressure on the c3 knight, while also hoping to exploit the position of the g5-bishop with ...♘e4.'
7.cxd5 AB: 'This is the most challenging line.'
[Trap 7.Bd3? Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxg5 9.Nxg5 dxc4-+ is very popular in the children chess.]
[Black is doing OK after 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 - he can hope that after the eventual ...c6-c5 his bishop pair will be worth something.]
7...Nxd5 Krasenkow: '*' RR: '



*' **8.Rc1** IM Polivanov, A: '!?' Bryan Paulsen: '!?' Bryan Paulsen: 'A rather straightforward attempt to jettison the a-pawn without spending time on Qd2. As the position has been tested surprisingly few times, it is worth taking a look at due to the attention it has received of late.' IM Polivanov, A: '!?' IM Polivanov, A: '!?' Bryan Paulsen: '!?' Bryan Paulsen: 'A rather straightforward attempt to jettison the a-pawn without spending time on Qd2. As the position has been tested surprisingly few times, it is worth taking a look at due to the attention it has received of late.
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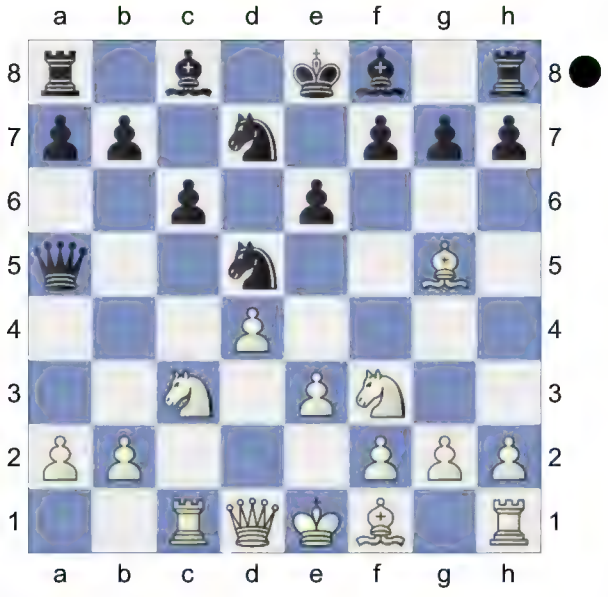
[Instead of common 8.Qd2 White immediately demonstrates a sacrificial spirit. Bb4]



As far as I can see, this move has not been tested at GM level yet. No doubt, it came as a big surprise to Shirov - it's not often that an obscure line is used at this level as early as on move 8!' **8...h6** Bryan Paulsen: 'Not the only option, but in keeping with typical Cambridge Springs play.' Bryan Paulsen: 'Not the only option, but in keeping with typical Cambridge Springs play. Others:'

[Bryan Paulsen: 'b)' Bryan Paulsen: 'b)' Bryan Paulsen: 'b)' AB: 'Gm Shipov in his blog wrote that' 8...Bb4 AB: 'would have forced White to get back to the main line (after 9.♕d2) but I don't see why White can't play' 9.a3 AB: 'as in the game.' *(9.Qd2* leads to the main theoretical line leads to the main theoretical line *h6)* 9...Bxc3+ AB: 'Krasenkow' 10.bxc3 0-0?! 0.50/19 *(10...Qxa3=* 0.07/21 is similar to the gameis similar to the game *11.Qd2 h6; 10...Qxa3=* 0.07/21 *11.Qd2 h6)* 11.e4!± N5f6 12.Bd3 h6 13.Bxf6 *(13.Bh4!?)* 13...Nxf6 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Qe2 Nd7 16.e5 Qxa3 17.Nd2 Nf8 18.Ne4↑ 1-0 Ghane Gardeh,S (2374)-Ataman,A (2197)/ Izmir 2003/EXT 2004 (28)]

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is certainly thematic enough, but after e5 White missed his chance in R. Magerciak-M.Palka, Slovakian League 2008. Indeed, after 13.Nh4! h6 14.Nf5 Ba3 0.83/20 *(14...hxg5=* 0.28/18 keeps the balance. *15.Nxd6+ Ke7 16.Nxc8+ Raxc8)* 15.Bd2± Bxc1 16.Qxc1 his compensation for the exchange would have been substantial. Black's king has no safe haven, and the knight on f5 is a headache for him. Note that the game continuation effectively avoids this possibility due to the presence of the bishop on h4.]

9.Bh4 Bb4

[9...Nxc3 AB: 'Krasenkow' 10.bxc3 Qxa2 11.Bd3⩲]

10.a3!? Krasenkow: 'N' Krasenkow: 'N' Krasenkow: 'N' Krasenkow: 'N' 'N' RR: 'N'. The position is equal.

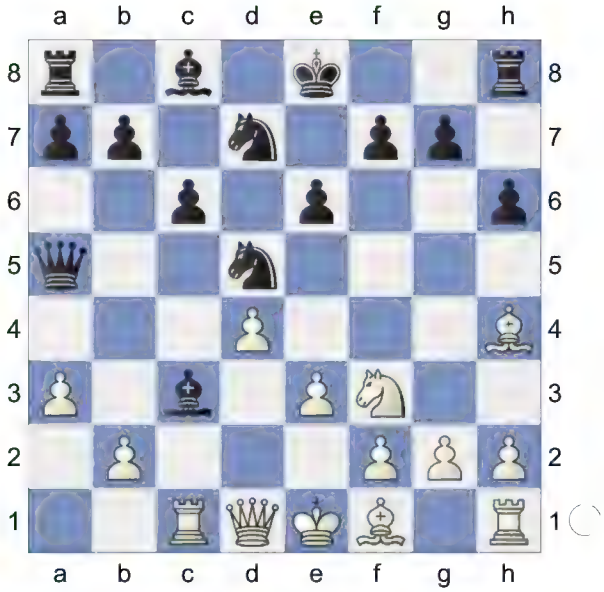
[No, White is unshakable. 10.Qd2 AB: 'would transpose into the main line shown earlier.' c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 leads to well-known position.

A) 13.Bd3 Ba6 14.c4 Qxd2+! 15.Nxd2 -0.25/21 *(15.Kxd2* 0.15/20 is more appropriate. *N5f6 16.Rhg1)* 15...cxd4= 16.exd4 Nf4 17.Be4 Rc8 18.Bg3 g5 19.h4 Ke7∓ Mamedyarov-Ivanchuk, Plovdiv 2010.;

B) 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.Bd3 f5 Repels Bd3-e4 16.Bg3 Bb7 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.d5 Nf6! 20.f3 exd5 21.cxd5 Bxd5 22.e4 fxe4 23.fxe4 c4 1.62/22 *(23...Be6=* 0.22/21 *)* 24.Nxc4+- Nxe4 25.Bxe4 Bxc4 26.Rd7 0.90/23 *(⌓26.Rd2* 1.59/21 *)* 26...Bb5± 27.Bd5+ Kg6 28.Rxc8! Nxc8 29.Rc7!⩱ Kramnik-Shirov, Shanghai 2010.]

[10.Qb3]

10...Bxc3+



11.bxc3 Qxa3 Bryan Paulsen: 'The most logical continuation of Black's play. If he doesn't grab the pawn there is little point in his opening to this point.'

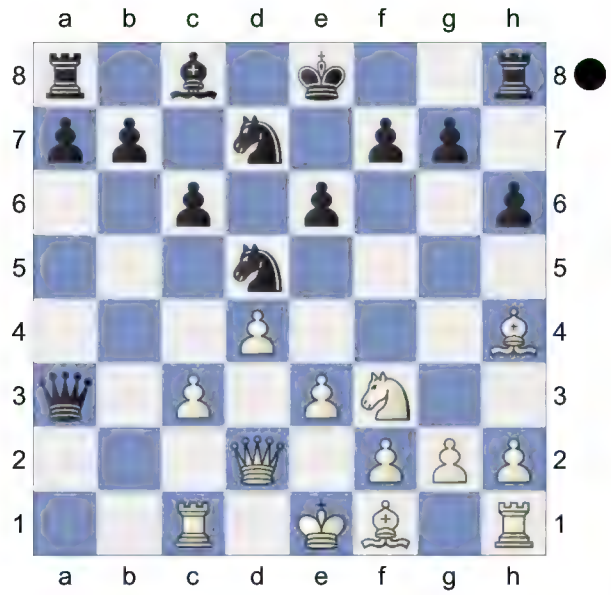
[Instead, 11...b6 0.38/20 11...Qa5xa3 0.01 12.Nd2! made good use of the white queen still being at home in L. Mkrtchian-I.Madl, Paks 2011. The game saw Nxc3?? 2.41/23 *(12...b5±* 0.34/19 *)* 13.Qc2!+- Nd5 14.Qxc6 0-0 15.Qxa8 with a decisive advantage for White. While Black didn't have to go down so quickly, the threat of Nc4 is very uncomfortable.]

[11...Nxc3? 12.Qd2+-]

12.Qd2 Bryan Paulsen: 'The best square for the queen,' AB: 'Diagram

[but this is best appreciated after its alternative is looked at: The best square for the queen, but this is best appreciated after its alternative is looked at: 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Bd3 was seen in P.Oatlhotse-B. Gaealafshwe, Gaborone 2010, and

seems well met by e5 when the queen appears to be inferior on c2 to the more typical d2-square. The typical manoeuvre of the bishop to b1 is prevented, in addition to any dark-squared influence the queen would have in the event of the movement of the e-pawn.]



For a pawn White has a powerful and mobile pawn centre and a bishop pair.' **12...b5!** IM Polivanov, A: ' To knight d5 feels confident. ' Bryan Paulsen: 'Making possible the development of the light-squared bishop, and turning c4 into an outpost. However, the move is also quite slow.' IM Polivanov, A: ' To knight d5 feels confident. ' IM Polivanov, A: ' To knight d5 feels confident. ' Bryan Paulsen: 'Making possible the development of the light-squared bishop, and turning c4 into an outpost. However, the move is also quite slow.' Preparing the retreat ... ♘d5-b6. IM Polivanov, A: ' To knight d5 feels confident. ' IM Polivanov, A: ' To knight d5 feels confident. ' Bryan Paulsen: 'Making possible the development of the light-squared bishop, and turning c4 into an outpost. However, the move is also quite slow.' Preparing the retreat ... ♘d5-b6. IM Polivanov, A: ' To knight d5 feels confident. ' AB: '?!' AB: 'As c3-c4 was not much of a threat, this move must be seen as a developing one (to prepare ... ♗b7), but as such it's not a very useful - what will the bishop do on b7?' Preparing the retreat ...♘d5-b6.

[12...0-0?! AB: 'Krasenkow' 13.e4 leads to a well-known position arising from the 8. ♕d2 ♗b4 9. ♖c1 0-0 line, which is not good for Black. leads to a well-known position arising from the 8.♕d2 ♗b4 9.♖c1 0-0 line, which is not good for Black.]

[The most critical alternative, and possibly best continuation is 12...e5 , challenging the centre: 13.e4 *(13.Bd3 exd4 14.exd4 0-0 15.0-0* was played in B.Lalic-Y.Zherebukh, Cappelle la Grande 2012; now Black should have seriously considered preparing f8 for the knight in case of a Bb1 and Qd3 battery with *Re8!?)* 13...Ne7 *(13...N5f6!? 14.Bd3 Qe7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bb1* looks like typical compensation for White; an exchange on e5 followed by f2-f4 would give him a nice initiative to work with*)* 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.Bg3 Qe7 16.h4 h5!? 17.0-0 0-0 caused problems for the second player in D.Wiedermann-F.Volkmann, Austrian League 2011. With Black's weakness on the kingside created by

the lunge of the h-pawn, it is tempting to prepare White's f-pawn for launch via 18.Ng5!? , with definite compensation for the pawn due to the possibility of attacking h5.]
[Instead, 12...b6 0.40/20 12...e6-e5 -0.12 13.e4 Ne7 14.Bd3 Ng6 15.Bg3 was a bit more comfortable for White in E.Danielian-A.Galliamova, Rostov on Don 2011. Black's position is passive, while h4-h5 and e4-e5 will keep pressure on the black kingside. The extra pawn will take a long time to assume importance, and Black has to find a way to finish his development.]
[Fritz12 likes 12...Ne7!? with the idea to hunt down the enemy dark-squared bishop. Still, White will maintain good compensation for a pawn, for example: 13.e4 Against Ne7-f5 f5 14.exf5 *(14.Bd3 g5)* 14...exf5 15.Bg3 -0.14/18 *(15.h3* 0.27/19 should be considered.*)* 15...Nf6= 16.Bd3 0-0 0.09/20 *(⌓16...Ne4* -0.28/22 *17.Qc2 0-0)* 17.0-0⩲]

13.Bd3 Bryan Paulsen: 'Simple development, but not the only serious choice.'
[Indeed, 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.0-0 brought White compensation in M.Fominykh-M.Romanko, Moscow 2012. The black king still lacks a safe home, while Qe3, Nd2, and f2-f4 could potentially cause problems.]

13...0-0
[13...b4!? 0.61/23 13...0-0 -0.01 is possible, intending to turn c3 into an outpost, but unfortunately for Black 14.c4! *(14.cxb4* -0.10/22 14.c3-c4 0. 83 *Qxb4 15.Rxc6 a5* appears quite complex, but White's bishop-pair does appear to be offset by the relative ineffectiveness of the sidelined bishop on h4 *)* 14...Nc3 15.0-0 leaves the black queen in a precarious position.]

14.0-0
[14.e4 N5b6 15.0-0 looks similar to 13 e4, but with the key difference that Black's king is already housed on the soon-to-be-attacked flank.]

14...Bb7 **15.c4!?** Bryan Paulsen: 'Kramnik goes his own way in attempting to cause problems for Shirov, preferring queenside pressure over more direct kingside attacks.'
[Another, more positional way is 15.e4 Bryan Paulsen: 'would probably be my preference, looking for a more violent conclusion to the game. There can be no question that White has full compensation and the initiative.' Bryan Paulsen: 'would probably be my preference, looking for a more violent conclusion to the game. There can be no question that White has full compensation and the initiative.' Bryan Paulsen: 'would probably be my preference, looking for a more violent conclusion to the game. There can be no question that White has full compensation and the initiative.' Bryan Paulsen: 'would probably be my preference, looking for a more violent conclusion to the game. There can be no question that White has full compensation and the initiative.' AB: 'was also worth considering.' N5b6 16.Ra1 Qd6 17.Qe3]

15...bxc4

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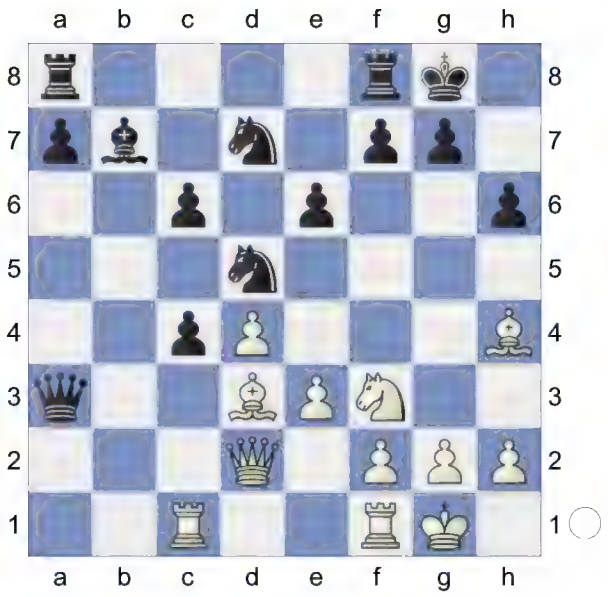

16.Bxc4 N5b6

[16...Rfc8!? intending ...c5 is interesting, and similar to the game without decentralizing the well-placed knight. Black would like nothing more than to eliminate one of his weaknesses while retaining his extra pawn. I'm not sure what White had in mind against Black's intended freeing move. Continuations like 17.e4 N5b6! 18.Be2 do seem to prevent the intended break, but here a5 might be okay. White is no longer well placed to both prevent ...c5 and undertake meaningful action elsewhere.]

17.Bd3 Rfc8 IM Polivanov, A: 'Diagram

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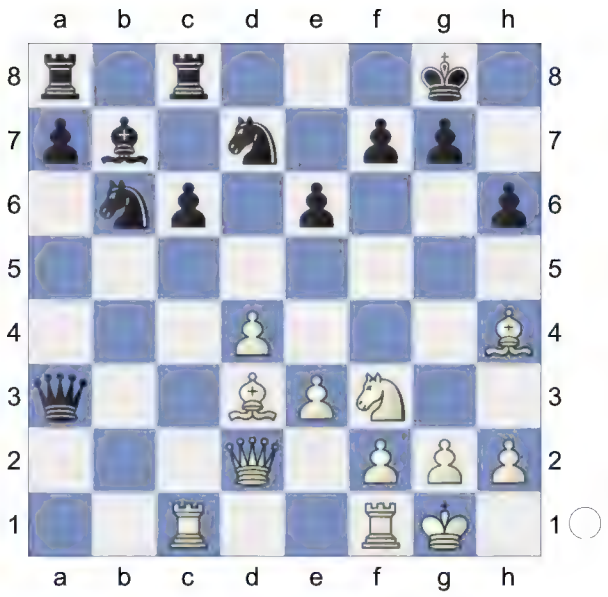

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[The assigned task was beyond the power of even such a top-class chess player like Kramnik. One can play to catch the queen 18.Bc2 , but after c5 19.dxc5 *(19.Ra1!? Qb4□ 20.Qd3+- f5 21.Rfb1 Be4!; 19.Ra1!? Qb4□ 20.Qd3+-)* 19...Nd5 *(19...Nxc5?* 3.12/21 19...Nb6-d5 -0.02 *20.Ra1!; 19...Rxc5 20.Be7; 19...Qxc5 20.Bh7+)* 20.e4 N5f6 21.Rb1! Inhibits a7-a5. Bc6 there is nothing special]

[this idea can be strengthened: 18.Be4!! f5 19.Bc2 c5 20.dxc5! Nd5!

21.Bxf5! exf5 22.c6! Bxc6 23.Rxc6 with advantage.]
[18.e4!? -0.80/17 18.Bd3-e2 -0.34]
18...c5! Bryan Paulsen: 'Of course.' Bryan Paulsen: 'Of course.
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19.dxc5?!
[IM Polivanov, A: 'Complications after' 19.Be7!? A possible line: A possible line: A possible line: AB: 'Krasenkow' A possible line: Bxf3 *(19...Nd5 20.Be4 Qb4* only leads to equality) 20.gxf3 Nd5 21.Bd6 Rc6 22.dxc5 Rac8!? *(22...Rac8!?)* 23.e4! Qxf3 *(23...Nc7?!)* 24.exd5 Rxd6! Bryan Paulsen: '!' 25.cxd6 Qg4+= Bryan Paulsen: 'with a repetition is something spit out by the engine. It is probable that both players saw this as validation for 18...c5, and Kramnik decided he would fight on with his bishop-pair despite the pawn minus.']
19...Nxc5
[19...Rxc5? 20.Be7+-]
20.Qd6 -1.22/21
[20.Be7!= -0.01/20 Nd5 21.Bd6]

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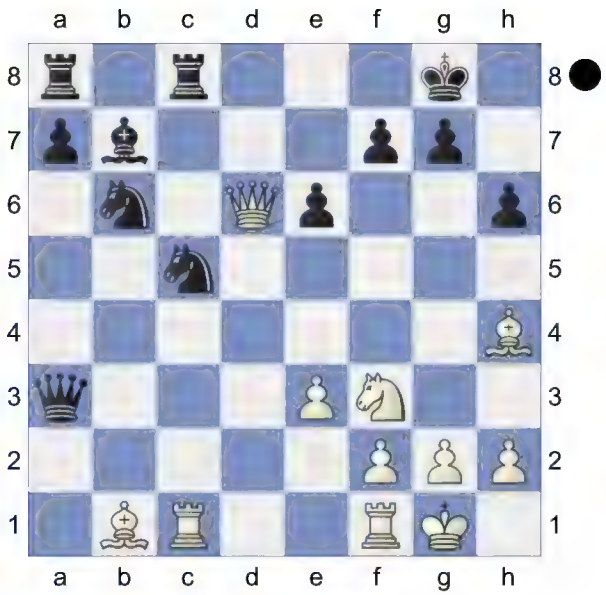
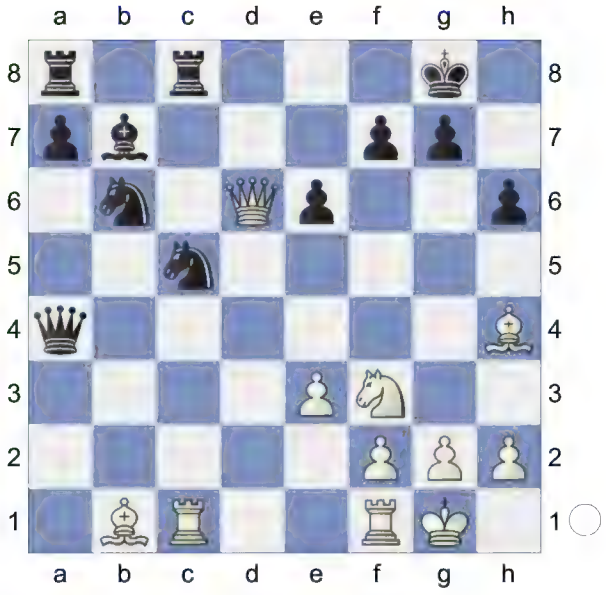


IM Polivanov, A: ' It would seem that pin is quite unpleasant. But it is not.'
20...Qa4 -0.78/20
[⌓20...Nd5! -1.22/21 AB: 'Krasenkow' Threatens to win with ...Rc8-c6. 21.Nd4 -1.72/19 Prevents Rc8-c6 *(21.Ne5∓* -1.26/21 *Qa6!; 21.Ne5∓* -1.26/21 *)* 21...a5∓]



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' **21.Nd4** -1.29/22 Repels Rc8-c6

[⌓21.Bf6 -0.78/20 gxf6 22.Rxc5]

21...Qd7 -0.85/21

[21...Ne4!? 22.Qe7 AB: 'Krasenkow' *(22.Qe5?* -2.43/21 22.Qd6-e7 -0.92 AB: 'Krasenkow' *Nd2)* 22...Qd7∓]

[Looking to simplify with 21...Nb3 made sense. White would have a depressing task ahead of him in defending against the passed a-pawn.]

[⌓21...Nc4 -1.29/22 22.Qe7 a5]

22.Qf4∓ AB: "!' Krasenkow. '

[On 22.Qg3 comes an unpleasant Ne4 and f5. . Prevents Bh4-f6.]

22...g5?! 0.62/24 IM Polivanov, A: '?' Bryan Paulsen: 'Not throwing the game, but very unnecessary. To this point Black had put in a fine effort in shepherding his tiny edge, but now it's gone.' IM Polivanov, A: '?' IM Polivanov, A: '?' Bryan Paulsen: 'Not throwing the game, but very unnecessary. To this point Black had put in a fine effort in shepherding his tiny edge, but now it's gone.' An extremely unfortunate weakening. IM Polivanov, A: '?' IM Polivanov, A: '?' Bryan Paulsen: 'Not throwing the game, but very unnecessary. To this point Black had put in a fine effort in shepherding his tiny edge, but now it's gone.' An extremely unfortunate weakening. IM Polivanov, A: '?' AB: 'Shirov plays without fear,' An extremely unfortunate weakening.

[AB: 'He had a solid alternative -' 22...Qd5 23.f3 AB: 'Krasenkow' e5 -0.01/20 *(23...Qh5∓* -0.63/19 *24.Bf2 Ba6)* 24.Qf5= g6! 25.Qg4! h5 26.Qg3! exd4 27.Bxg6! fxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kf8 is good enough for a draw but Black can, of course, play for a win by means ofis good enough for a draw but Black can, of course, play for a win by means of]

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attack) 23...Nd3! AB: "!' Krasenkow. ' 24.Bxd3 AB: 'Krasenkow' (24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 AB: '∓' 25.Qe4 Na4!! , with a big edge.) 24...Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Bxd3 △26.Rc7?! -2.14/23 (26.Qf3∓ -1.08/21) 26...Rc8!]
[22...a5 23.Qg4 Qd5 24.f3 -0.96/21 (24.Nb5∓ -0.59/20 Nb3 25.Rcd1) 24...Nbd7∓ 25.Rfd1 Qe5 would have left White with some ongoing headaches. Here Black's king is safe, and the a-pawn a significant player.]

23.Qf6!± AB: "!' Krasenkow. '
[23.Bxg5 0.02/24 23.Qf4-f6 0.62 was also possible but less convincing: was also possible but less convincing: was also possible but less convincing: AB: ' Krasenkow 'was also possible but less convincing: Nd5! (23...Qd5? 2.99/20 23...Nb6-d5 0.01 24.Bh7+!!+- Kf8 25.Bxh6+ Ke8 26.Qg3+-)
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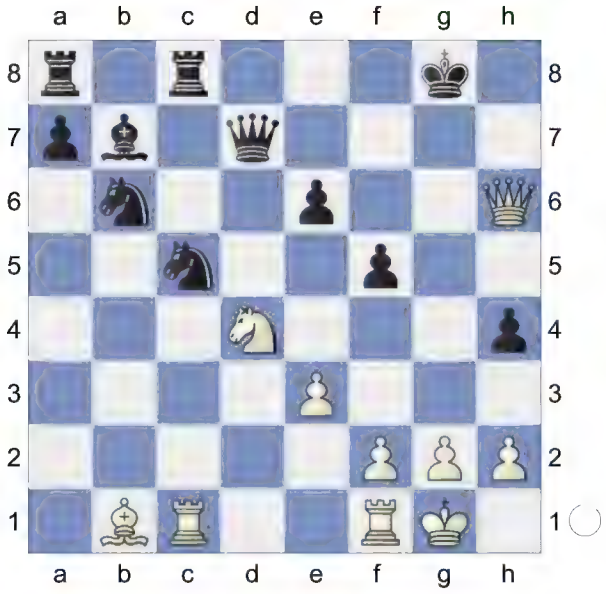
23...gxh4 **24.Qxh6** IM Polivanov, A: 'Diagram

Some combination is threatening - bishop check on h7, on f5, and then taking on c5 and e6. Should to manage with it somehow... ' **24...f5**
[IM Polivanov, A: 'Perhaps Black felt that there is not much of a difference between this move and' 24...Ne4 IM Polivanov, A: ' Ne4 - still a draw. But the second way was more accurate:' Bryan Paulsen: 'doesn't stop the initiative. After' IM Polivanov, A: ' Ne4 - still a draw. But the second way was more accurate:' IM Polivanov, A: ' Ne4 - still a draw. But the second way was more accurate:' Bryan Paulsen: 'doesn't stop the initiative. After'. White must now prevent ... Rc8xc1.

A) White should play 25.f3!± 0.92/25
A1) 25...e5? 2.53/26 25...Rc8xc1 1.56 26.fxe4 (26.Rxc8+) 26...exd4 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Ba2! Nc4? 7.62/28 (28...Nd5 2.03/23) 29.Rf5+-;
A2) 25...Rxc1! 26.Rxc1 Rc8! 27.Rxc8+ 0.01/22 (27.Rf1!± 1.44/23 e5 28.fxe4 exd4 29.Qg5+ Kf8 30.Qh6+ Ke8 31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qf6+ Ke8 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qf6+ Ke8 35.Qh8+) 27...Qxc8= 28.Bxe4 Bxe4 29.fxe4 Qc3 , and Black is immuned from trouble.;
B) White should play 25.f3!± 0.92/25 Rxc1 26.Rxc1;
C) IM Polivanov, A: 'old idea' 25.Rxc8+ 0.16/24 25...Rxc8 0.84/21 (25...Qxc8= 0.16/24 26.f3 Qf8 27.Qxh4 Qd8 28.Qxd8+ Rxd8 29.Bxe4 Bxe4 30.fxe4 Nc4) 26.f3!± AB: '!'
C1) 26...Nd6± 1.64/21 26...Ne4-c5 1.12 27.Bh7+ Kh8 28.Bf5+? -0.01/5 (Only move: 28.e4!+- 1.65/20 Strongly

threatening e4-e5! *Qe8 29.Bf5+ Kg8 30.Qg5+ Kh8 31.Qxh4+ Kg8 32.Qg3+ Kf8 33.Qxd6+ Qe7 34.Qe5)* 28...Kg8= 29.Nxe6 gives nothing - Nxf5!;
C2) 26...Nc5 27.Bh7+ Kh8 28.Rc1 AB: ' ±!' Nba4 29.Bc2+ White has an ongoing attack.;
C3) 26...Nd6± 1.52/22;
C4) 26...e5 2.94/25 27.fxe4+- exd4 28.Ba2 Rc7 2.50/26 *(⌓28...Nd5 1.90/20)* 29.Rxf7+- Qxf7 30.Bxf7+ Rxf7 31.Qg6+ Kf8 32.exd4± ⊥⊥⊥⊥]



IM Polivanov, A: '?!' **25.Rxc5** IM Polivanov, A: 'Exactly! A draw is still in a pocket of White, but now he can play to win without any risk... ' **25...Rxc5**

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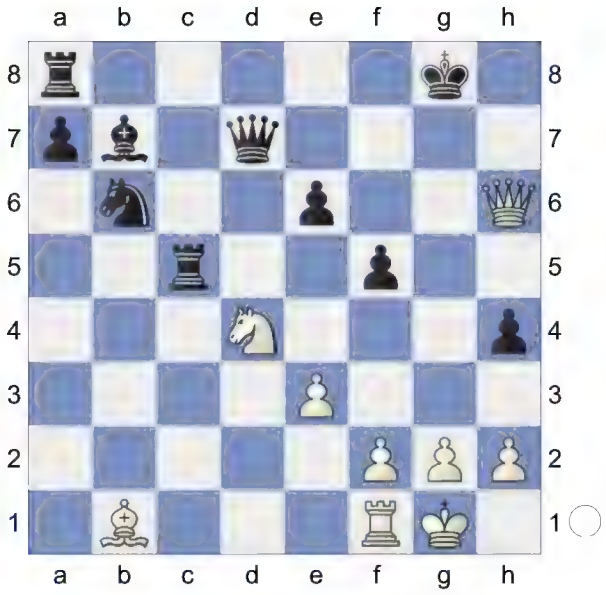

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[26.Qxe6+? Qxe6 27.Nxe6 Ra5-+]
26...Rac8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qf6+!
[28.Bxf5 Rxf5 29.Qxf5 Qe7=]
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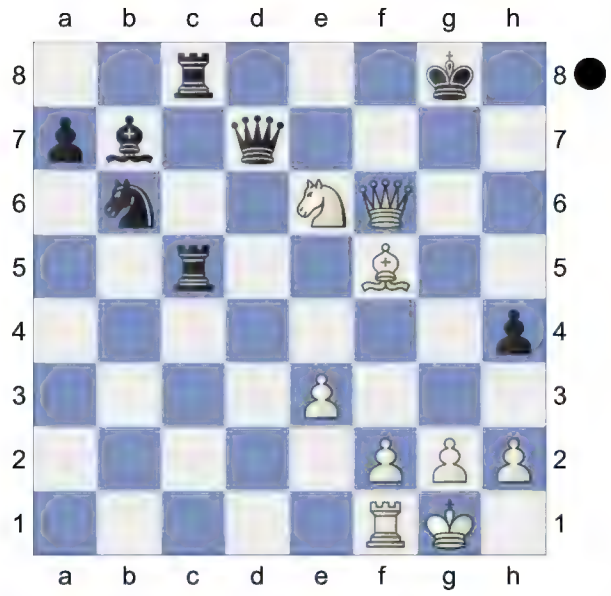
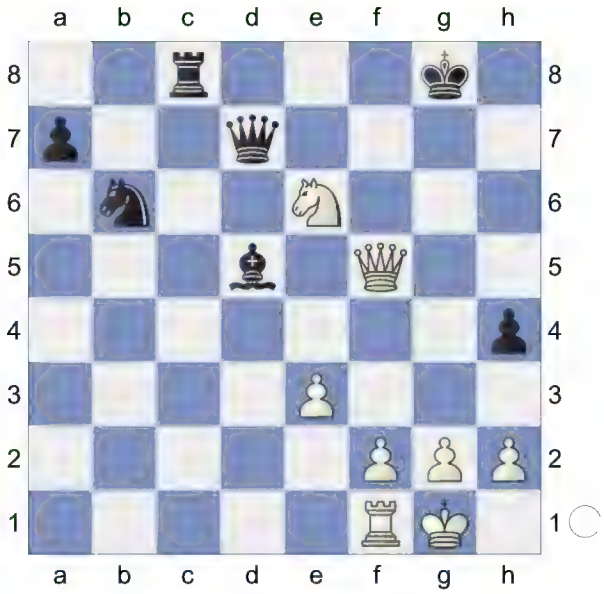
B) 30...Kh8= 31.Qh6+ Kg8=]



'. White is more active. **29...Rxf5** Bryan Paulsen: '!' **30.Qxf5 Bd5**

[⌓30...Qe7 Bryan Paulsen: 'would have kept White out of the dark squares on the kingside, and probably secured the draw. Of course, this is only easy to say with an engine - most people would not want this defensive task.' Bryan Paulsen: 'would have kept White out of the dark squares on the kingside, and probably secured the draw. Of course, this is only easy to say with an engine – most people would not want this defensive task.' Bryan Paulsen: 'would have kept White out of the dark squares on the kingside, and probably secured the draw. Of course, this is only easy to say with an engine – most people would not want this defensive task.' Bryan Paulsen: 'would have kept White out of the dark squares on the kingside, and probably secured the draw. Of course, this is only easy to say with an engine – most people would not want this defensive task.' AB: 'Krasenkow' 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Ng5 0.32/22 *(32.e4* 0.30/21 32.Qg6-h5+ 0.66 *Rc6!; 32.h3±* 0.92/22 *)* 32...Qg7± *(≤32...Rf8* 1.48/21 32...Qe7-g7 0.01 *33.Rd1!)* 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qxh4 Rc5 35.Ne4! Bxe4 36.Qxe4± Here, at least, Black gets rid of White's annoying knight. Here, at least, Black gets rid of White's annoying knight.]



31.Qg5+ White has strong compensation. **31...Kf7 32.Nf4 Bc4** 1.19/18

[32...Be4!± 0.67/17]

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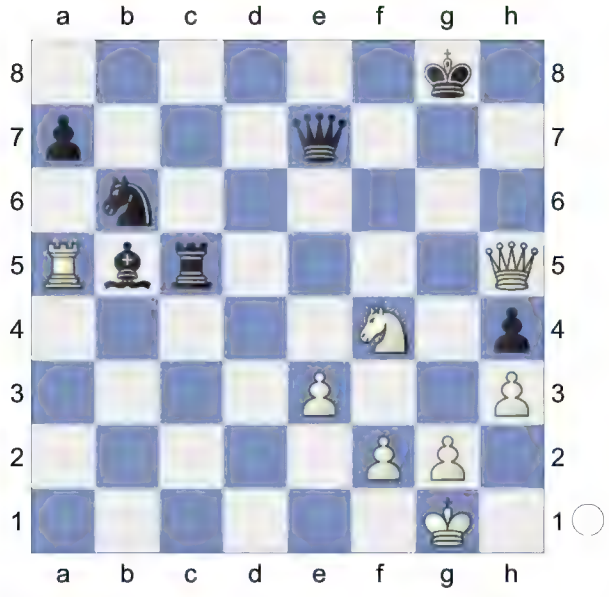
[IM Polivanov, A: ' Black give up an important pawn h4 virtually without a fight. Should play' 33...Qe7 AB: '!?' 34.Qh5+ AB: 'Krasenkow' Kg8 IM Polivanov, A: ', and on' 35.Ra5! IM Polivanov, A: 'some resourse presents:'. Repels Rc8-c5 Bb5 IM Polivanov, A: '!'. (-> ...Rc8-c1+) 36.h3! Rc5



IM Polivanov, A: '- do not let the rook! ' 37.Qg6+! Kh8

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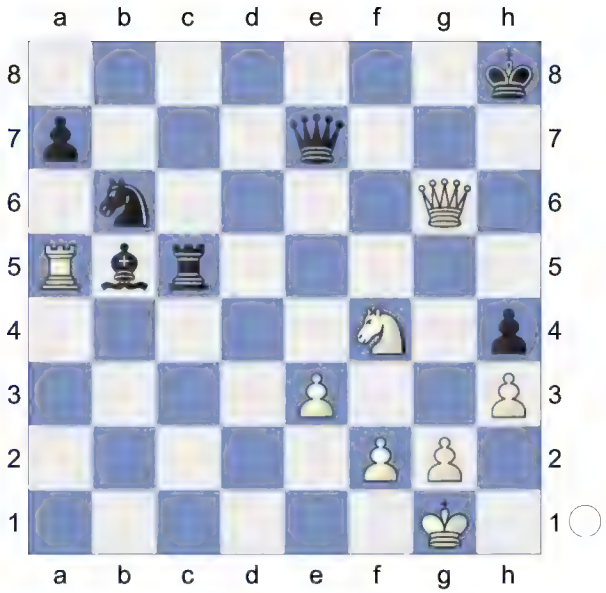


38.Qb1! Nf4-g6+ would now be deadly. Be8 39.Qa1+ Kg8 40.Rxa7±]

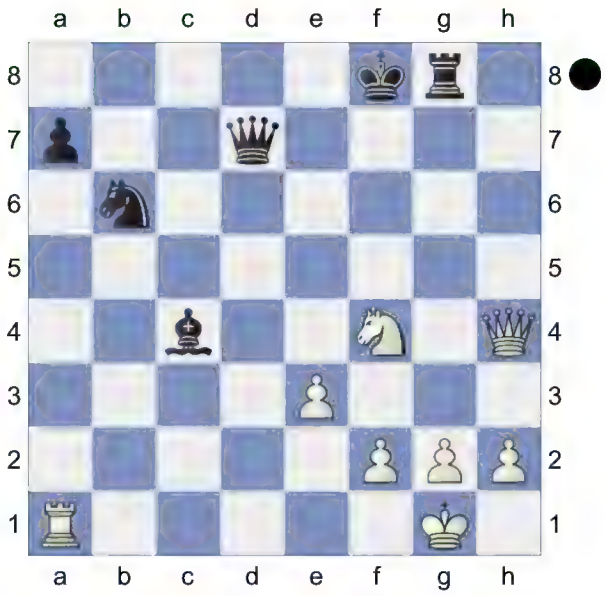
[33...Ke8± 1.32/19 was necessary.]

34.Qh5++-

[34.Qxh4 Ke8 35.h3 a6 36.Qh5+ Ke7 37.Ng6+ Kf6+-]

34...Kf8 35.Qxh4 IM Polivanov, A: 'Diagram

[35.Rd1!? was probably even stronger.]



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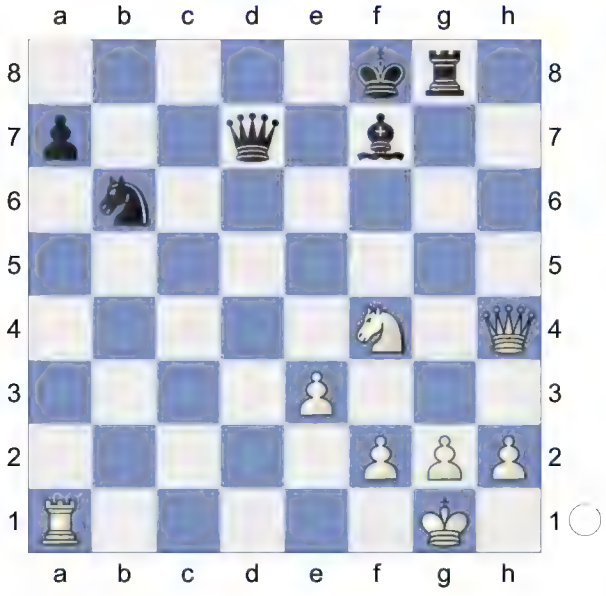
' **35...Bf7**



36.h3 AB: 'Diagram

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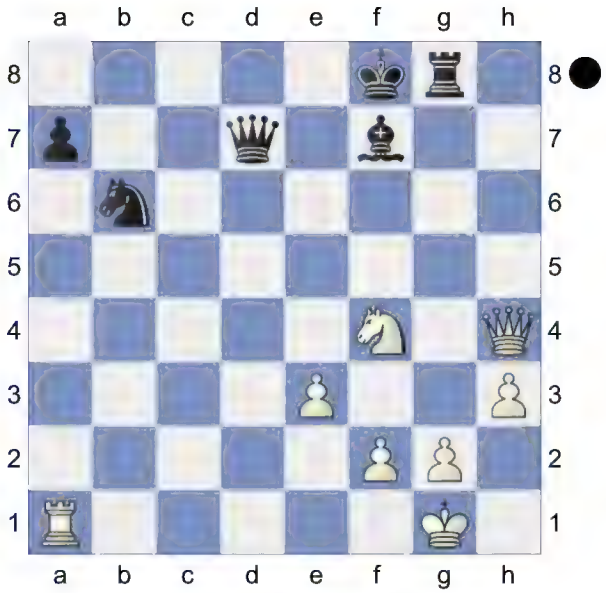

Material is roughly equal, but it's much easier to play this position with White, who has no risk.' **36...Rg7** 2.18/22 IM Polivanov, A: 'Black pieces shielded the king with its body, but White has found a great maneuver, putting challenges. '

[36...Nc4± 1.37/22 was called for. 37.Kh2 a5]

37.Qh8+ Rg8

[37...Bg8? 3.69/21 37...Rg7-g8 1.43 38.Ra5! , attacking by rook through the fifth line.]

38.Qf6 IM Polivanov, A: '!' IM Polivanov, A: ' It turns out that sacrifice on a7 threatens with the mate in two moves. It's not so simple to defend.' **38...Nd5**

[On 38...Ke8 2.59/19 38...Nb6-d5 1.75 the pawn raid 39.e4 1.52/22 can be offered. (Better is *39.Ra5*+- 2.59/19 *Nc4 40.Ra6)*]

39.Qd4 IM Polivanov, A: ' Well, a7-pawn can not be protected.' IM Polivanov, A: ' Well, a7-pawn can not be protected.' IM Polivanov, A: ' Well, a7-pawn can not be protected.' IM Polivanov, A: ' Well, a7-pawn can not be protected.' AB: ''!' Krasenkow. ' **39...Qf5** 2.13/22

[⌓39...Qc6 1.73/24 40.Rxa7 Nxf4 41.Qb4+! Kg7 42.Qxf4]

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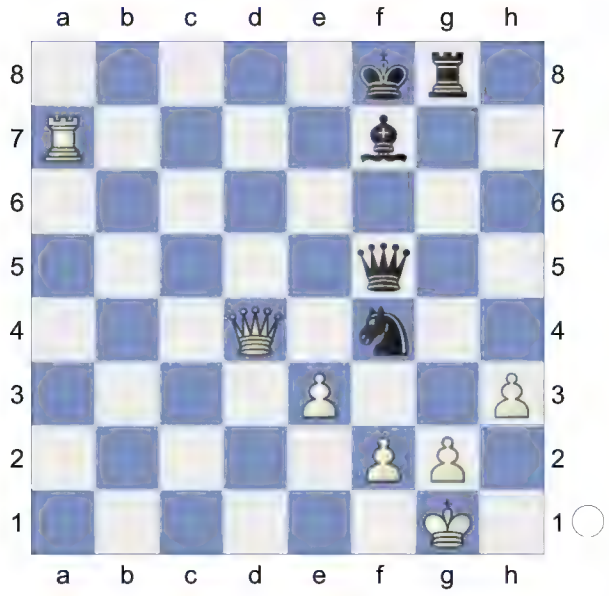

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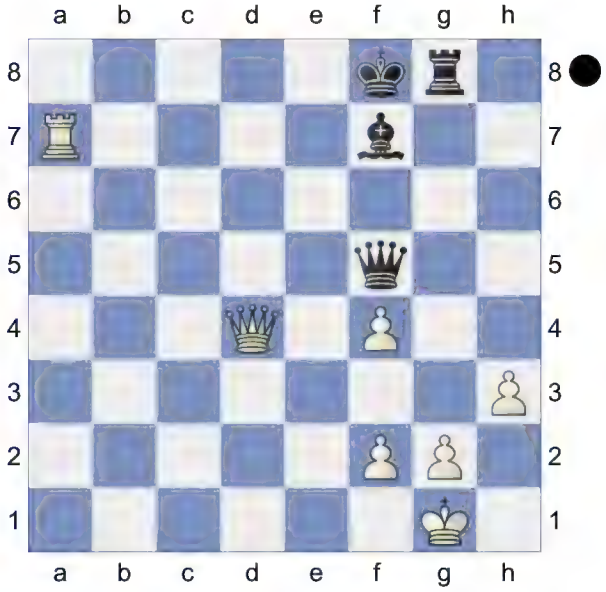
[Worse is 41.Qxf4 Qd5 *(41...Qxf4 42.exf4 Kg7 43.h4±)* 42.e4 Qe6=]



' **41...Qd5 42.Qb4+** IM Polivanov, A: ' Interesting moment. The idea is that after the exchange of queens four pawns must cope with the bishop, but apparently, White decided that if swapping then all the pieces at once. '

42...Kg7 43.Qe7 Kh8 2.09/26

[43...Ra8 1.64/21 might work better. 44.Rc7 Ra6]

44.Qh4+

[Kramnik decided that after 44.Qe5+ 1.03/25 44.Qe7-f6+ 2.11 Qxe5 45.fxe5 Bd5 1.72/23 *(45...Be6±* 1.27/19 *)* 46.g4+- Rf8 is not so easy to move own pawns ahead.]

[44.Qxf7? Qxg2#]

44...Qh5 45.Qf6+ Rg7

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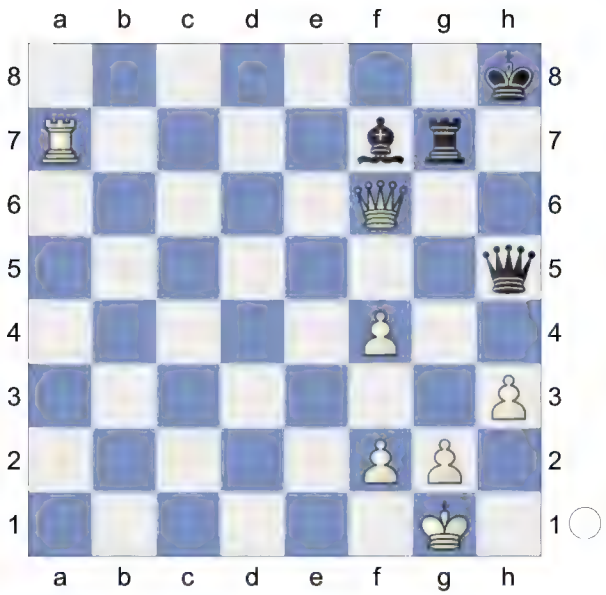


46.f5! AB: ''!' Krasenkow. ' **46...Kg8?** 4.72/29

[46...Qd1+ 2.50/27 is a better defense. 47.Kh2 White threatens Qf6-h6+ and mate. Qd5 would have brought more troubles and it is possible that the white king must go forward then: 48.g4 Hoping for Qf6-e7. Qd2 49.Kg3 Qd3+ 50.Kh4 - and that gives mutual chances.]

47.Kh2

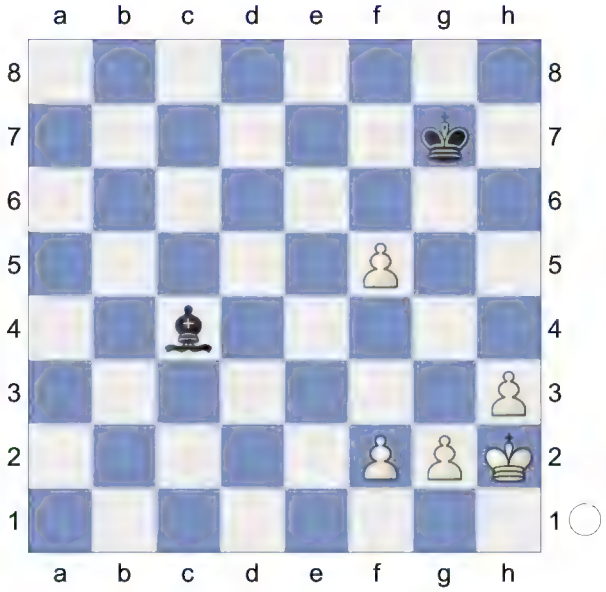
[White could take the black queen in the "box": 47.f3! Qg5 (there is nothing else - *47...Qxf3?* 18.94/28 47...Qh5-g5 2.53 *48.Qxg7+*) 48.Qxg5 Rxg5 49.g4 , with an easily won endgame.]

47...Qe2 **48.Qd4** **Qc4** 9.48/22 IM Polivanov, A: '?!'

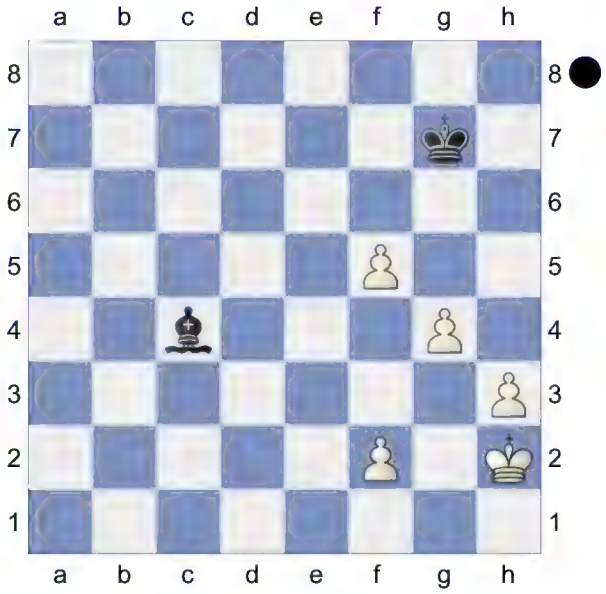
[Changing all the pieces - it is something that White should seek for. And Black just does all the work for him ... Yes, is not so easy to find the move, but one could still pull time with something like ⌓48...Qb5 4.64/28 49.Ra8+ Be8]

49.Qxc4 Bryan Paulsen: '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Kramnik correctly evaluates the pawns versus minor piece as being decisively in his favour. The rest is a matter of technique.' Bryan Paulsen: '!' Bryan Paulsen: 'Kramnik correctly evaluates the pawns versus minor piece as being decisively in his favour. The rest is a matter of technique.

' **49...Bxc4** **50.Rxg7+** **Kxg7** Endgame. IM Polivanov, A: 'Diagram



With three pawns bishop still would be able to cope, but with four - it's hopeless. They are simply the rod forward like a tank.'. KB-KP **51.g4** AB: 'Diagram



Without the f-pawn this would be a draw, but here Black is lost.' **51...Kf6 52.Kg3 Ke5 53.h4** IM Polivanov, A: 'That passer "h" awaits for the main role. ' **53...Bd5 54.h5 Bb3 55.h6** Intending h6-h7 and mate. **55...Bg8**

56.Kh4 Kf6 57.f3

[Required waiting move: 57.Kh5? 0.01/18 57.f2-f3 20.54 Bf7+]

57...Bh7 58.Kh5 Bg8 IM Polivanov, A: 'Without pawn f3,' **59.g5+** Krasenkow: '1-0 (59) Kramnik,V (2790)-Shirov,A (2739) Moscow 2010 CBM 139 [Krasenkow]' Bryan Paulsen: 'A roller coaster of a game in which you feel bad that either side had to lose after some inspired thrust and parry action. --- Summary: This entire game is a great example of how difficult it can be for White to turn his compensation into something concrete, as well as the tribulations Black must endure to ensure his extra pawn is enough to keep pace with White. From a theoretical perspective 8 Rc1 must be taken very seriously, and it will only continue to grow in popularity with an edge, or at the very least the initiative, being a reasonable expectation for White.' Krasenkow: '1-0 (59) Kramnik,V (2790)-Shirov,A (2739) Moscow 2010 CBM 139 [Krasenkow]' Krasenkow: '1-0 (59) Kramnik,V (2790)-Shirov,A (2739) Moscow 2010 CBM 139 [Krasenkow]' Bryan Paulsen: 'A roller coaster of a game in which you feel bad that either side had to lose after some inspired thrust and parry action.

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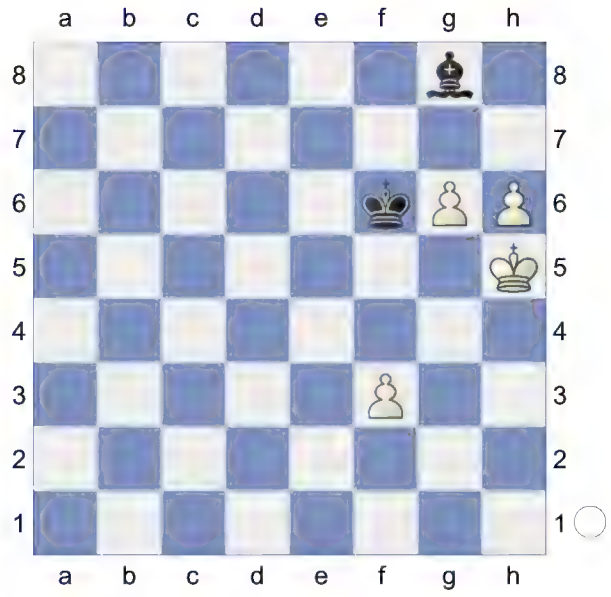

61.h7

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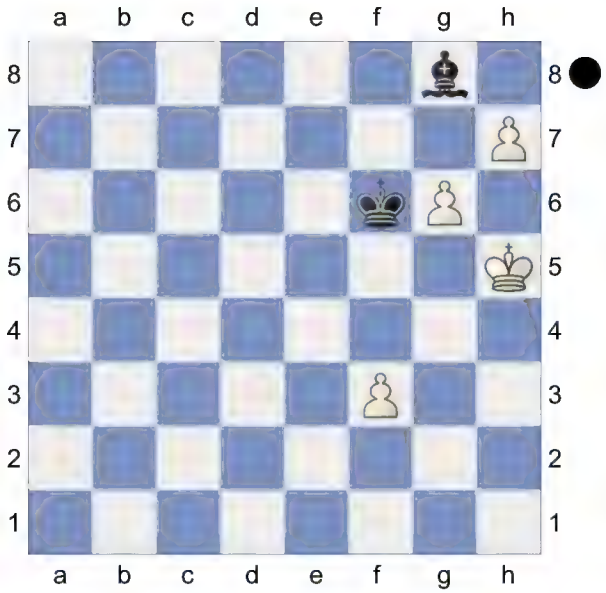

would lead only to a draw. But...
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.66 1-0 (61) Kramnik,V (2790)-Shirov,A (2739) Moscow 2010 CBM 139 [Krasenkow,Michal]
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62 **D52**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2781**
■ **Sethuraman,Sandeep** **2617**
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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Bf4
[8.Qc2 0-0 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qd5 13.Bd3 b5 14.e4 Qg5 15.Ne5 Qxg2 16.0-0-0 Qg5+ 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Bb7 19.Ke3 c5 20.Rb1 a6 21.a4 Rfc8 22.axb5 axb5 F-F (31) Henzler,S (2655)-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5 7382 (2815) VW-Cup6 sf02 email 2015]
[8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 e5 16.dxe5 a5 17.Ra2 Qb4 18.Rb2 Qc5 19.Nxe4 Qa7 20.e6 fxe6 21.h4 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
8...Bxc3N
[8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nh5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxc3 Cambridge Springs-Cambridge Springs with 7. Nd2]
9.bxc3 Qxc3 10.Rc1 Qa5

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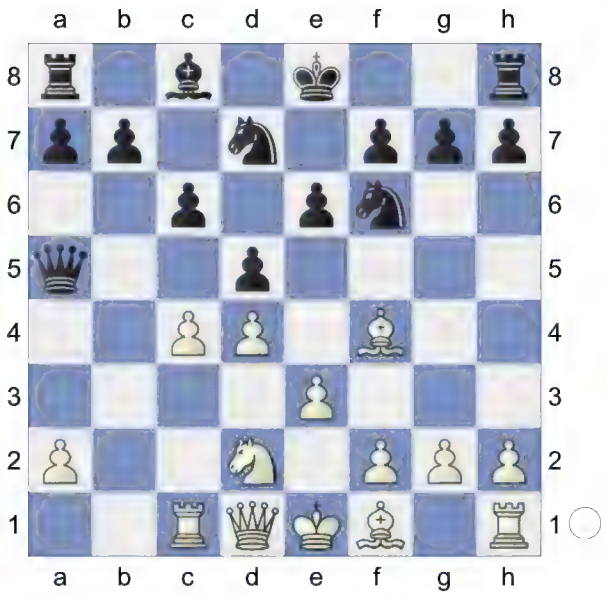
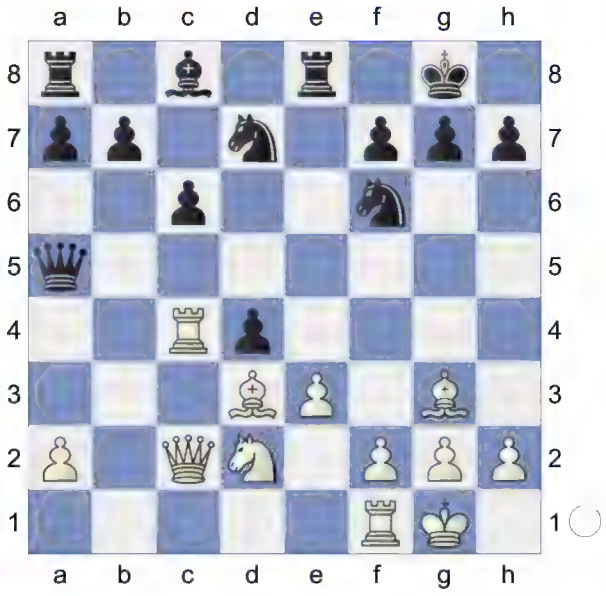


11.Bd3 dxc4 12.Rxc4 e5 13.Bg3 0-0 14.0-0! Re8 0.24/18

[⌓14...exd4 -0.23/20 15.exd4 Qxa2]

15.Qc2= exd4



16.Nb3 Qb6 17.Rxd4 Ne5 18.Be2 Qc7 19.Rfd1 Qe7 20.h3 b6

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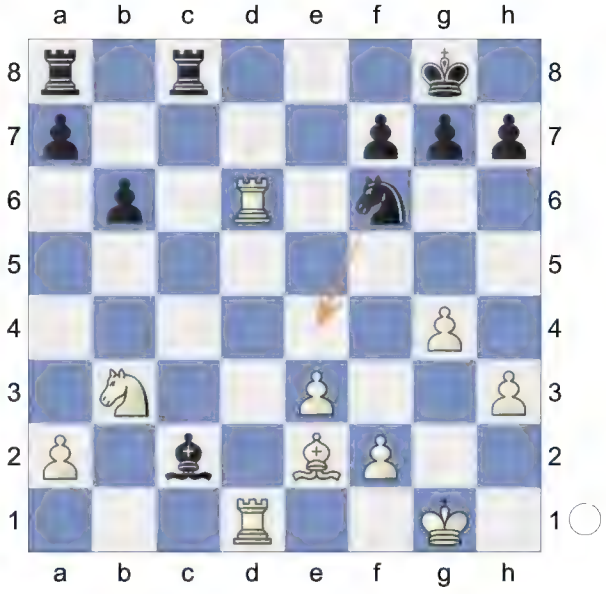
21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Qxc6 Bf5 23.g4 Rec8 24.Qd6 Qxd6 25.Rxd6 Bc2



26.R1d4 Ne4 27.Rd7 Bxb3 28.Rxe4 -0.11/20

[⌓28.axb3 0.25/22 Nc5 29.Bf3]

28...Bxa2 29.Ra4 Be6 30.Rdxa7 Rxa7

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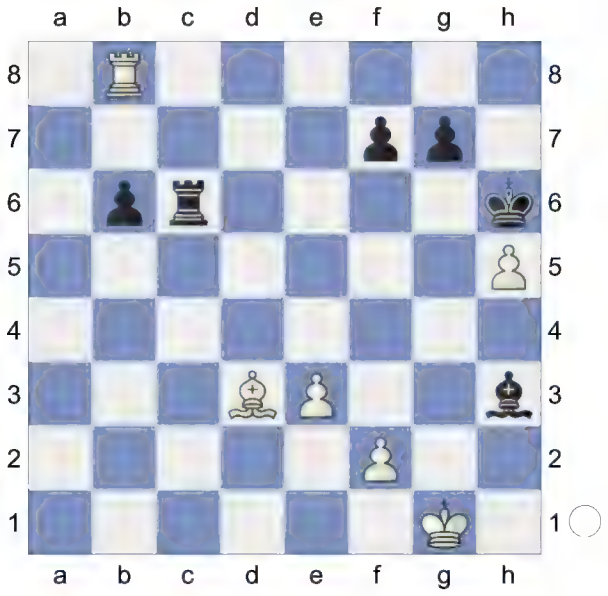
31.Rxa7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **31...h5 32.gxh5 Bxh3 33.Rb7 Rc6 34.Rb8+ Kh7 35.Bd3+ Kh6**



36.Rh8+ Kg5 37.Rh7 Be6 38.Rxg7+ Kxh5 39.Rg8 Rc8 40.Rg7 Kh6

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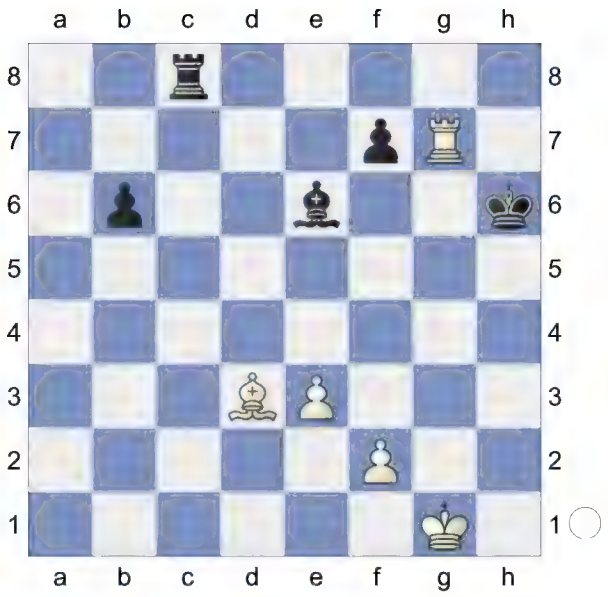
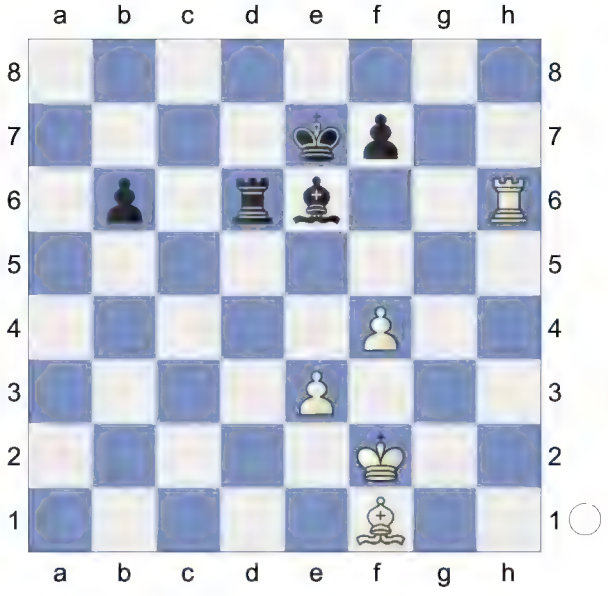


41.Rh7+ Kg5 42.f4+ Kf6! 43.Kf2 Ke7 44.Rh6 Rd8 45.Bf1 Rd6



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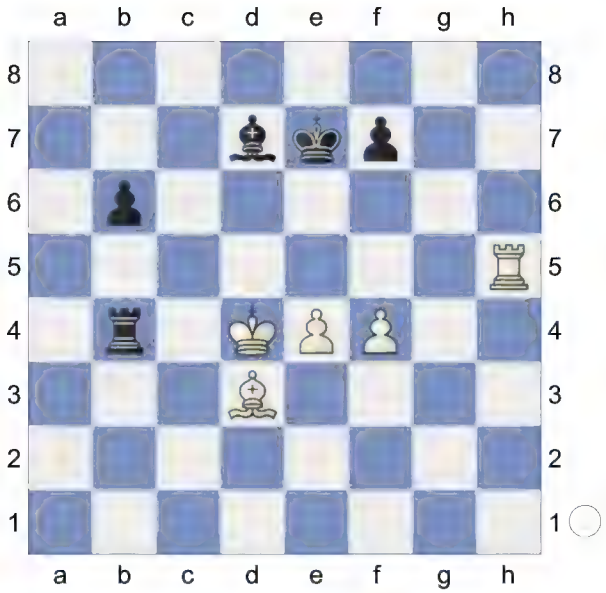
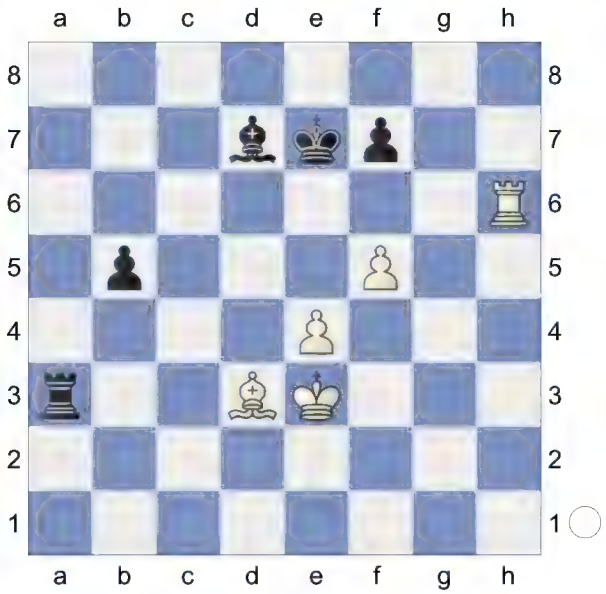


51.Kc3! Ra4 52.Rh6 Ra3+ 53.Kd4 Ra4+ 54.Ke3 b5 55.f5 Ra3



56.Kd4 f6

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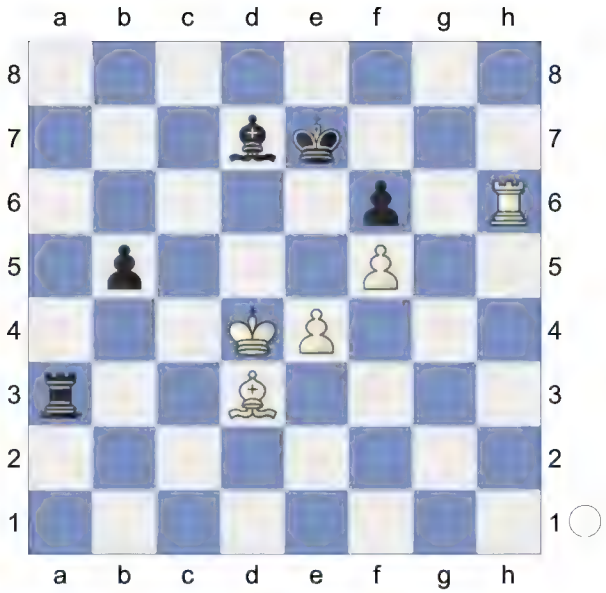


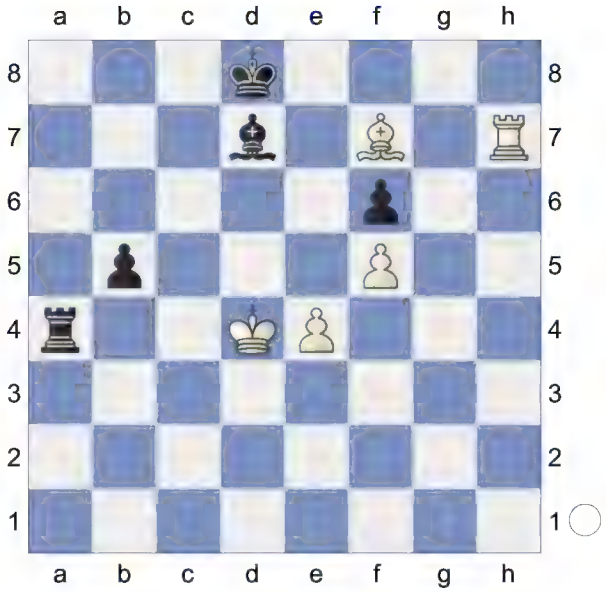
57.Rh7+! Ke8

[Avoid the trap 57...Kd6? 58.Rf7+-]

58.Be2 Ra2 59.Bh5+ Kd8 60.Bf7 0.14/23

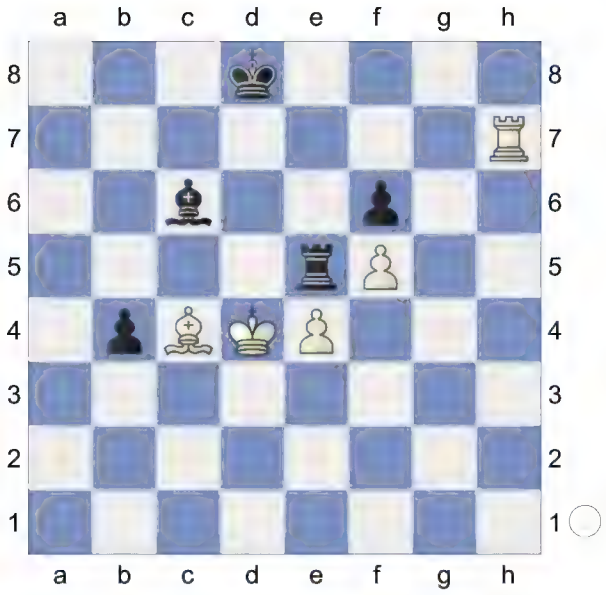
[60.e5± 0.69/22 Bxf5 61.Rh8+ Kc7 62.exf6]

60...Ra4+

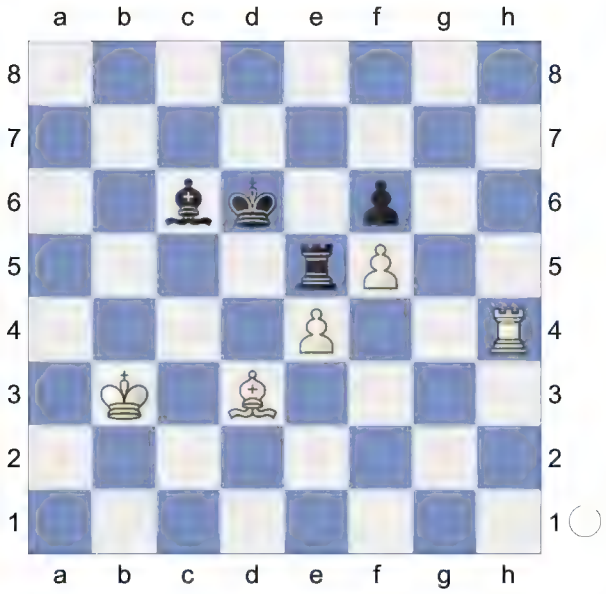


61.Kd5 b4 62.Kd6 White wants to mate with Rh7-h8+. **62...Ra6+ 63.Kc5 Ra5+ 64.Kd4 Bc6 65.Bc4** Rh7-f7 is the strong threat. **65...Re5**

(Diagram)

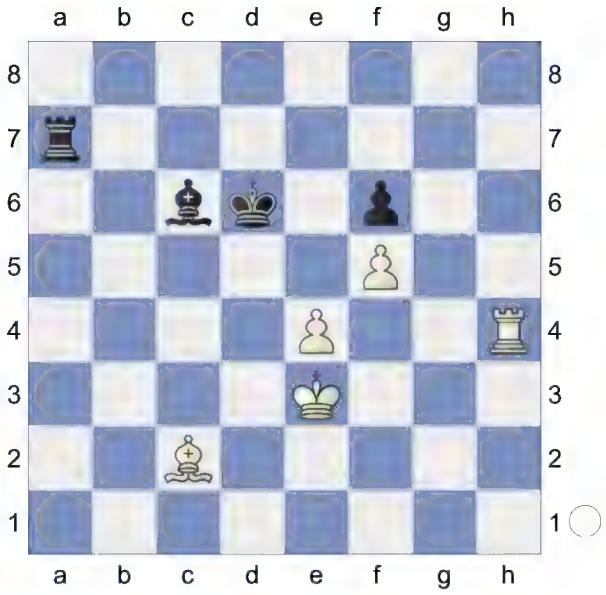


66.Bd3 b3 67.Rh2 Ra5 68.Kc3 Re5 69.Rh4
[69.Kxb3 Bxe4 70.Kc3 Bxf5=]
69...Ke7 70.Kxb3 Kd6

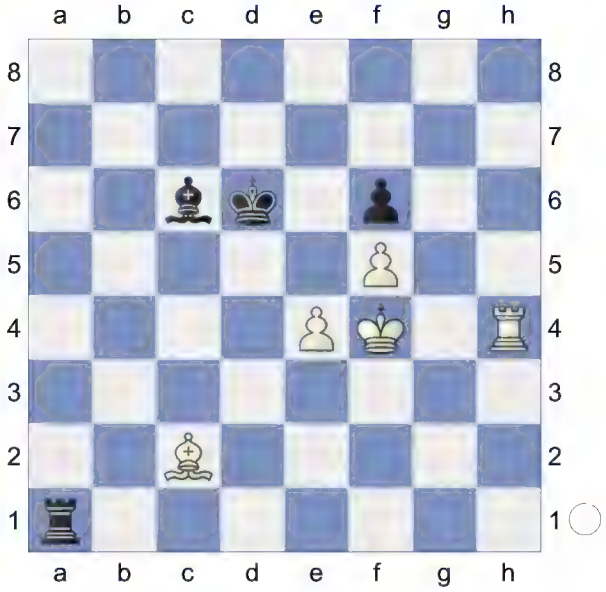


71.Kc3 Kc5 72.Bc2 Re7 73.Kd3 Ra7 74.Ke3 Kd6 1.21/26
[74...Ra1= 0.19/23]

(Diagram)

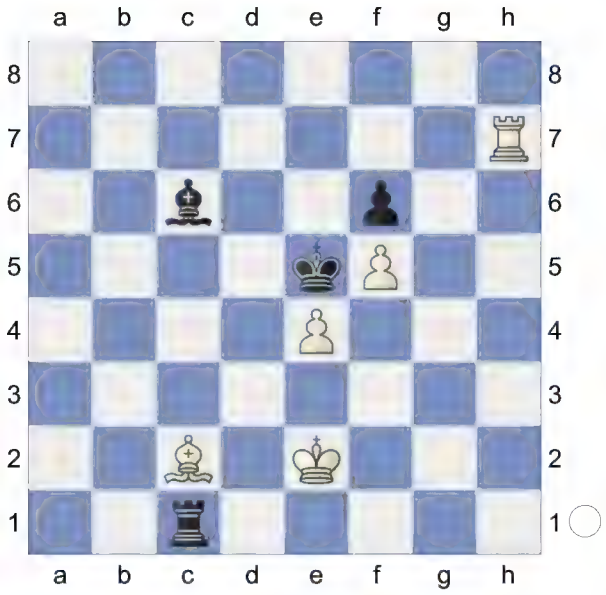


75.Kf4!± Strongly threatening Rh4-h6.
75...Ra1

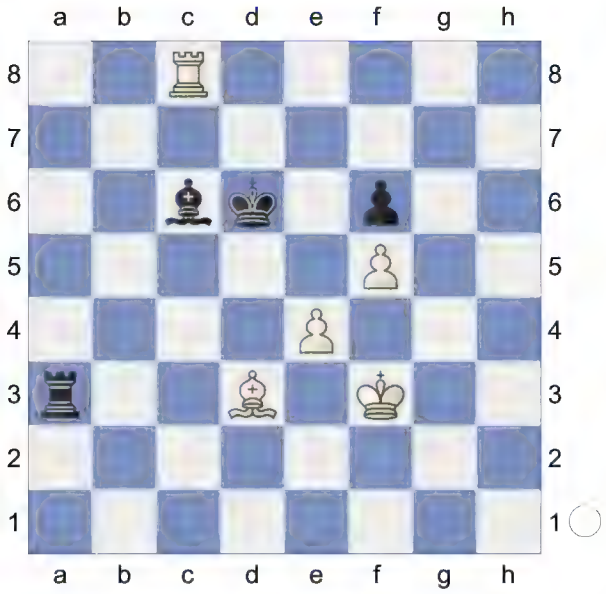


76.Rh6 0.33/23
[76.Bd3± 1.17/25]
76...Rf1+± 77.Ke3 Ke5 78.Rh7 Threatens to win with Rh7-e7+.
78...Re1+ 79.Kf3 Rf1+
[79...Bxe4+? too greedy. 80.Bxe4 Rf1+ 81.Ke2+-]
80.Ke2 Rc1

(Diagram)

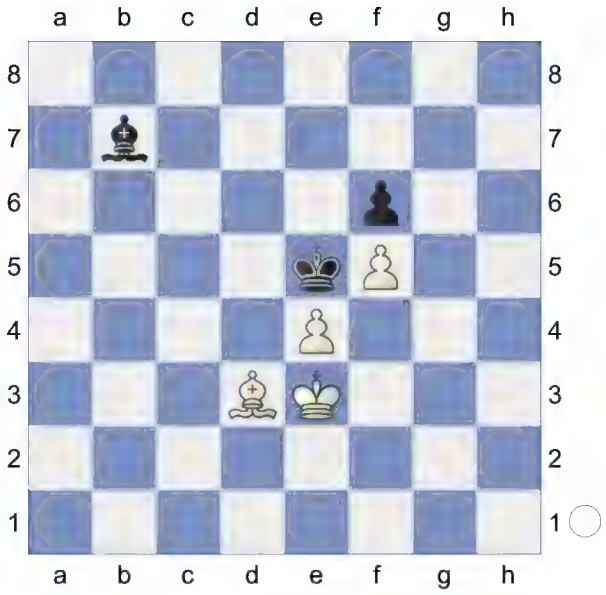


81.Bd3 Kd4 82.Rh8 Ra1 83.Rd8+ Ke5 84.Rc8 Kd6 85.Kf3 0.01/27
[85.Ke3± 0.47/23]
85...Ra3!=

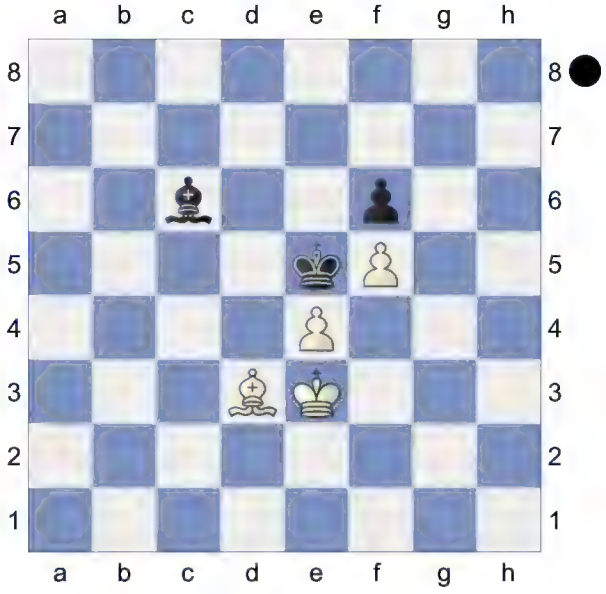


The position is equal. **86.Rd8+ Ke5**
[86...Ke7!? 87.Rd4□ Ra4=]
87.Kg4 Ra8 88.Rxa8 Bxa8 KB-KB
89.Kf3 Bc6 90.Ke3 Bb7

(Diagram)



91.Bc2 Bc6 92.Bd3 Bb7 93.Bc2 Bc6 94.Bd3



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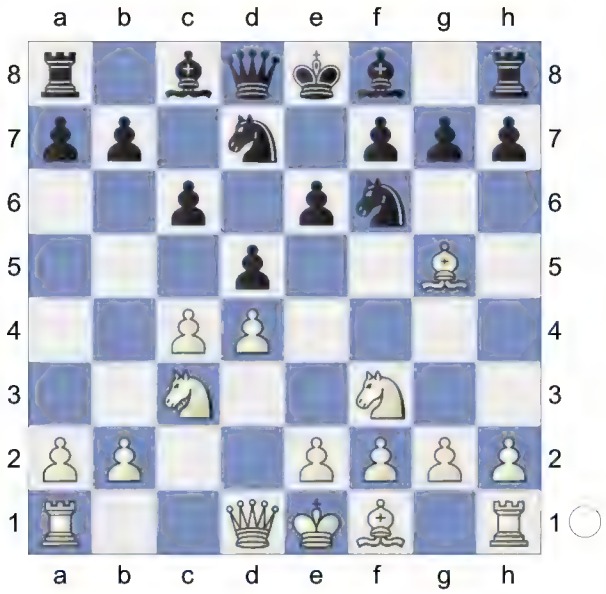
63 **D52**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2777**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2716**
Chessable Masters GpA (4.3) 20.06.2020
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Be2

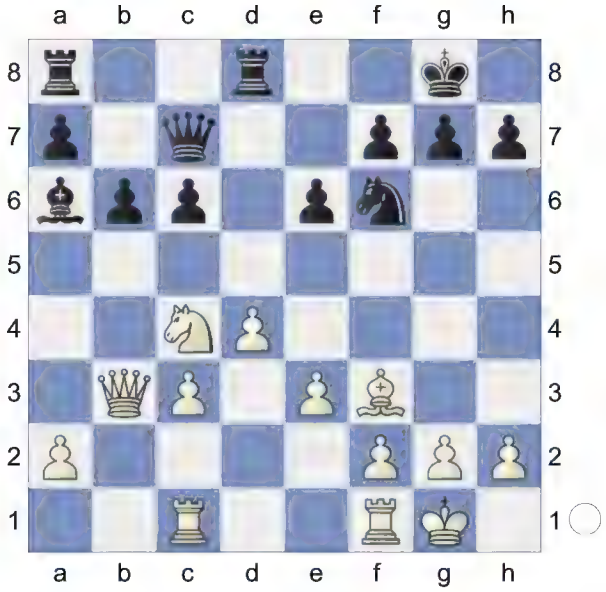
[9.Bh4 e5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ncxe4 dxe4 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg3 f6 16.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin- Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

9...Bxc3 10.bxc3N The position is equal.

[10.Rxc3 Qxa2 11.Qc1 Qa5 12.Ra3 Qd8 13.e4 h6 14.h4 Qe8 15.e5 Nh7 16.Rg3 Kh8 17.Nf3 f5 18.exf6 Ndxf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Ne5 Ne4 21.Re3 c5 22.dxc5 Rf5 23.Rxe4 dxe4 24.Qc3 b6 (34) Tuor,P- Machado Escanio,M It Dresden (Germany) 1936]

10...dxc4

11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.0-0 b6 14.Bf3 Rd8 15.Qb3 Ba6



16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Ne5 Bb7 18.c4 c5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.a4 Qc7

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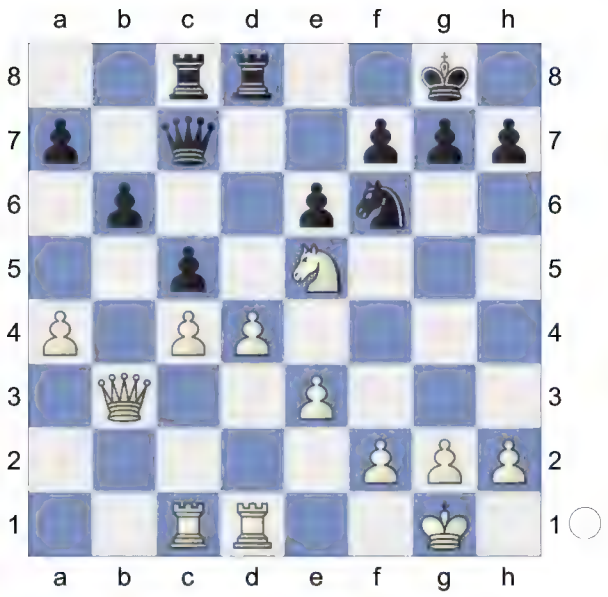
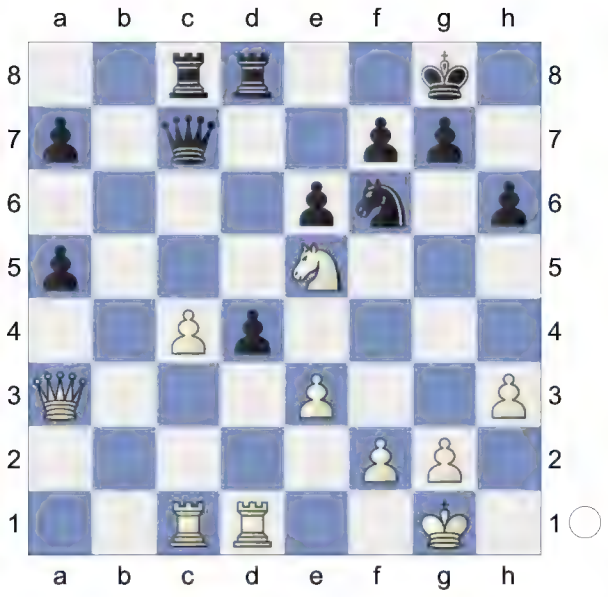


21.h3 h6 22.a5 bxa5 23.Qa3 Ne4 24.Qd3 Nf6 25.Qa3! cxd4



26.exd4 Nd7 27.Nf3 Nb6 28.c5 Nd5 29.Ra1 Nb4 30.Qxa5 Qxa5

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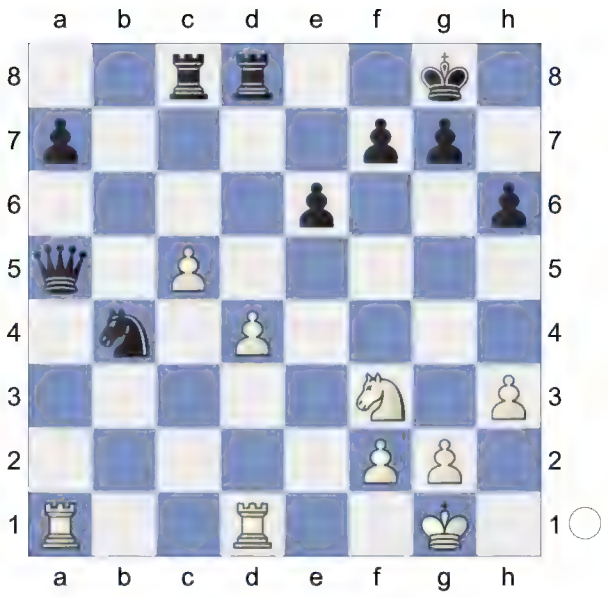
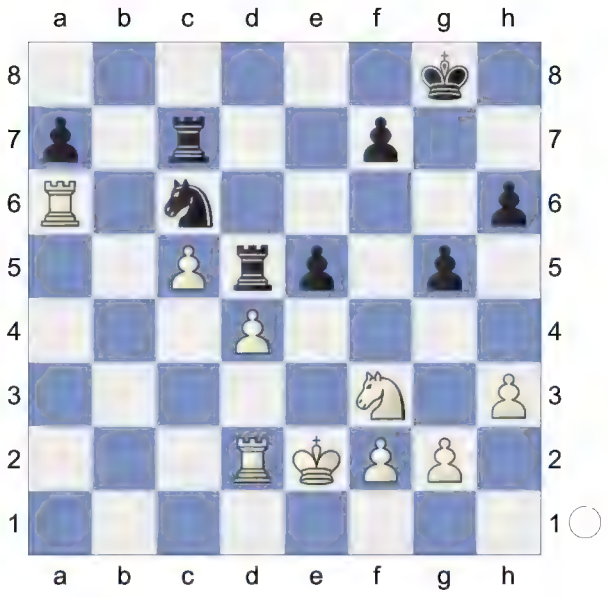
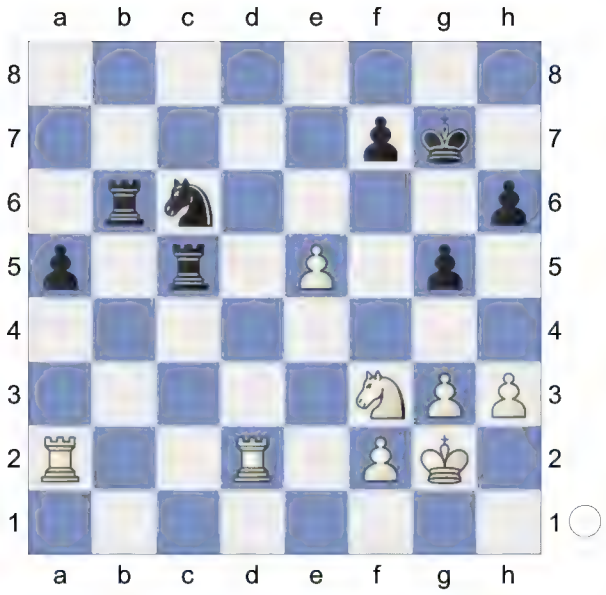


31.Rxa5 Nc6 32.Ra6 Rc7 33.Rd2 Rd5 34.Kf1 g5 35.Ke2 e5

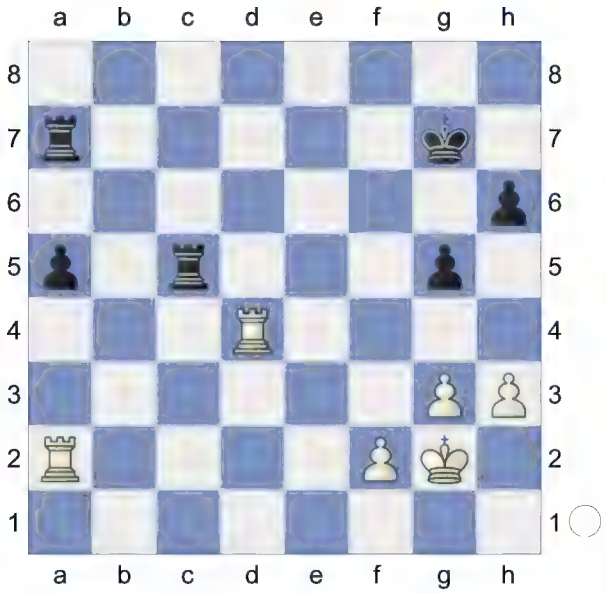


Overworked Piece **36.dxe5 Rxc5 37.g3 Kg7 38.Kf1 Rb7 39.Kg2 Rb6 40.Raa2 a5**

(Diagram)



41.Rd6 aiming for Nf3-d4. **41...Rb7 42.e6 Re7 43.exf7 Rxf7 44.Nd4**
1.46/20 White is more active.
[44.Re2± 0.64/20]
44...Nxd4± 45.Rxd4 Ra7



46.h4

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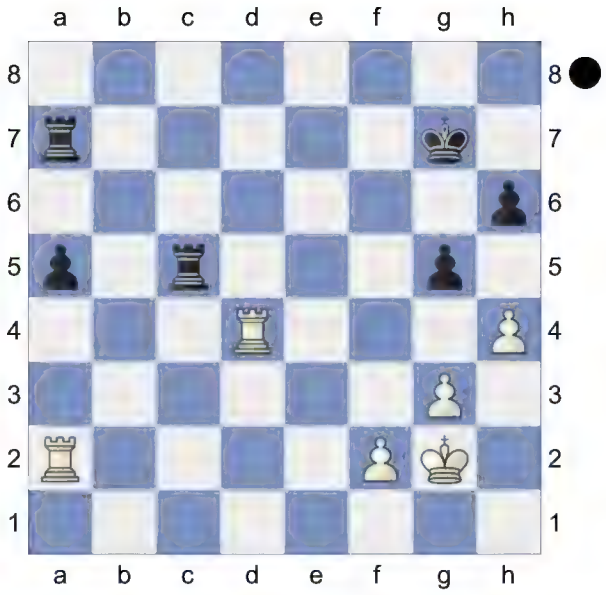

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64 **D52**
□ **Flamerare** **2776**
■ **Bitbybyte** **2687**
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[Kitty Kat]

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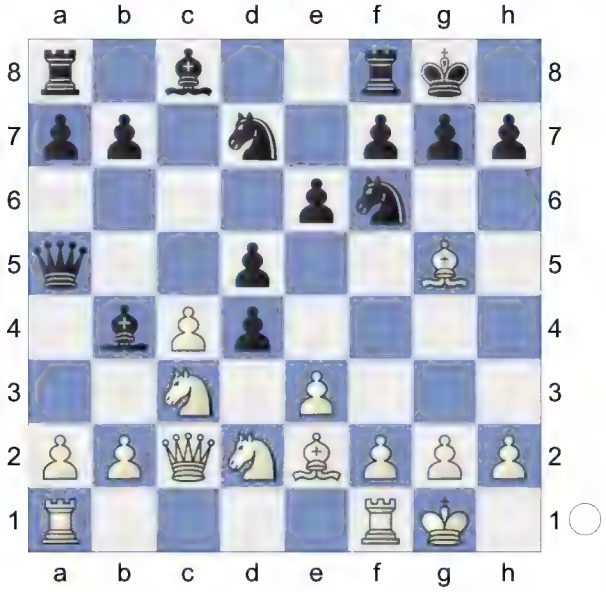
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 cxd4



11.exd4

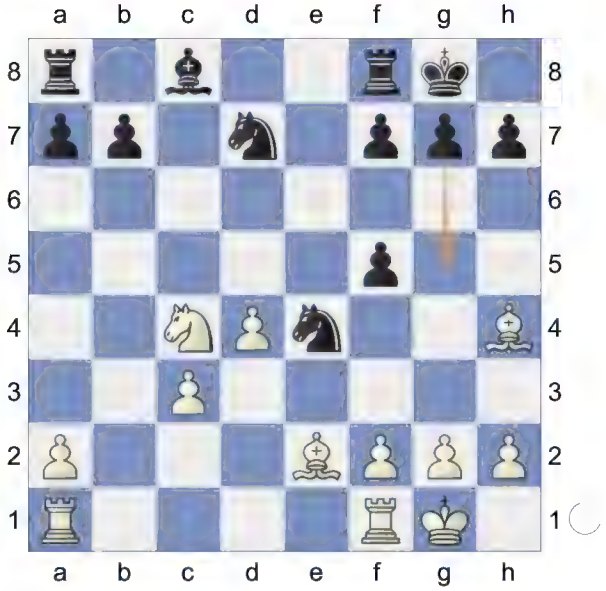
[11.Nb3 Qb6 *(11...Qd8 12.Nxd4 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Bxd8 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Rxd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Rfb1 Nc5 18.a4 Bd7 19.a5 Rac8 20.Rb4* H3 Systems-Devlieger,G 79th ch-BUL 2015*)* 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Nxd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.Rac1 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rfd1 Qe5 20.Bf4 Qa5 21.b4 Qxb4 22.Bd6 Qa5 23.Bxf8 Nxf8 24.Bb3 Qh5+ 25.Kg1 Bd7 (88) Grischuk,A (2771)-Shirov,A (2735) 110/242 Moscow 2010]

11...dxc4 12.Bh4 Qf5N

[12...Be7 13.Nxc4 Qd8 14.Bf3 Nb6 15.Nxb6 Qxb6 16.Rfd1 Re8 17.a4 a6 18.a5 Qc7 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Rac1 Qxa5 21.Bg3 Ra8 22.Na4 Nd7 23.d5 Nc5 24.Nxc5 Bxc5 25.Qc2 Bb6 26.d6 Qb5 27.d7 1-0 (52) MacElligott,G (2472)-7. ♗b3 ♘bd7 8. ♗g5 Qa5 (2454) 1997 (4)]

13.Qxf5 exf5 White is slightly better.

14.Nxc4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4



Against Nc4-d6. Strongly threatening ... g7-g5! **16.Bf3 Nxc3 17.Nd6** Wards off Nc3-e4. aiming for Rf1-c1!

17...Nf6 18.Bxf6

[18.Nxb7 Bxb7 19.Bxb7 Rab8=]

18...gxf6 19.Rfc1

[19.Bxb7 Bxb7 20.Nxb7 Ne2+ 21.Kh1 Nxd4=]

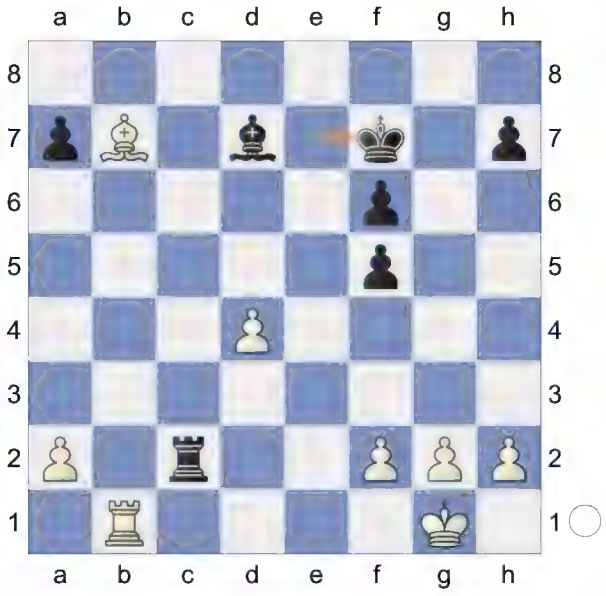
19...Rd8 20.Nxf7

[20.Bxb7 Ne2+ 21.Kh1 Bxb7 22.Nxb7 Rxd4∓]

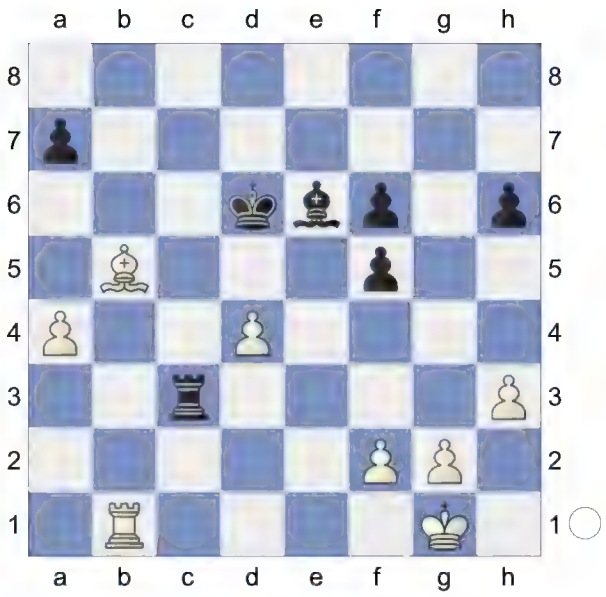
20...Kxf7

(Diagram)

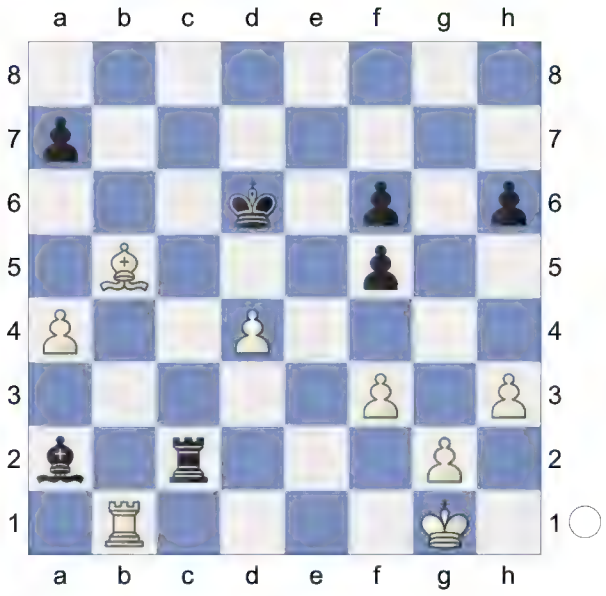
21.Rxc3 Threatens to win with Rc3-c7+.
21...Be6 22.Rc7+ Rd7 23.Rxd7+
[Reject 23.Rxb7 Rxb7 24.Bxb7 Rb8=]
[Much worse is 23.Bxb7 Rxc7 24.Bxa8 Rd7=]
23...Bxd7± Endgame. KRB-KRB
24.Rb1
[Of course not 24.Bxb7?! Rb8 25.Bf3 Rb2±]
24...Rc8 25.Bxb7 Rc2



26.h3 Ke6! Dodges Bb7-d5+ **27.Ba6 Kd6 28.a3 Rc3 29.Bb5 Be6 30.a4 h6**



31.Be8 Rc8 32.Bb5 Rc2 0.54/22 Dodges Bb5-e2
[32...Rc3!= 0.01/21]
33.Be8 -0.01/22
[33.Rd1± 0.54/22]
33...Rc8!= 34.Bb5 -0.01/29
[34.Bh5± 0.43/24 might be stronger.]
34...Rc2 35.f3 Ba2



36.Rd1 Bb3 37.Re1 Be6 38.Kh2 Rd2 39.Kg3 Rxd4 40.Rc1 Bd5

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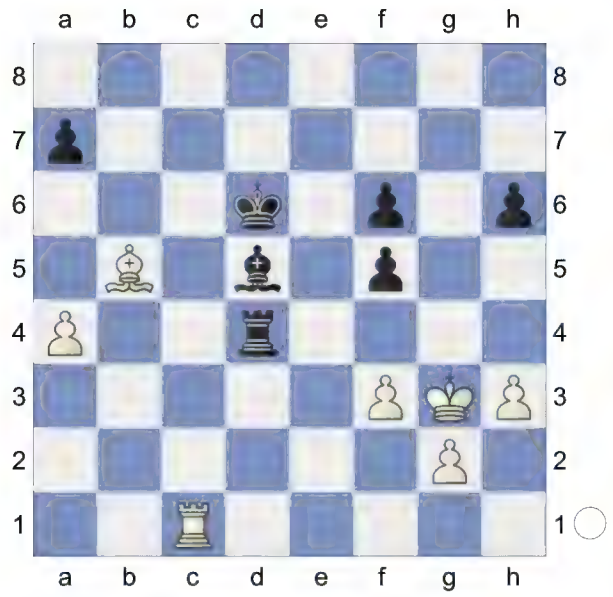
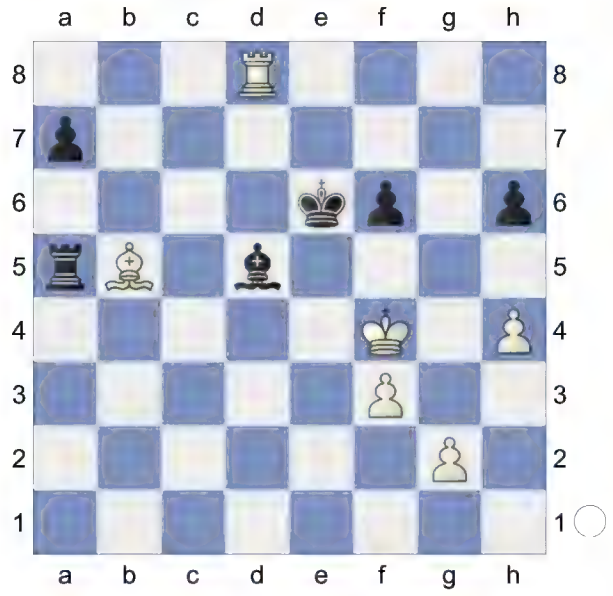


Prevents Rc1-c6+. **41.h4 Rd2 42.a5 f4+ 43.Kxf4 Ra2 44.Rc8 Rxa5 45.Rd8+ Ke6**



46.Bd3 Ra4+ 47.Kg3 a5 48.Bf5+

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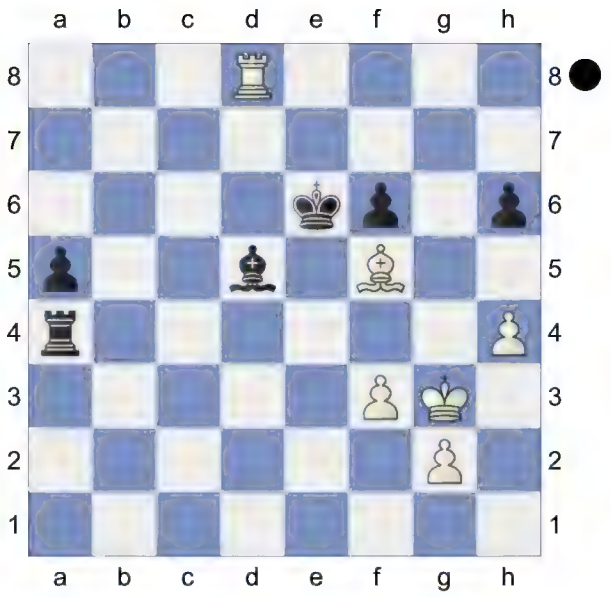
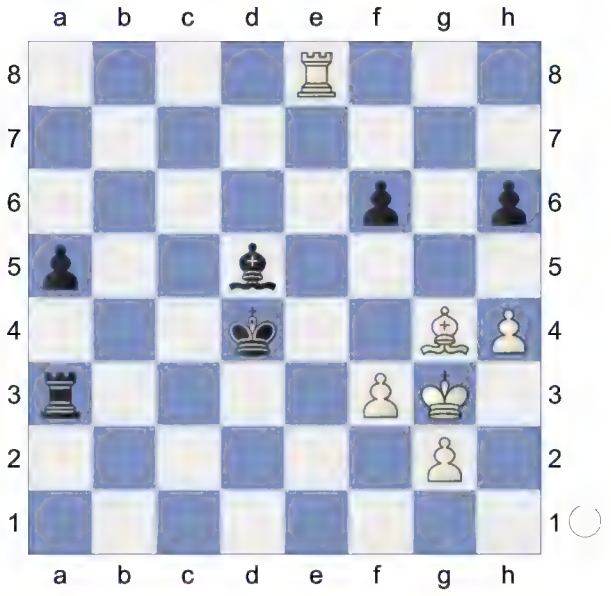


Decoy **48...Ke5 49.Bg4** f3-f4+! would now be deadly. **49...Ra3** The position is equal. **50.Re8+ Kd4**



51.Rf8 Ke5 52.Re8+ Kd4 53.Rf8 Ke5 54.Re8+

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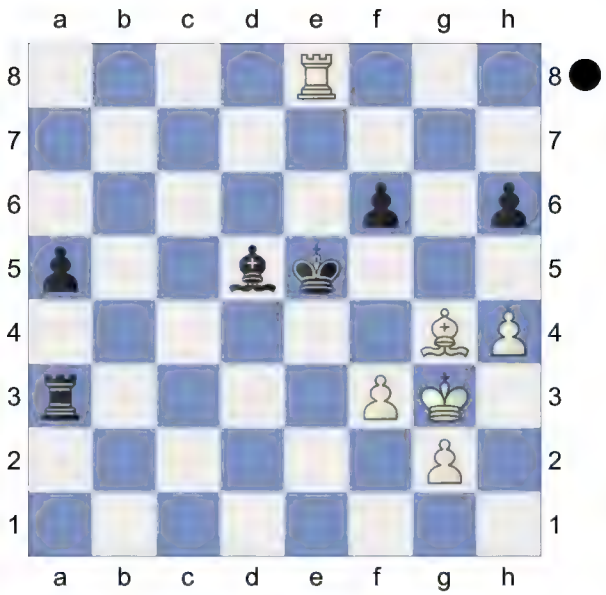

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65 **D52**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2774**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2736**
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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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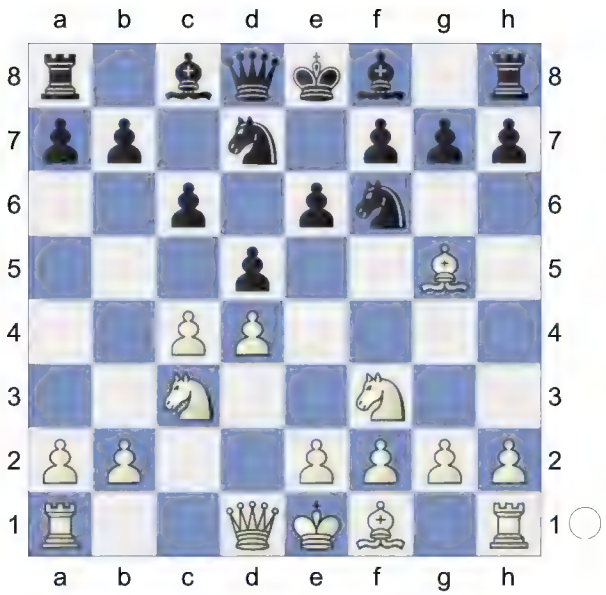

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Be7
[7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qd5 13.Bd3 b5 14.e4 Qg5 15.Ne5 Qxg2 16.0-0-0 Qg5+ 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Bb7 19.Ke3 c5 20.Rb1 a6 21.a4 Rfc8 22.axb5 F-F (31) Henzler,S (2655)-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5 7382 (2815) VW-Cup6 sf02 email 2015]
8.Bh4 a6N
[8...0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.cxd5 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qd8 12.Qxd4 Nxd5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.0-0-0 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Be7 #1]
[8...c5 9.Nb3 Qb6 10.cxd5 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Qxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Rc1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Be7 #3 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
9.Be2 b5 10.cxd5 White is slightly better. **10...cxd5**

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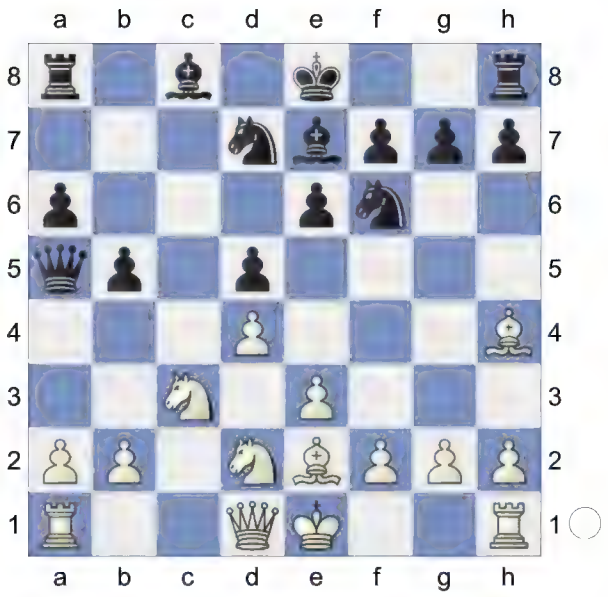
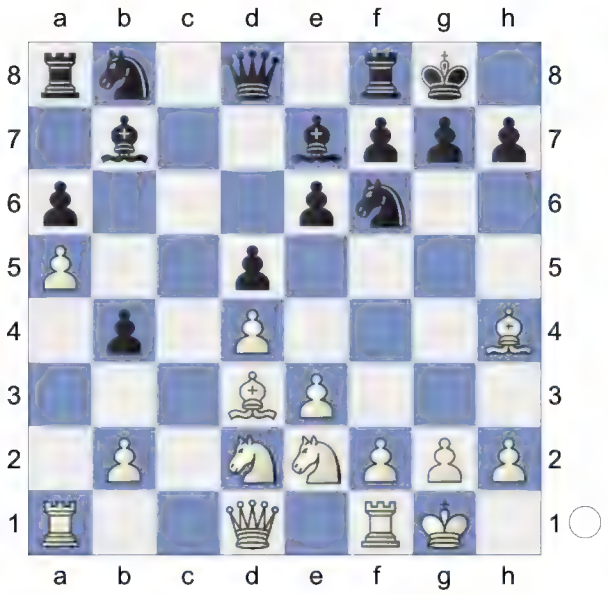


11.0-0 Bb7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.a4 b4 14.Ne2 Qd8 15.a5 Nb8



16.Nb3 Nfd7 0.80/20
[16...Nbd7± 0.37/19
is more appropriate.]
17.Bxe7± Qxe7 18.Qd2 Nc6 19.Rfc1 e5 20.dxe5 White is more active.
20...Ncxe5

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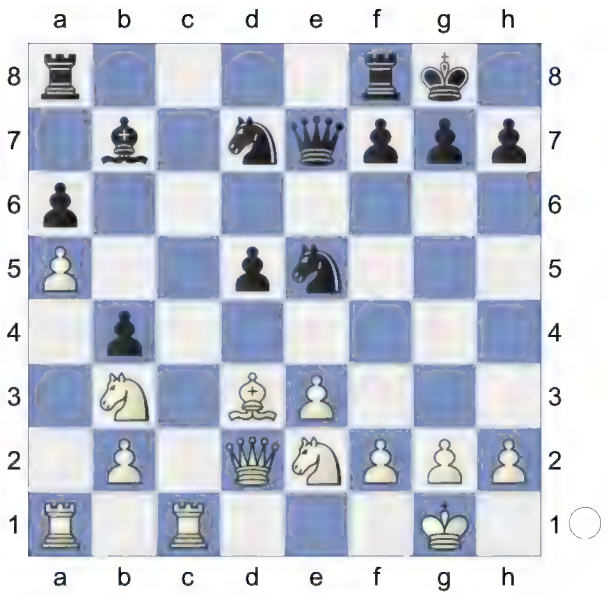
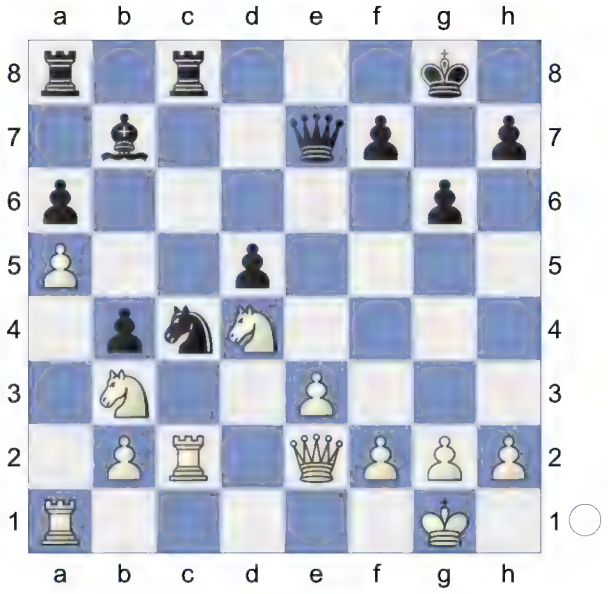
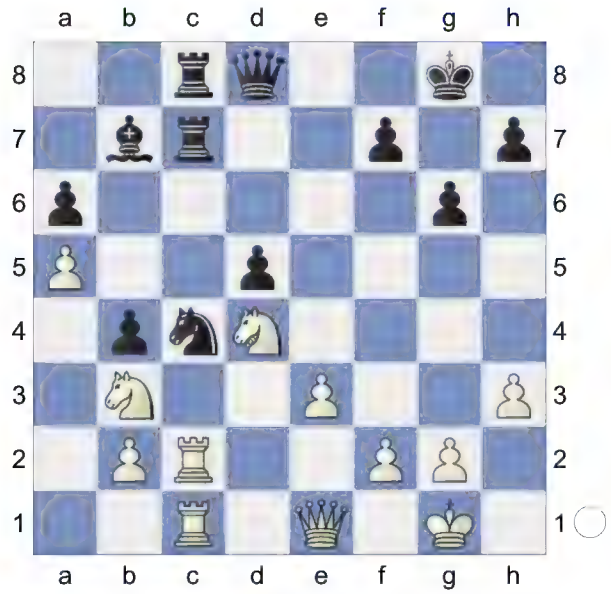


21.Ned4 Rfc8 1.15/22
[21...Nxd3± 0.64/22 22.Rc7
(22.Qxd3 Ne5±) 22...N3e5]
22.Qe2 0.02/23
[22.Bf1± 1.15/22]
22...Nxd3!= 23.Qxd3 Ne5 24.Qe2 Nc4 25.Rc2 g6

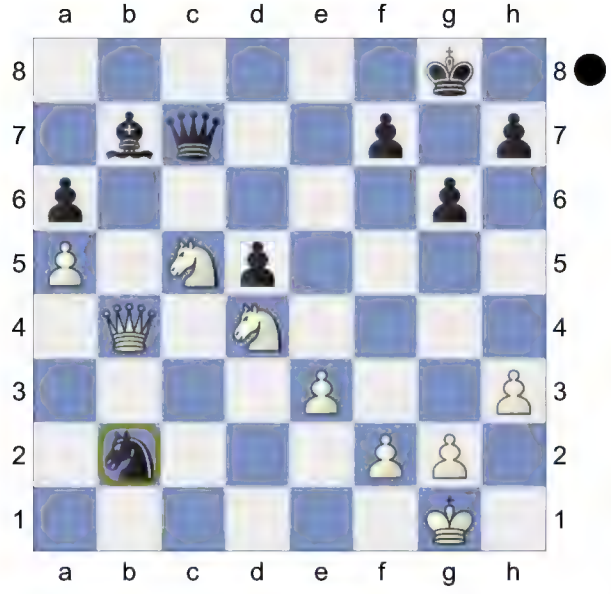


26.Rac1 Qd8 27.Qe1 Qd6 28.h3 Rc7 29.Qe2 0.27/21
[29.Ne2± 0.66/22]
29...Rac8 30.Qe1 -0.01/20
[30.Qg4± 0.36/22]
30...Qd8? 1.71/22

[30...Ra8= -0.01/20 and Black is okay.]

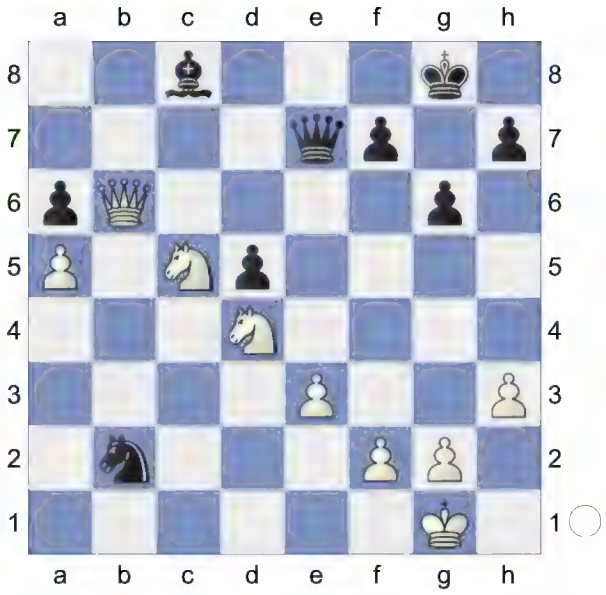


31.Qxb4+- Nxb2? 5.72/23
[31...h6 1.62/22 is a better chance. 32.g3 Rb8]
32.Rxc7 Rxc7 33.Rxc7 Qxc7 34.Nc5



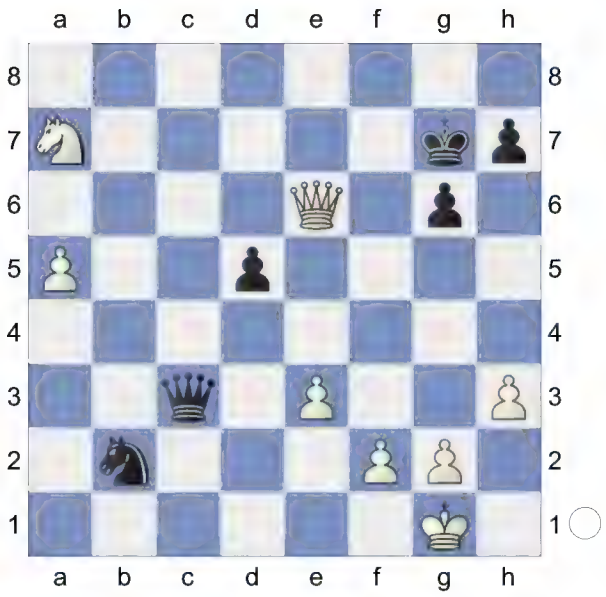
Discovered Attack **34...Bc8 35.Qb6! Qe7**

(Diagram)

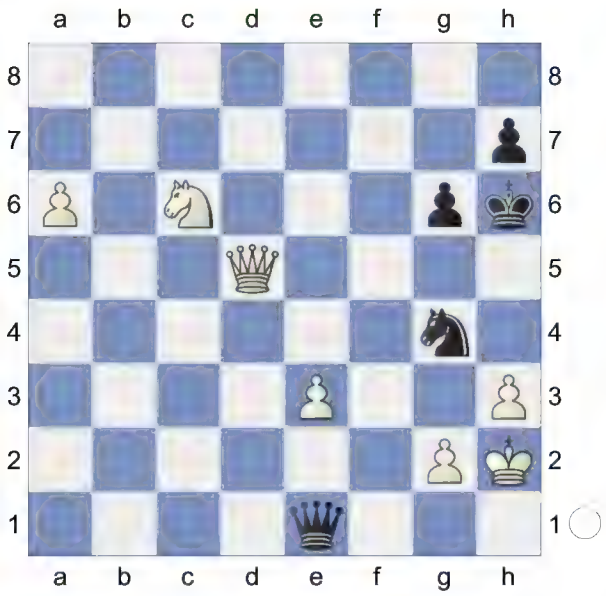


36.Nc6 Excellent horsemanship.
36...Qf6 37.Na7 Discovered Attack
[Not 37.Nxa6 Nc4 38.Qb5 Qa1+ 39.Kh2 Nd2 40.Ne7+ *(40.Qxd5? Nf1+ 41.Kg1 Nxe3+* Discovered Attack (Check) *42.Kh2 Nxd5-+)* 40...Kg7 41.Nxc8 Nf1+ 42.Kh1 Nxe3+ *(42...Ng3+ 43.Kh2=)* 43.Kh2 Nf1+ 44.Kh1 Ne3+ *(44...Nd2+ 45.Kh2=)* 45.Kh2 Nf1+ 46.Kg1 Ne3+ 47.Kh2=]
37...Be6 38.Nxe6
[Less strong is 38.Nxa6 Nd3±]
[38.Qxa6 Nd1 39.Qf1 Nc3]
38...fxe6 39.Qxa6 Endgame. KQN-KQN **39...Qc3?** 15.29/23
[39...Kg7 3.46/20 40.Nc6 Nc4]
40.Qxe6+ Kg7

(Diagram)

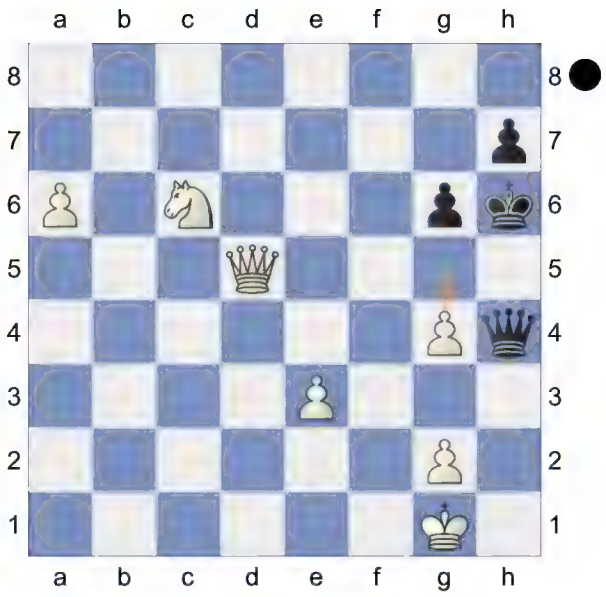


41.Qd7+ Kh6 42.Nc6 Nd3 43.Qxd5 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Nxf2 45.a6? 0.01/22
[White should try 45.Qd4+- 10.63/21]
45...Ng4+=



The position is equal. **46.hxg4 Qh4+ 47.Kg1**

(Diagram)



White wants to mate with g4-g5+!
47...Qe1+ 48.Kh2 Qh4+ 49.Kg1 g4-g5+! would kill now. **49...Qe1+ 50.Kh2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.44
½-½

66 **D52**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2774**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2736**
chess.com Speed 2021 (2.32) 06.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Additional game **1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.g3 b6N
[11...0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0
A) 13...Bd7
A1) 14.e4 b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 *(17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 Ra1 30.a3 a5 31.bxa5 Ke7* ½-½ (38) Janata (2489)-6. ♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1]) 17...Be8 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rd2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4;
A2) 14.Qc2 Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3);
B) 13...Nd5 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Queen'S Gambit-5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 Survey 2012 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 Qxa5 26.Rc1 b6 Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19. ♗e4 27.dxc5 bxc5 28.Nxc5 Rdc8 29.Nb3 Rxc3 30.Qxc3 Qxc3 31.Rxc3 Rxc3 32.Nxc3 Bxa3 33.Nd4 Bd7 34.Ne4 Ng4 35.Nf3 Bc6 36.Ned2 Bb4 37.h3 Nf6 38.Nc4 Bd5 39.Nce5 Bc3 40.Nd4 Ne4 41.Nd3 Kf8 (44) Nakamura,H (2741)-Gelfand,B (2741) 110/(242)

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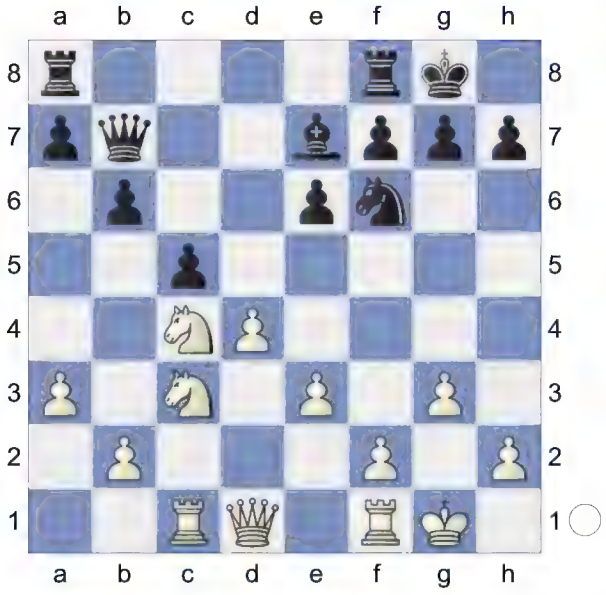
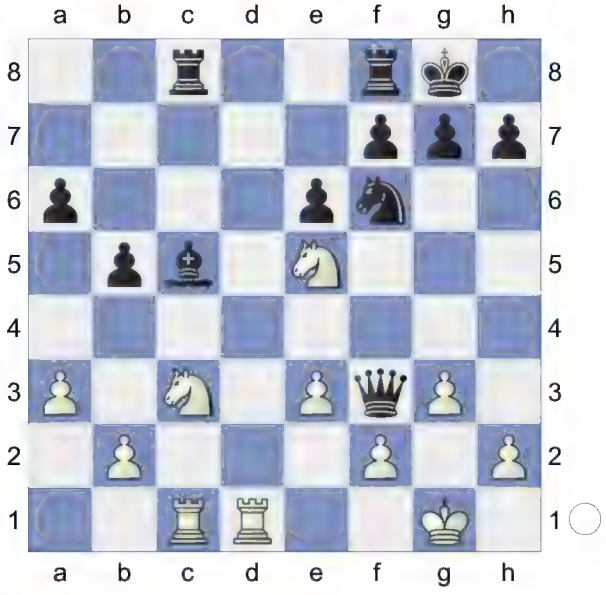
12.Bg2 Hoping for Nc3-b5. **12...Bb7 13.0-0 0-0** The position is equal. **14.a3 c5 15.Bxb7 Qxb7**

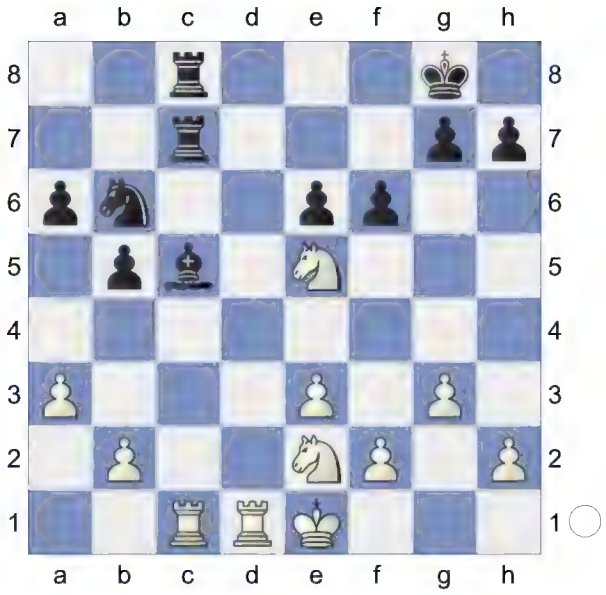


16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Qe2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 a6 19.Ne5 b5 20.Qf3 Qxf3

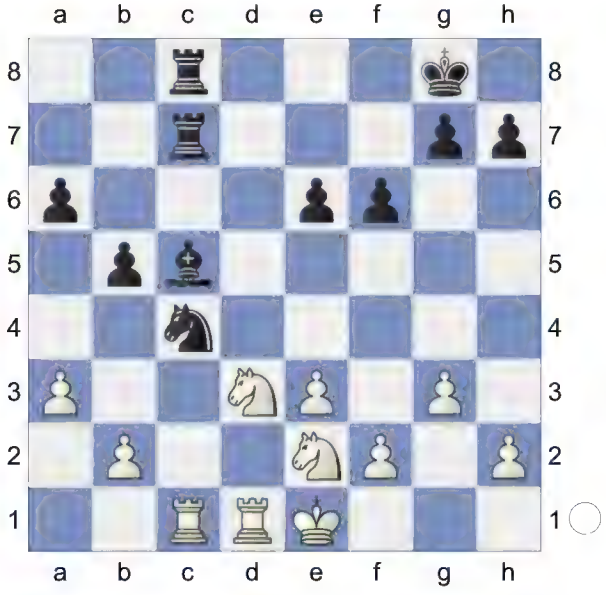


21.Nxf3 Rc7 22.Ne2 Rfc8 23.Kf1 Nd5 24.Ke1 Nb6 25.Ne5 f6

(Diagram)



26.Nd3 Nc4



27.a4! Bb6 28.axb5 axb5 29.Kf1 -0.85/21

[29.b3= 0.01/20 Na3 30.Rxc7 Bxc7 31.Kf1]

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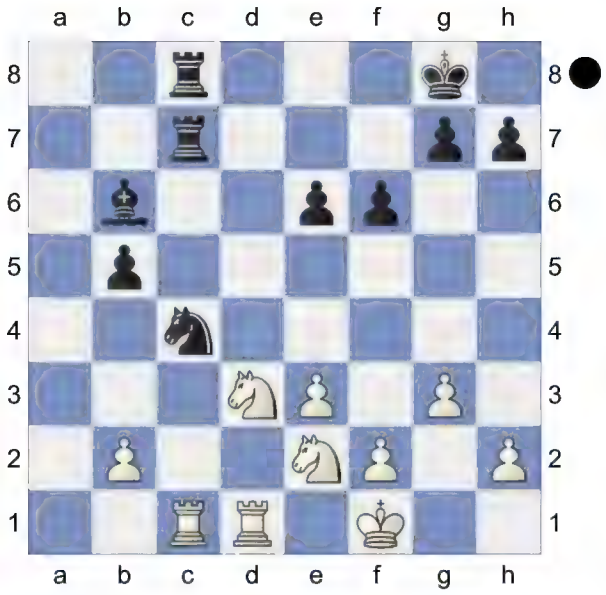
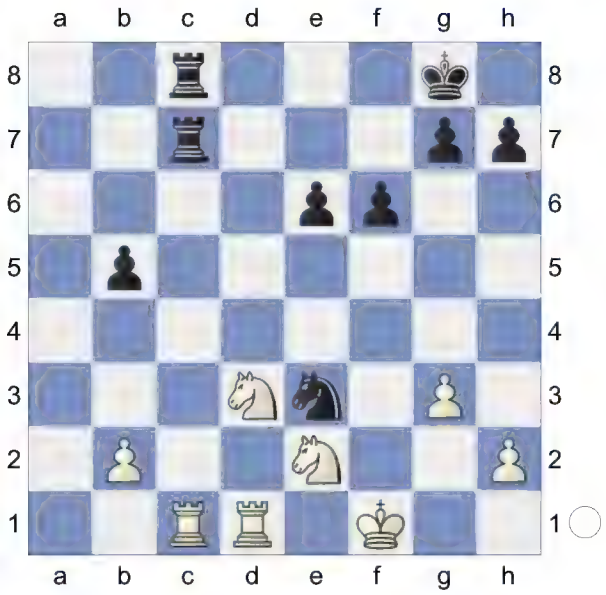
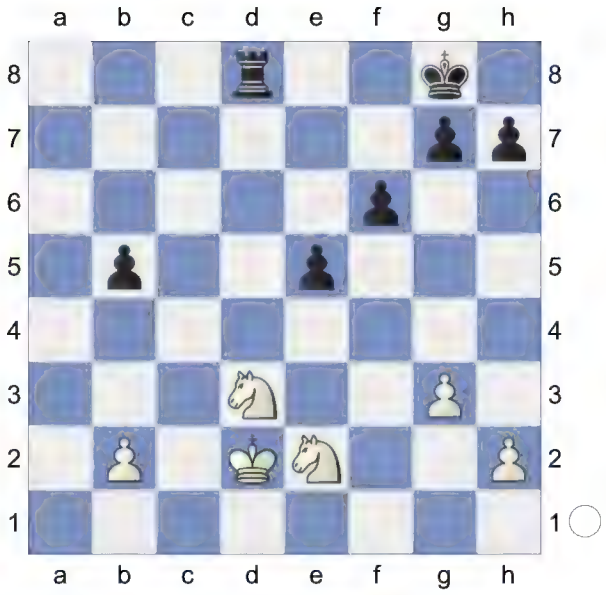


29...Bxe3!∓ Black is more active.
30.fxe3 Nxe3+

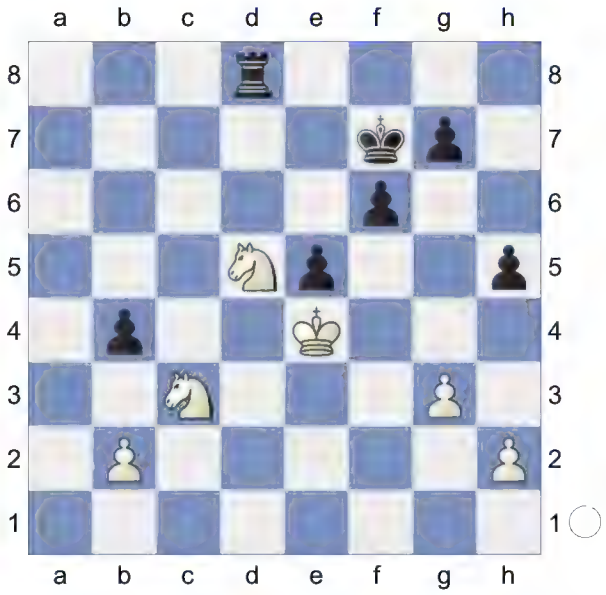


31.Kf2 Nxd1+ 32.Rxd1 Rd8 33.Ke3 Rc2 34.Rd2 Rxd2 35.Kxd2 e5

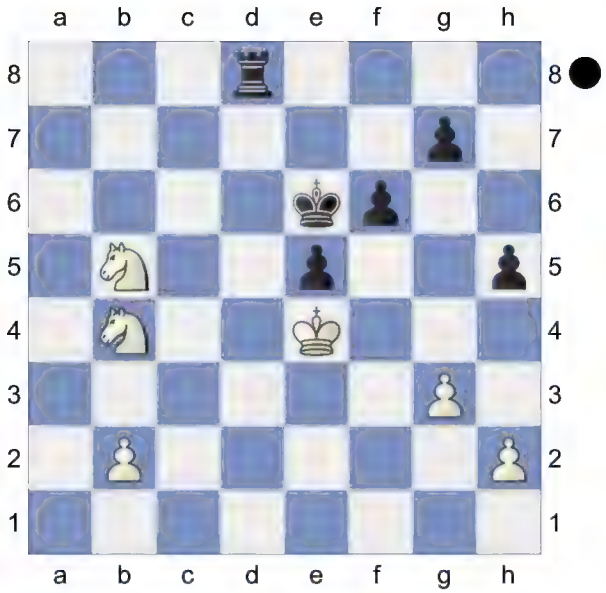
(Diagram)



...e5-e4 is the strong threat. **36.Ke3 Kf7**
37.Nc3 Rb8 38.Nb4 -0.94/22
[38.b4∓ -0.45/23 should be considered.]
38...h5 White is on the road to losing.
39.Ke4 -1.33/22
[White should play 39.h3 -0.76/21]
39...Rd8 40.Nbd5 -2.11/25
[40.Ke3∓ -0.99/21]
40...b4-+



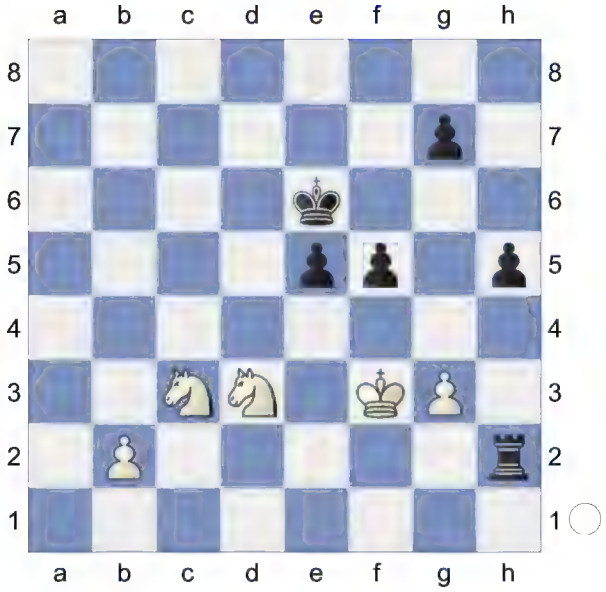
41.Nb5 -3.16/24
[⌓41.Na4 -1.93/25]
41...Ke6 42.Nxb4



Rd2 43.Nd3 Re2+ 44.Kf3 Rxh2 ...g7-g5 would now be deadly. **45.Nc3** -3.52/23

[⌓45.Nc5+ -2.42/21 Kd5 46.b4]

45...f5

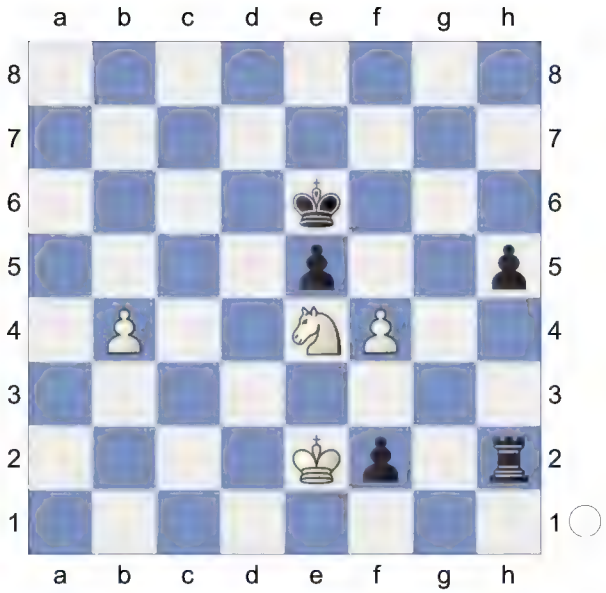


And now ...e5-e4+ would win. **46.Nf2?** -5.45/24

[46.Ke3 -3.24/21 keeps fighting.]

46...g5 aiming for ...g5-g4+. **47.b4 g4+ 48.Ke2 f4 49.gxf4 g3** Pin **50.Nce4 gxf2**

(Diagram)

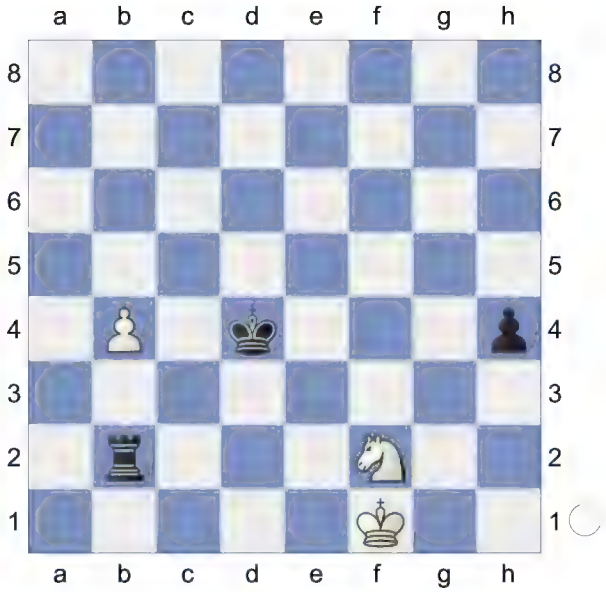


51.fxe5 Endgame. KR-KN **51...f1Q+ 52.Kxf1 Rb2** -6.51/25

[⌓52...Rc2 -14.49/27 53.Ke1 Kxe5]

53.Ng3 h4 54.Ne4 Kxe5 55.Nf2 Kd4

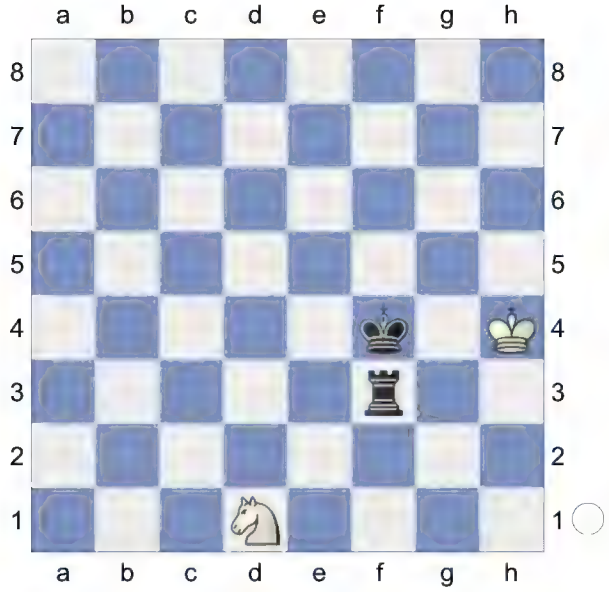
[Worse is 55...Rxb4 56.Nd3+ Kf6 57.Nxb4=]



56.Kg1 Rxb4 57.Kg2 Black mates. **57...Ke3 58.Nd1+ Kf4 59.Kh3 Rb3+ 60.Kxh4 Rf3** -10.05/33

[⌓60...Kf3 -#21/25 61.Kg5 Ke2 62.Kf5 Kxd1 63.Ke5 Re3+ 64.Kd5 Kc2 65.Kd4 Re2 66.Kc5 Rd2

67.Kc4 Kb2 68.Kb5 Rc2 69.Kb4 Rc3 70.Kb5 Ka3 71.Ka6 Kb4 72.Kb6 Rc4 73.Ka7 Kc5 74.Kb7 Kb5 75.Ka8 Rc7 76.Kb8 Kb6 77.Ka8 Rc8#]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

67 **D52**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2767**
■ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2692**
Julius Baer Gen Cup D1 W (1.1) 27.9.24
[Kitty Kat]

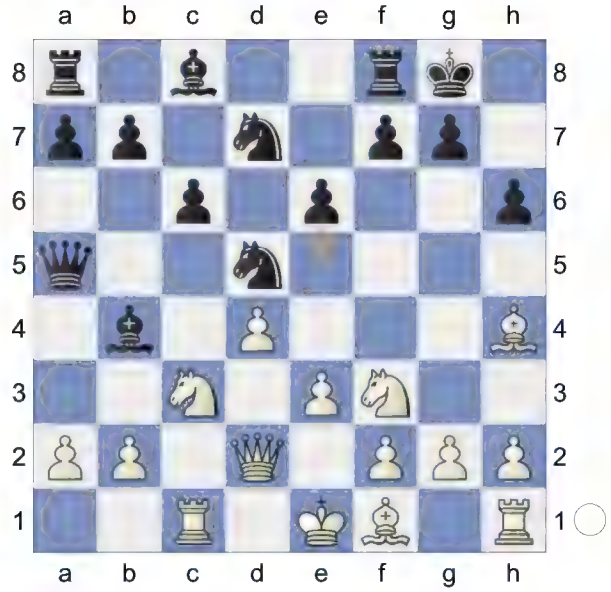
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0

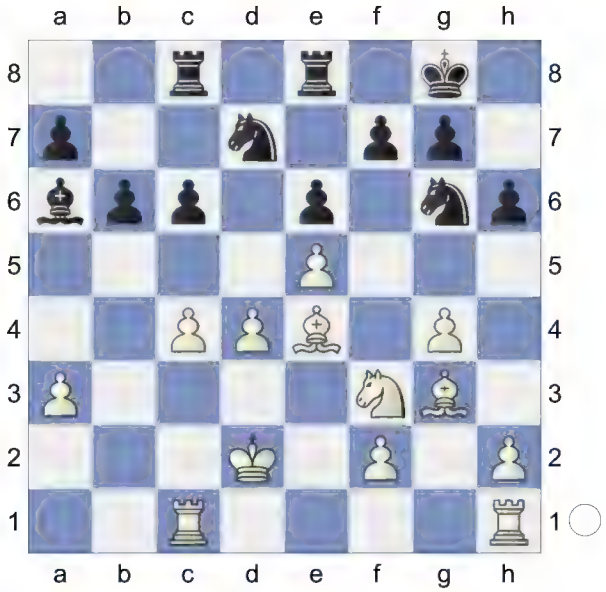


11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 N5f6 The position is equal. **13.Bd3 b6 14.e4 Ba6 15.c4 Qxd2+**

16.Kxd2 Rfe8 17.e5 Nh5 18.Be4

[18.g4!? Nf4□ 19.Be4±]

18...Rac8 19.g4! Nf4 20.Bg3 Ng6



21.Rhe1! c5 22.d5 exd5 23.cxd5 Rcd8

[23...Ndxe5 24.Bxe5 Nxe5 25.Nxe5 Rxe5 26.Bh7+ Kxh7 27.Rxe5±]

[23...Ngxe5 24.Bxe5 *(24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Bxe5 Rxe5±)* 24...Nxe5 25.Nxe5 Rxe5 26.Bh7+ Kxh7 27.Rxe5±]

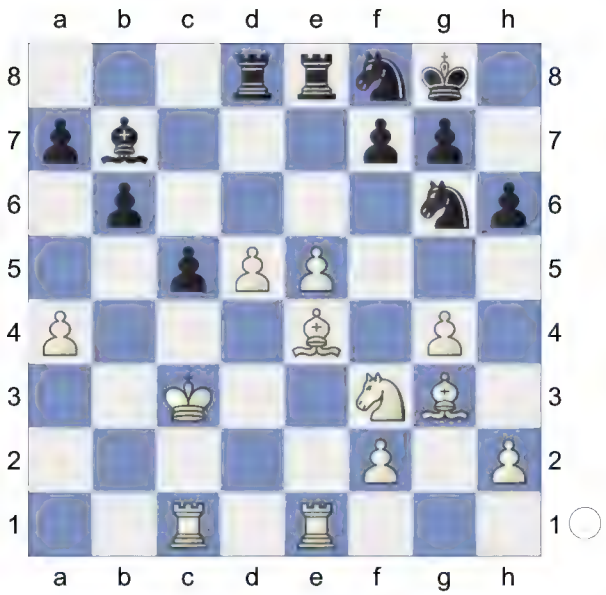
24.Kc3 Bb7

[24...Ndxe5 25.Bxe5 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 Rxe5 27.Bh7+ Kxh7 28.Rxe5]

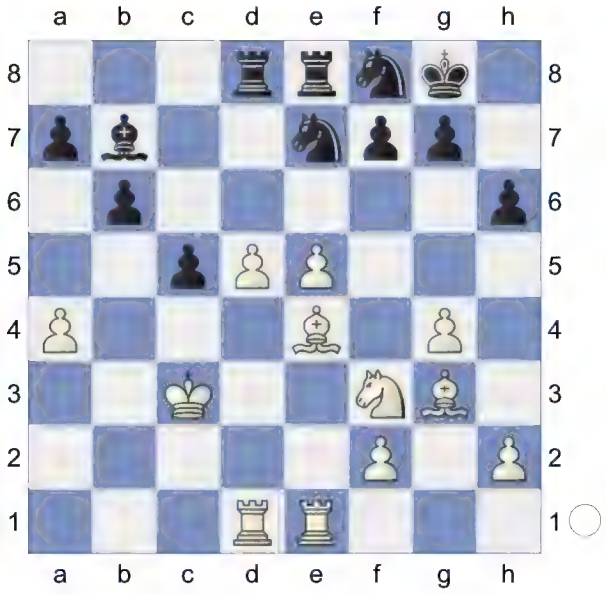
25.a4 Ndf8

[25...Ngxe5 26.Bxe5 Nxe5 27.Nxe5 Rxe5 28.Bh7+ Kxh7 29.Rxe5]

(Diagram)

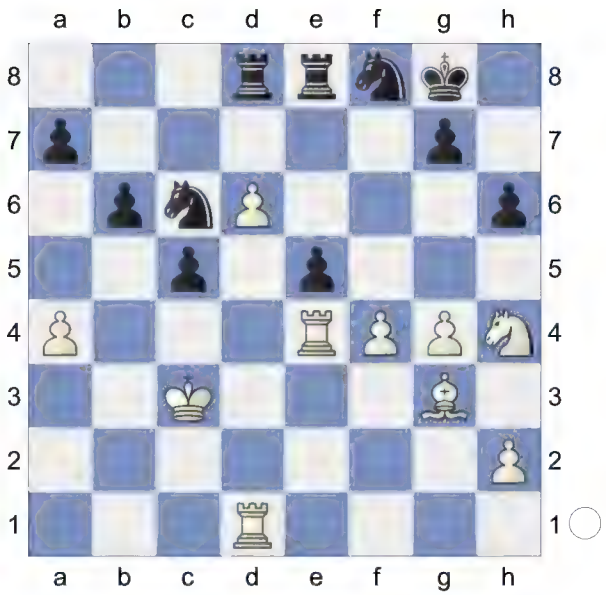


26.Rcd1 Ne7



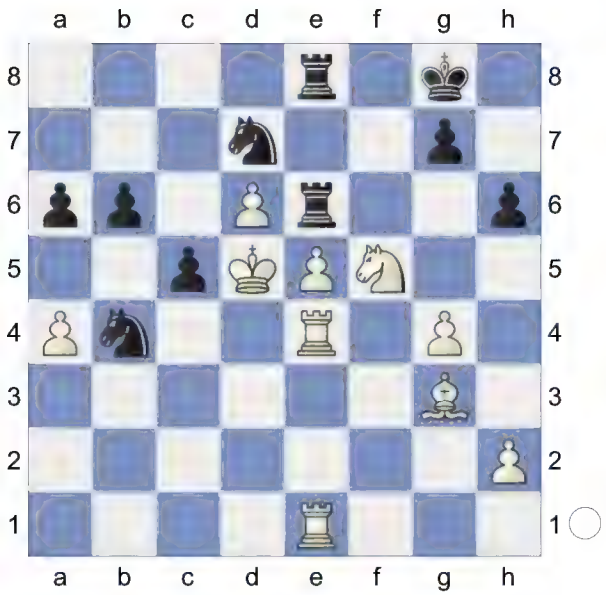
27.d6 Discovered Attack **27...Bxe4**
28.Rxe4 Bg3-h4 is the strong threat.
28...Nc6 29.Nh4 White is much more active. **29...f6 30.f4 fxe5**

(Diagram)

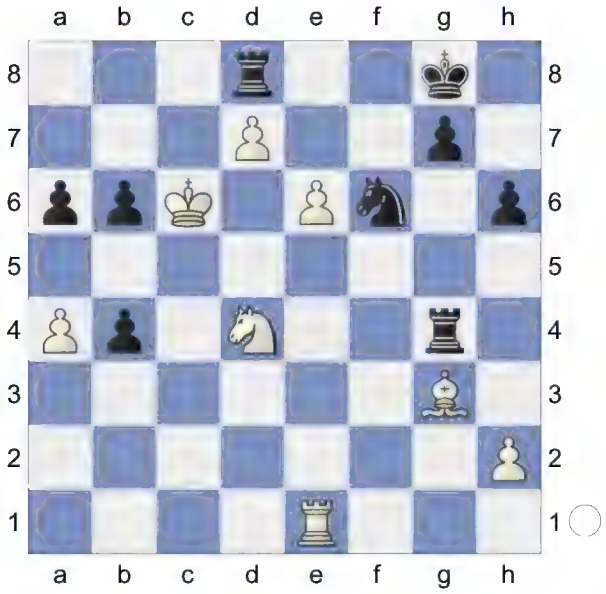


31.fxe5 Re6 2.13/19
[31...Kf7± 1.38/20 was worth a try. 32.Rf1+ Ke6]
32.Kc4 Rde8 2.31/19
[⌓32...Rc8 1.88/20 33.Rde1 a6]
33.Nf5 Nd7 2.34/22
[33...Nxe5+± 1.51/18 34.Rxe5 Rxe5]
34.Rde1+- a6 3.33/21
[34...Ncxe5+? 35.Bxe5 Kf7 36.Kd5+-]
[⌓34...Nb4 2.28/21 35.Nd4 Deflection *(35.Ne7+ R8xe7 36.dxe7 Kf7+-)* 35...cxd4 36.Kxb4 d3]
35.Kd5 Nb4+

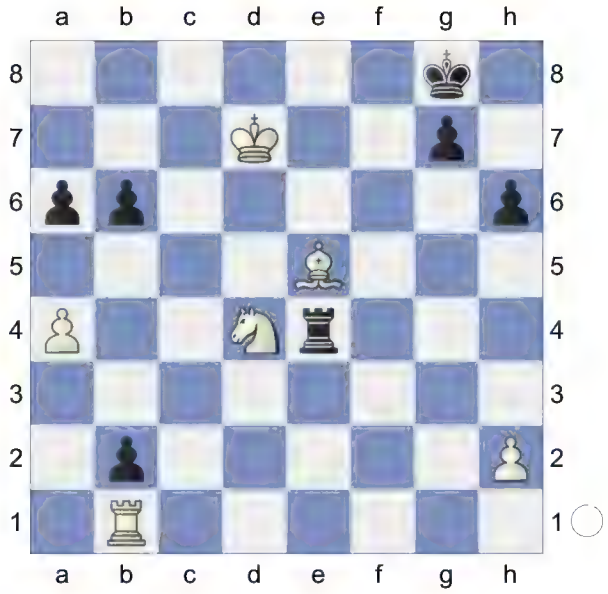
(Diagram)



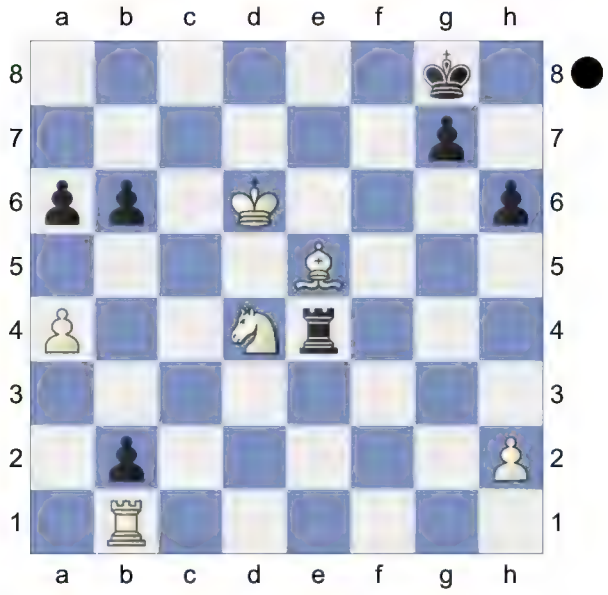
36.Rxb4! Deflection **36...cxb4 37.Nd4 Rg6 38.e6 Nf6+** 5.23/20
[38...Nf8 3.01/19 39.e7 Nd7]
39.Kc6 Rxg4 40.d7? 1.08/21
[40.Be5+- 5.74/17 and the rest is easy. Threatens to win with Be5xf6! Rc8+ 41.Kxb6 Nd5+ 42.Kb7 *(42.Kxa6 b3+-)*]
40...Rd8? 6.33/20
[40...Rxd4± 1.08/21 41.dxe8B *(41.dxe8R+ Nxe8 42.Be5 Rd2±)* 41...Nxe8]



This move loses the game for Black.
41.Be5 aiming for Be5xf6! White is clearly winning. **41...Nxd7 42.exd7 b3 43.Kc7 Rxd7+ 44.Kxd7 b2 45.Rb1 Re4**



46.Kd6



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68 **D52**
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2765**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2729**
NIC Classic Prelim 2021 (8.5) 25.04.2021
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qd5

[10...Qc7 Arsovic,Goran: '- 135/(142)' 11.Be2 c5 12.0-0 Bd7 13.a3 cxd4 14.axb4 dxc3 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Ne5 Rfc8 17.Qd4 Be8 18.Bf3 a6 19.g3 Rd8 20.Rfc1 Rxd4 21.Rxc7 Rxb4 22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Bxb7 Rb8 24.Bxa6 Rxb2 25.Bd3 ½-½ (35) Pert,M (2034)-Kumar,S (1942) BCF-ch Major 2024 (6)]

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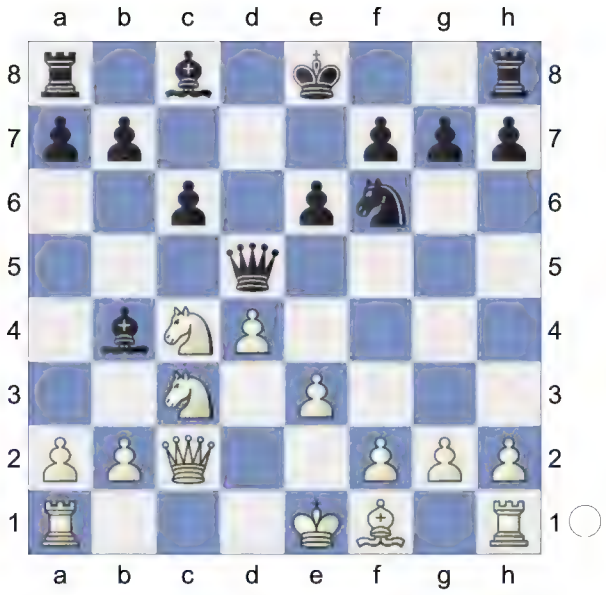


11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3

[12.bxc3 c5=]

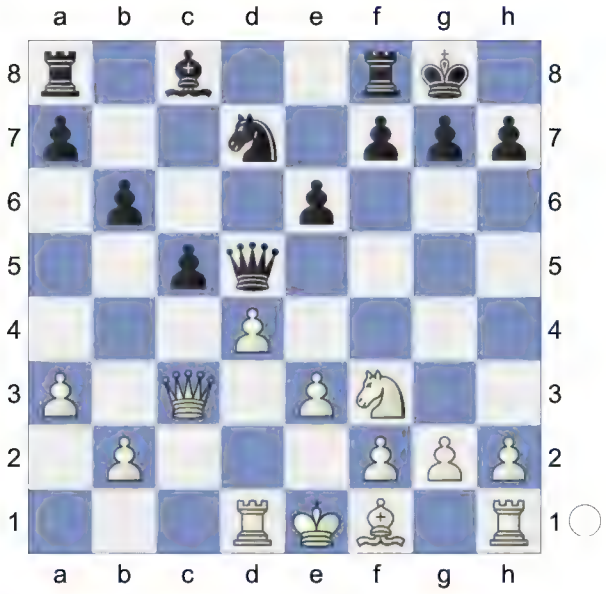
12...0-0 13.Ne5N White is slightly better.

[13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Ne5 Qxc3+ 16.Rxc3 Nd5 17.Rc1 f6 18.Nc4 Bd7 19.Be2 Rfc8 20.0-0 Bb5 Drozdowski,K (2448)-Cheparinov,I (2658) lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 148/(147) 2021]

13...Nd7 14.Nf3 Arsovic,Goran: 'N'

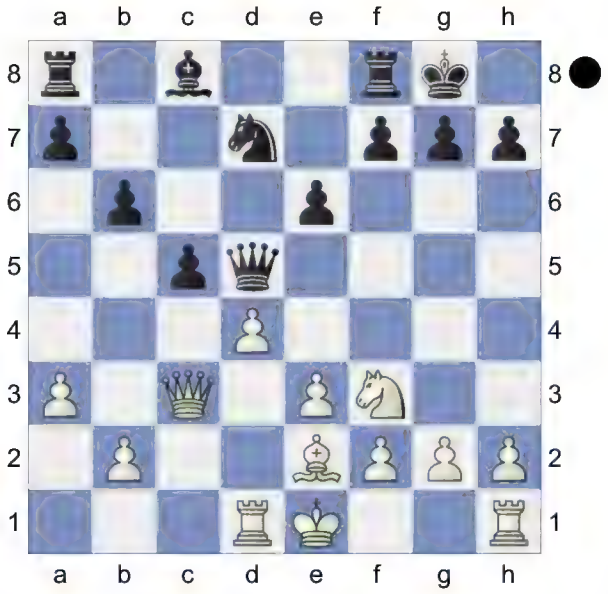
[14.Nd3]

14...c5 15.Rd1 b6



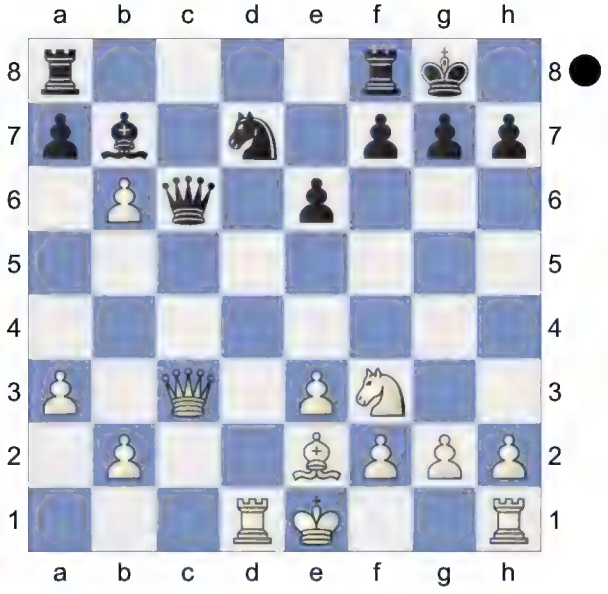
16.Be2 Arsovic,Goran: 'Diagram

[16.Bb5 Nf6 17.dxc5 *(17.0-0 Ne4 18.Qc2 Bb7 19.dxc5 Qxc5=)* 17...Qxc5 18.Qxc5 bxc5 19.Rd2 Rb8 20.Bd3 Bb7=]



' **16...Bb7** Arsovic,Goran: '!' **17.dxc5 Qc6** Arsovic,Goran: '!' **18.cxb6**

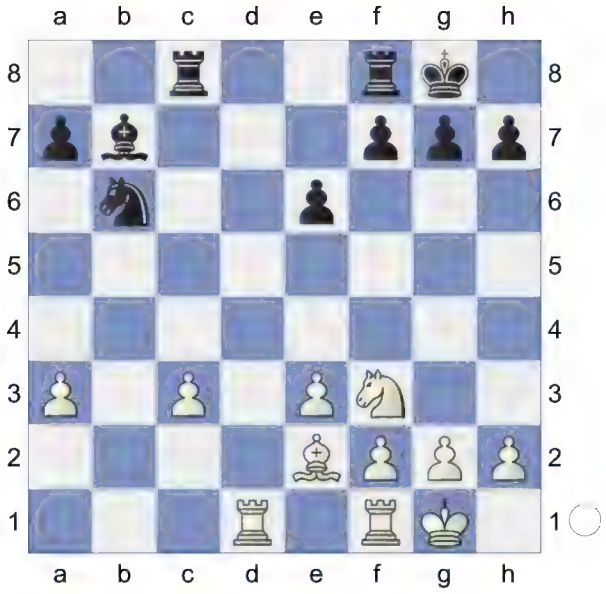
[18.b4 bxc5 19.b5 Qc7 20.0-0 a6 21.a4 Rfc8 22.Nd2 Nb6=]



Hoping for Qc3xc6. **18...Qxc3+ 19.bxc3 Nxb6 20.0-0**

[20.Rd4 Rfc8 21.Kd2 Rc5 22.Rc1 Rac8⩲]

20...Rac8



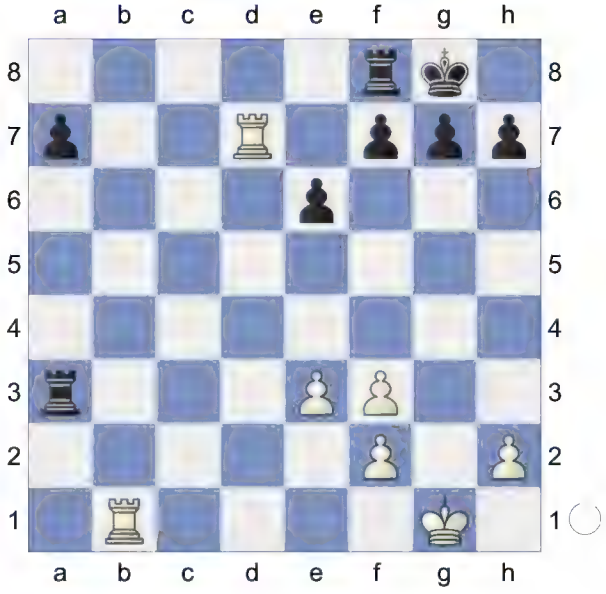
21.c4!

[21.Rc1 Rfd8 22.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Kf8 24.Rc1 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Nc4⩲]

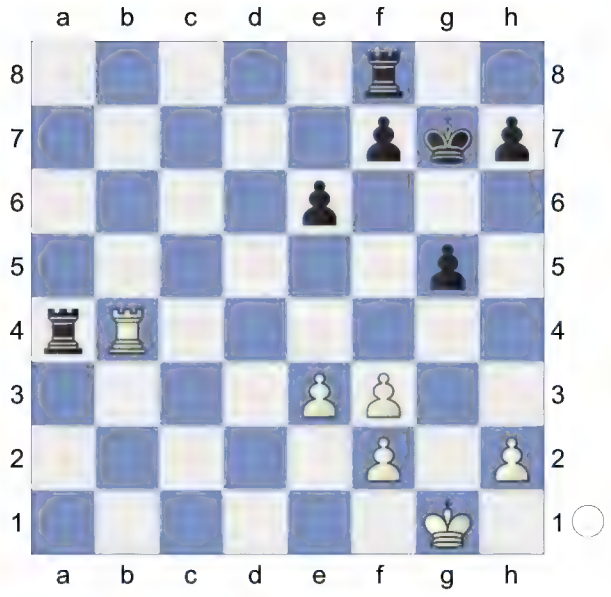
21...Bxf3 The position is equal.

[21...Nxc4 22.Rd7]

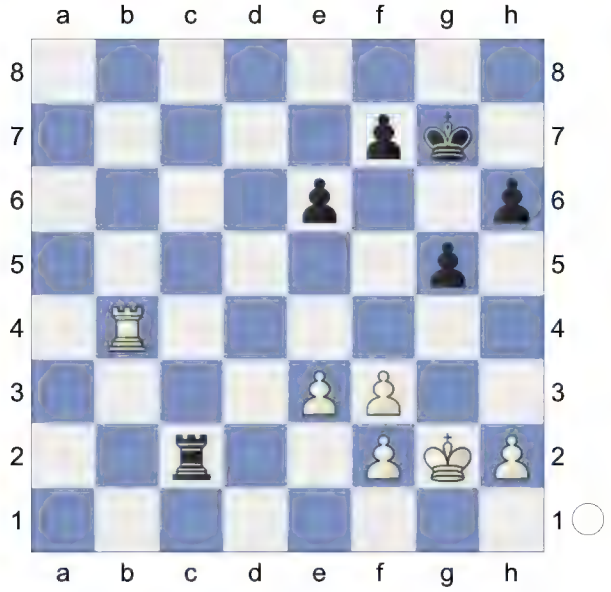
22.gxf3 Nxc4 23.Bxc4 Rxc4= Endgame. KRR-KRR **24.Rd7 Ra4** Arsovic,Goran: '=' **25.Rb1 Rxa3**



26.Rbb7 a5 27.Ra7 g5 28.Rdb7 a4 29.Rb4 Kg7 30.Raxa4 Rxa4



31.Rxa4 KR-KR **31...Rc8 32.Kg2 h6 33.Rb4 Rc2 34.Ra4 Rc8 35.Rb4 Rc2**



36.Ra4 Rc8

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

69 **D52**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2764**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
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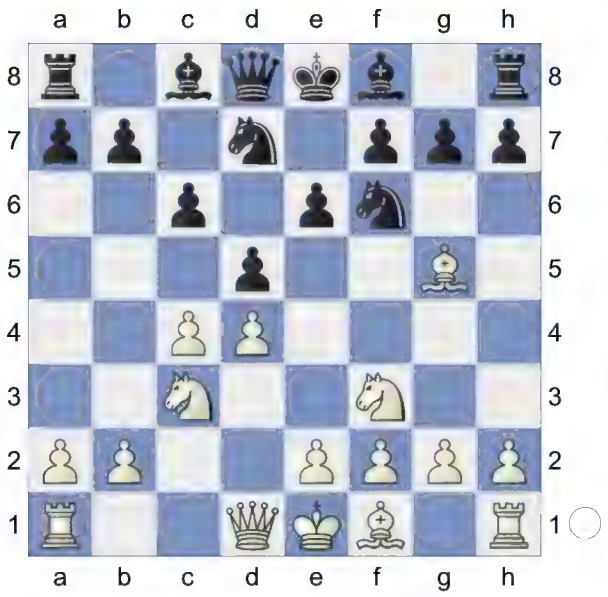
[Edouard,Romain]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Cabrilo,Goran Cabrilo,Goran Cabrilo,Goran Edouard,Romain **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2!? dxc4

[7...Bb4 (Cabrilo,Goran) is the main line. Carlsen instead plays a less well-known deviation which I have employed for longer than I care to remember(!), so I couldn't resist covering this one! Flear,Glenn: 'is the main line. Carlsen instead plays a less well-known deviation which I have employed for longer than I care to remember(!), so I couldn't resist covering this one!']

8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1

Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'This natural developing move renders the freeing ...c5 more difficult to achieve (under reasonable circumstances).'' Flear,Glenn: 'This natural developing move renders the freeing ...c5 more difficult to achieve (under reasonable circumstances).' **10...Be7**

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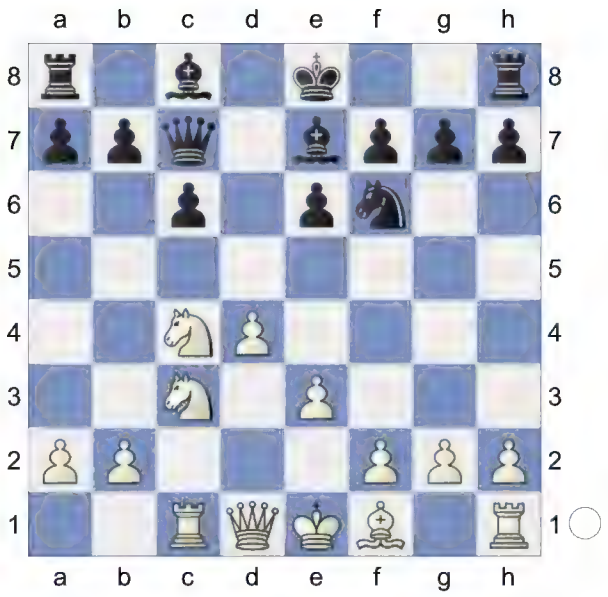


Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'Black hasn't wasted time on ...Bb4-e7, but White is flexible about his choice of development.'' Flear,Glenn: 'Black hasn't wasted time on ...Bb4-e7, but White is flexible about his choice of development.' **11.g3!?** The most aggressive system.

[The main alternative 11.Be2 (Cabrilo,Goran) was examined in Janjgava, L - Scherbakov, R Odessa 1989, see the archives.]

11...0-0

[11...Nd5 12.a3 Nxc3 13.Rxc3 0-0 14.Bg2 Rd8 15.b4 Bd7± ½-½ (30) Khademalsharieh,S (2419)-Tan Zhongyi (2523) China 2017]

12.Bg2 Rd8

[12...c5 13.Nb5 *(13.0-0 cxd4 14.Nb5 Qc5 15.Nxd4 Rd8 16.Qe2 e5 17.b4 Qc7 18.Nb5 Qb8 19.Qb2 Bd7 20.a4±* ½-½ (30) Khademalsharieh,S (2481)-Naiditsch, A (2681) Changsha 2019) 13...Qb8 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Qb3±]

13.0-0 Bd7

[13...Nd5 14.a3 *(14.Qb3!?)* 14...Nxc3 *(14...Bd7 15.b4 Be8*

16.Qb3 Rac8 17.Ne5 Qb8 18.Nd3± 1-0 (46) L'Ami,E (2611)-Naiditsch,A (2702) Aachen 2018*)* 15.Rxc3 a5 16.Qc2 Bd7 17.h4± ½-½ (57) Vidit,S (2707)-Bu Xiangzhi (2729) Hengshui 2019]

14.e4! b5 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' '!' Flear,Glenn: 'Black needs to force the pace somewhat.'' Flear,Glenn: 'Black needs to force the pace somewhat. '

[14...Be8!? 15.e5 Nd7 16.Ne4 Nb6= Edouard,Romain : '='Edouard,Romain : '1-0 (71) Ding Liren (2811)-Shankland,S (2705) chess.com 2019' 17.Ncd6 Nc8 18.Nxe8!? *(18.Nc4* -0.01/18 18.Nd6xe8 0.37 *Nb6=* 1-0 (71) Ding Liren (2811)-Shankland, S (2705) chess.com 2019*)* 18...Rxe8 19.f4 0.27/19 *(19.Qg4± 0.65/17)* 19...Nb6 20.Qf3 Qd7 *(20...Rad8* 0.80/19 20...Re8-f8 0.32 *21.f5!±* 1-0 (40) Yilmaz,M (2567)-Stern,R (2513) GER 2014*)* 21.Rcd1± ½-½ (41) Eljanov,P (2753)-Blagojevic, D (2481) ISL 2015]

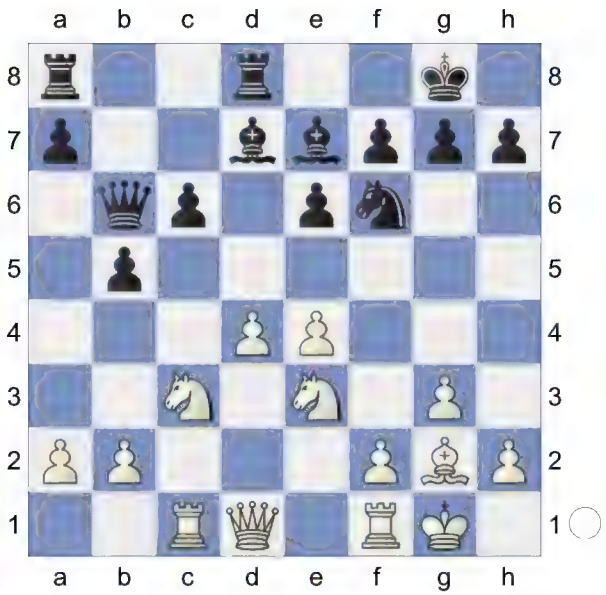
[Cabrilo,Goran: 'I was crushed by Gozzoli after opting for' 14...Rac8 0.46/19 14...b7-b5 0.08 Cabrilo, Goran: '?!' Cabrilo,Goran: '(I now understand this to be too slow in the face of White's e-pawn advance) a couple of years ago:' Flear,Glenn: '?!' '?!' Flear,Glenn: '(I now understand this to be too slow in the face of White's e-pawn advance) a couple of years ago:' 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 1.23/21 Cabrilo,Goran: '?!' Cabrilo, Goran: '(a desperate attempt to liberate, but compounding my ills)' Flear,Glenn: '?!' '?!' Flear,Glenn: '(a desperate attempt to liberate, but compounding my ills)' *(16...b6±* 0.47/18 *)* 17.dxc5± Bb5 18.Qb3 0.60/22 *(18.Ncd6±* 1.13/21 *)* 18...Bxc4± 19.Rxc4 Qxe5 0.95/20 Cabrilo,Goran: '?' Flear,Glenn: '?' '?' *(19...b6!±* 0.46/20 (Cabrilo,Goran) keeps Black in the game*; 19...b6!±* 0.46/20 *)* 20.Qxb7± Bxc5? 3.49/21 *(20...Kf8±* 1.34/18 *)* 21.b4 Cabrilo,Goran: '1-0 Gozzoli, Y - Flear, G Espalon 2018.' Flear,Glenn: '1-0 Gozzoli, Y - Flear, G Espalon 2018.' 1-0 (21) Gozzoli,Y (2587)-Flear,G (2451) Espalion 2018]

15.Ne3 The right place for the knight!

[The knight is less relevant on d2: 15.Nd2?! Cabrilo,Goran b4! 16.Na4 e5!= 17.dxe5 Ng4 18.Qe2 -0.49/21 *(18.Nb3=* -0.12/20 *)* 18...Nxe5 19.Nb3 Inhibits Qc7-a5. Bg4 20.f3 Bc8 Basso, P - Krishna, C Moscow 2020, with chances for both sides. White will have his c5-outpost, but Black will play around it. Flear,Glenn: 'Basso, P - Krishna, C Moscow 2020, with chances for both sides. White will have his c5-outpost, but Black will play around it.']

15...Qb6

[Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'Instead, from a5 there isn't the same pressure on d4. So after'' Flear,Glenn: 'Instead, from a5 there isn't the same pressure on d4. So after' 15...Qa5 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '?!' '?!' '?!'' 16.a3 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' '!'' Rab8 17.e5 Nd5 18.Ne4 Cabrilo,Goran: ' ±' '±' '±' Be8 19.Nc5 Nxe3 20.fxe3± ½-½ (40) Giri,A (2732)-Hansen,S (2563) POL 2013 b4± (Cabrilo,Goran) Giri, A - Hansen, S Warsaw 2013, White's grip was unpleasant.]



Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' '!' Flear,Glenn: 'The queen finds a safe haven." Flear,Glenn: 'The queen finds a safe haven.' **16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4**

[17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 Ra1 30.a3 a5 31.bxa5 Ke7 ½-½ (38) Janata (2489)-6. ♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1]]

17...Be8 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'White has the slightly easier game, but Black is solid." **18.a3N** Cabrilo,Goran: 'Diagram

[Cabrilo,Goran: 'More direct is' 18.Nc5 Cabrilo,Goran: 'occupying the outpost, but allowing Black some opportunities to liberate:' Flear,Glenn: 'occupying the outpost, but allowing Black some opportunities to liberate:' Bxc5 *(18...Nxe3* 0.54/21 18...Be7xc5 0.01 Cabrilo,Goran *19.fxe3 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Qxc5 21.dxc5 Rxd1 22.Rxd1 a5 23.Rd6 Rc8* Grischuk, A - Duda, J online blitz 2020, led to a draw even if Black is tied down to a purely passive defence. Don't be put off by the engine assessment, Duda knew very well that he would be able to hold this pseudo-endgame. Flear,Glenn: 'Grischuk, A - Duda, J online blitz 2020, led to a draw even if Black is tied down to a purely passive defence. Don't be put off by the engine assessment, Duda knew very well that he would be able to hold this pseudo-endgame.' *)* 19.Nxd5 -0.43/24 *(19.dxc5=* 0.01/21 *Qa5 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.f4)*

A) 19...Rxd5!N -0.43/24 Cabrilo,Goran: '!' Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' might be stronger. 20.Bxd5 Bxd4 21.Be4 Cabrilo,Goran: 'I have a feeling that ' 21...Rd8≅ Cabrilo,Goran: '!' Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' *(21...Bxb2* -0.01/23 21...Ra8-d8 -0.49 Cabrilo,Goran *22.Bxh7+! Kxh7 23.Qc2+ Kg8 24.Qxb2 c5±* featured in two Nihal, S - Smirnov, A online blitz 2020, games. One win for White and one draw. Flear, Glenn: 'featured in two Nihal, S - Smirnov, A online blitz 2020, games. One win for White and one draw.') 22.Qe2 Cabrilo,Goran c5 justifies the 'exchange for one pawn' sacrifice as the dark-squared bishop is so influential Flear,Glenn: 'justifies the 'exchange for one pawn' sacrifice as the dark-squared bishop is so influential';

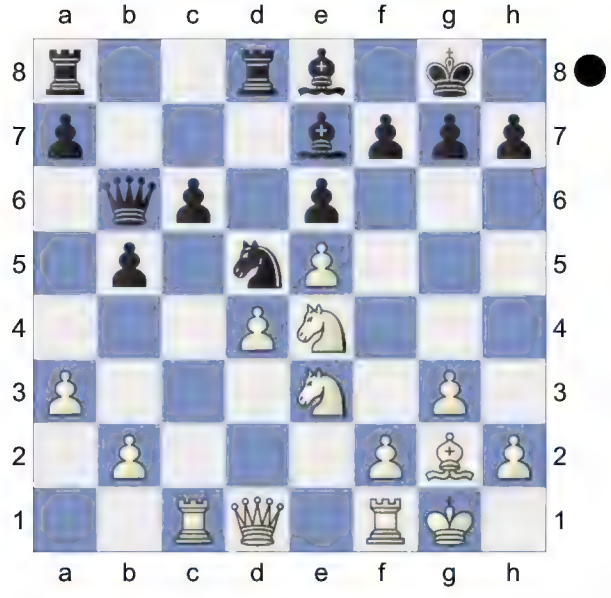
B) 19...Rxd5∓ -0.43/24 might be stronger. 20.Bxd5 Bxd4;

C) Cabrilo,Goran: 'a dynamic choice, especially with a limited time control, and more combative than the stodgy' Flear,Glenn: 'a dynamic choice, especially with a limited time control, and more

combative than the stodgy' 19...cxd5 0.01/22 20.Rxc5= b4 21.Qd2 Rac8 22.Rfc1± 1-0 (43) Wojtaszek,R (2745)-Banusz,T (2611) Linares 2017]

[Black's plan in the following game has similarities with Carlsen's play: Flear,Glenn: 'Black's plan in the following game has similarities with Carlsen's play:' 18.Qd2 Cabrilo,Goran a5 19.Rfd1 Ra7 20.Nc5 Nb4 21.a3 Na6 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Grishchenko, S - Saada, J Saint Affrique 2019, and now the clearest route to equality would involve Flear, Glenn: 'Grishchenko, S - Saada, J Saint Affrique 2019, and now the clearest route to equality would involve' Nxc5 24.dxc5 Rxd2 25.cxb6 Rxd1+ 26.Nxd1 Rb7! 27.Bxc6 Bxc6 28.Rxc6 And now Rc6-c7 would win. Bxb4=]

[18.Rc2 Nb4 19.Rd2 Nxa2 20.Ng4 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w]



'. Wards off Nd5-b4 **18...a5** Cabrilo,Goran: 'N' 'N' 'N'

[18...Rab8 Cabrilo,Goran]

[Flear,Glenn: 'After' 18...Rac8 (Cabrilo,Goran) Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' '!' Flear,Glenn: 'I think that Black is doing fine, but he needs to be precise not to be too badly squeezed:' Flear, Glenn: 'I think that Black is doing fine, but he needs to be precise not to be too badly squeezed:' 19.Nc5 *(19.b4!? a5! 20.Nc5 axb4 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.axb4 Ra8* +=/= and although the best minor piece on the board (White's knight!) is excellent on c5, it's not enough for him to obtain any substantial advantage as there are no easy targets in the black camp Flear,Glenn: '+=/= and although the best minor piece on the board (White's knight!) is excellent on c5, it's not enough for him to obtain any substantial advantage as there are no easy targets in the black camp') 19...Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Ne7?! 0.82/19 *(correct is 20...Nc7!∞* 0.32/22 when the threats against c5 and d4 give Black good counterplay Flear, Glenn: 'when the threats against c5 and d4 give Black good counterplay'; *20...Nc7±* 0.32/22 *)* 21.Be4 Rc7 22.b4± 0.42/20 Nihal, S - Smirnov, A online blitz 2020, with an ongoing bind for White. Flear,Glenn: 'Nihal, S - Smirnov, A online blitz 2020, with an ongoing bind for White.' *(* Better is *22.Qg4!±* 0.83/22 *)*]

19.Qd3 Ra7 0.23/22

[⌓19...Nxe3 -0.19/19 20.fxe3 b4]

20.Nc5 a4

[20...Bxc5 Cabrilo,Goran 21.Nxd5! cxd5 22.Rxc5 Rc7 23.Rfc1 Rxc5 24.dxc5 Qb7 25.b3±]

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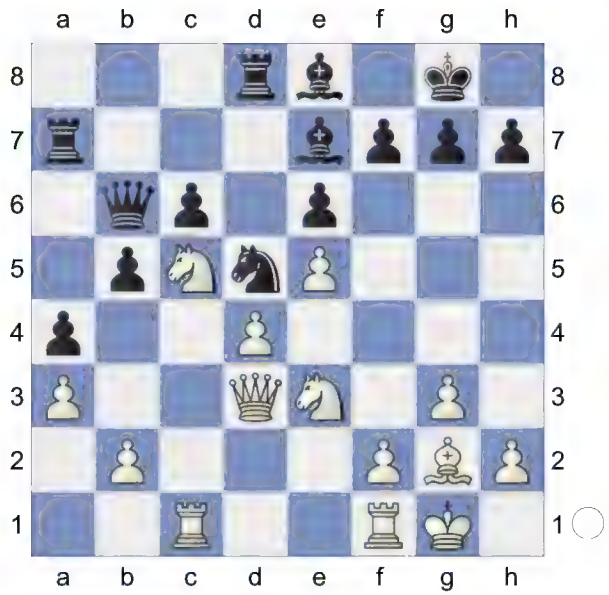


21.Be4 h6 22.Rfd1 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'The engines still prefer White, but the World Champion has minimized White's superiority (compared, for example, to the previous note where the queenside grip was more evident) whilst giving himself the potential for counter-activity, as soon becomes clear.'' Flear,Glenn: 'The engines still prefer White, but the World Champion has minimized White's superiority (compared, for example, to the previous note where the queenside grip was more evident) whilst giving himself the potential for counter-activity, as soon becomes clear.' **22...Qb8 23.Qe2 b4** Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' '!' Flear,Glenn: 'Counterplay!'' **24.Ng4!** Black was already dominated, now White tries to mate!

[24.Nc4 Cabrilo,Goran Qb5 25.Bd3 bxa3 26.Nxa3 Qb8 27.Nc4±]

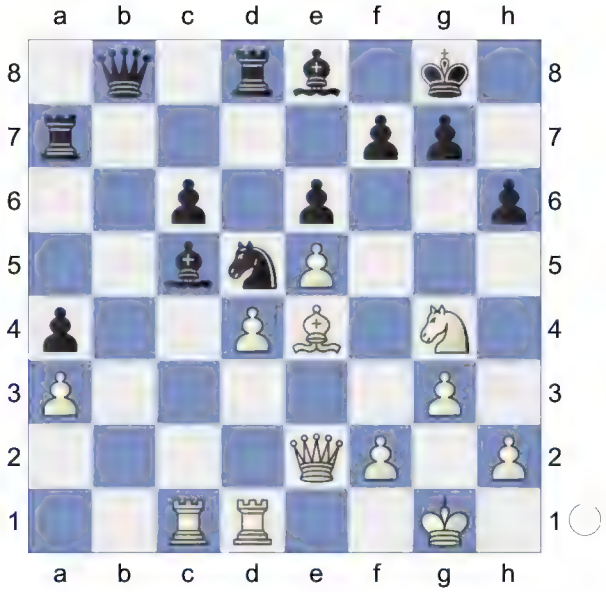
[24.h4± Cabrilo,Goran]

24...bxa3

[24...Ra5 Cabrilo,Goran: '=!' Cabrilo, Goran: 'followed by ...Bxc5, might be better.' Flear,Glenn: '=!' '=!' was a better move.]

25.bxa3 Bxc5? You should normally accept this exchange only if it changes White's structure - or if you have really no other choice!

[25...Ra5 Cabrilo,Goran: '⩲' '⩲' '⩲' Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '!?' '!?' '!?'' was again a better move. 26.Ne3 Cabrilo,Goran Bxc5 27.dxc5 Rb5 28.Nc4! Rxc5 29.Qd2↑]



Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '?' Flear, Glenn: 'Poor timing, as this bishop will soon be missed!'' **26.Rxc5 Rb7** 0.95/22

[26...Kf8± 0.48/21]

27.Bc2± Cabrilo,Goran: '±' '±' '±'. White is much more active.Everything's wrong in Black's position! **27...Ne7** 1.44/23 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Diagram

[⩱27...h5 1.07/24 Cabrilo,Goran 28.Ne3 g6 29.Qd3 Nxe3 30.Qxe3±]

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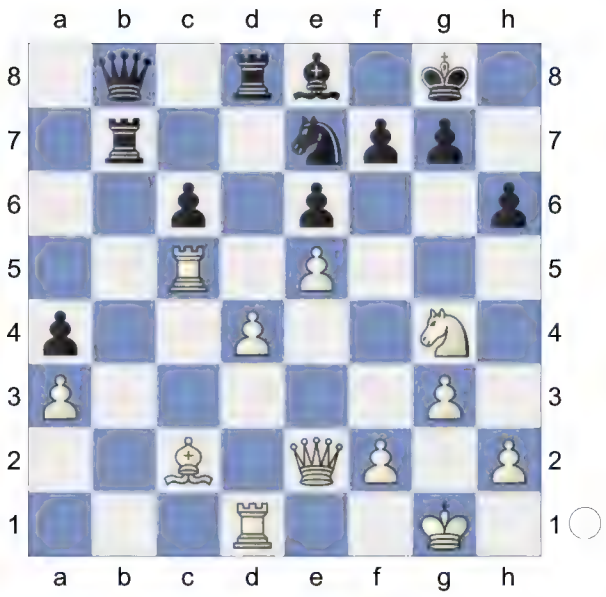
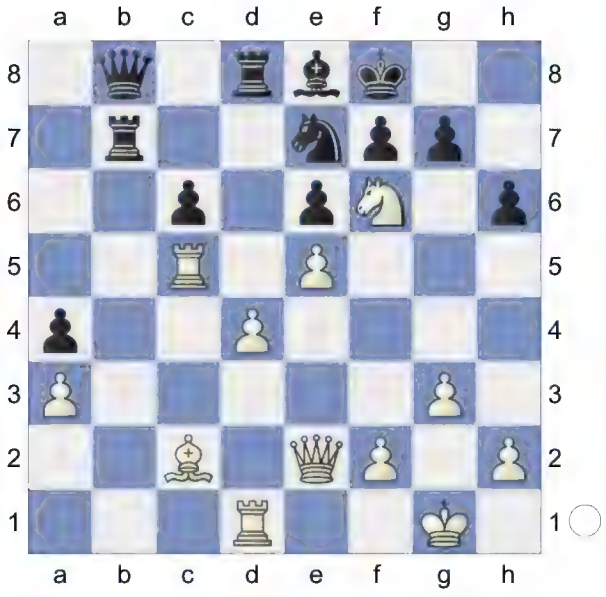


Flear,Glenn: '?!' '?!' '?!'' **28.Nf6+!** Cabrilo,Goran: '!' '!' '!' Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' 'Suddenly the attack is dangerous." **28...Kf8**

[28...gxf6 2.38/26 28...Kg8-f8 1.35 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '?' '?' '?' Flear,Glenn: 'won't do because of'' 29.exf6 Ng6 30.Qe3 Qd6 *(30...Kh7? #4/10 30...Qb8-d6 2.37 Cabrilo,Goran 31.Rh5+-)* 31.h4+- Qf8 Cabrilo,Goran 32.h5! Rbd7 33.hxg6 fxg6 34.Rxc6+-]

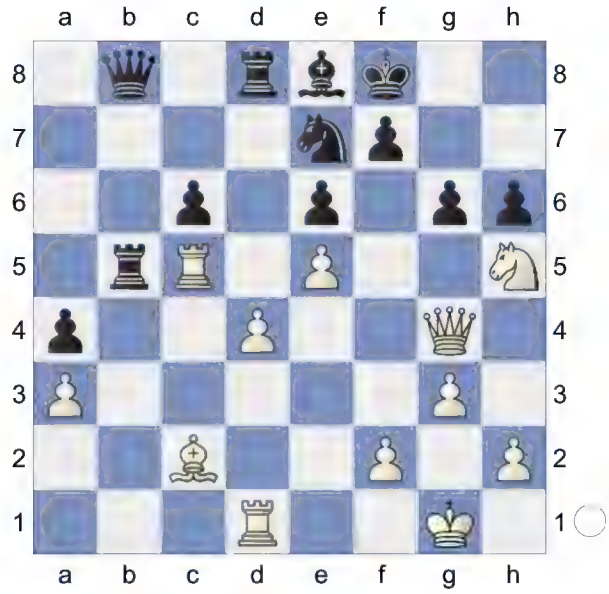


29.Qg4! Rb5

[29...gxf6?? 16.69/23 29...Ne7-d5 1.46 30.exf6 Ng6 31.Qh5+- *(31.Bxa4 Rd5∓)*]

[29...Rb2 30.Nh5]

30.Nh5 g6



...Rb5xc5 would now be deadly. **31.Qf4 Nf5** 3.23/23

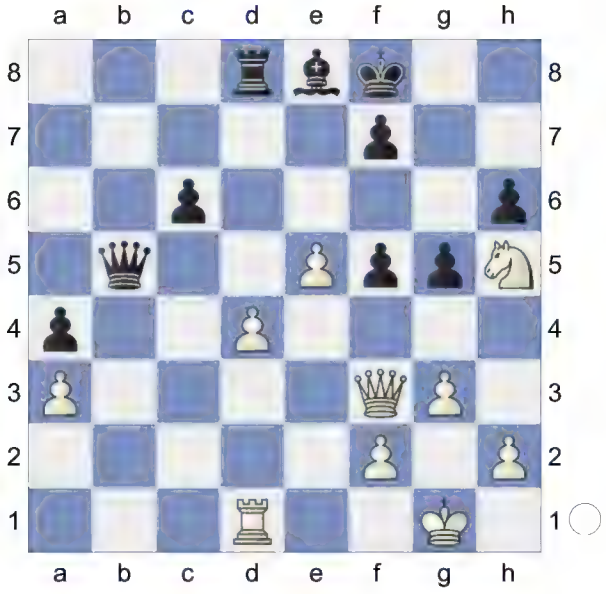
[31...Ng8 1.78/23 Cabrilo,Goran. Hoping for ...Rb5xc5. was worth a try. 32.Nf6 Rxc5 33.dxc5 g5 34.Rxd8 Qxd8 35.Nh7+ Kg7 36.Qe3 Qd5 37.Qc3±]

[Much weaker is 31...gxh5 32.Qxh6+ Kg8 33.Rxb5 *(33.Qxh5 Ng6∓)* 33...cxb5+- 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Qh8+ *(35.Qh6+ Kg8+-)* 35...Ng8 36.Bh7+- *(36.Qxh5? Qb6-+)*]

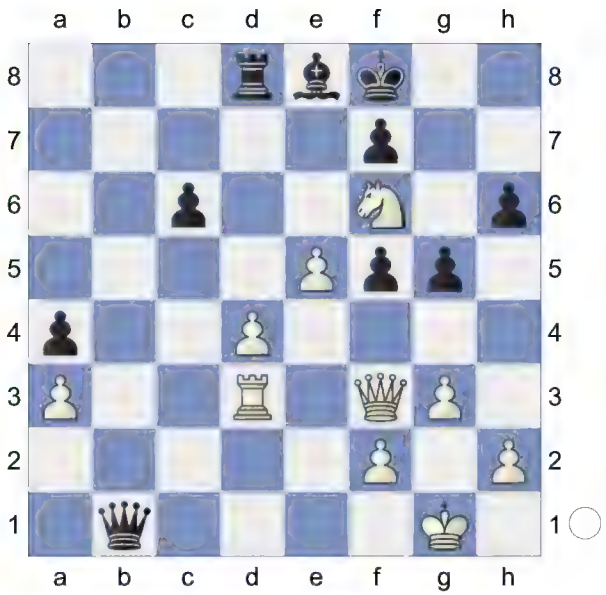
32.Rxb5+- Qxb5 33.Bxf5 g5 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'Resourceful as always, but this tempo gain shouldn't be enough to drag himself out of the swamp.'' Flear,Glenn: 'Resourceful as always, but this tempo gain shouldn't be enough to drag himself out of the swamp.' **34.Qf3** 1.55/21 Cabrilo,Goran: '+-' '+-' '+-' Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: '?!' '?!' '?!''

[34.Qe3!? was even stronger: exf5 35.e6+- Against Be8-d7]
[Flear,Glenn: 'Giri needed to find' 34.Qc1+- 3.55/24 (Cabrilo,Goran) Flear,Glenn: '!' '!' '!' and White stays clearly on top. exf5 35.h4 Flear,Glenn: '+-!' '+-!' '+-!' Flear,Glenn: 'to put the World Champion's kingside to the sword.'
A) 35...Qe2? 5.21/23 35...f5-f4 2.91 36.Qc5+ Kg8 37.Nf6+ Kg7 38.Rf1 1.78/20 *(⌓38.Rb1 4.37/19* Threatens to win with Qc5-e7. *f4 39.gxf4)* 38...gxh4+- 39.Qe7+-;
B) 35...f4 36.gxf4 f5 37.Nf6 gxh4 38.d5 cxd5? 7.39/17 *(38...Kf7* 3.76/16 *39.d6 Qb3)* 39.Qc7+-]

34...exf5±

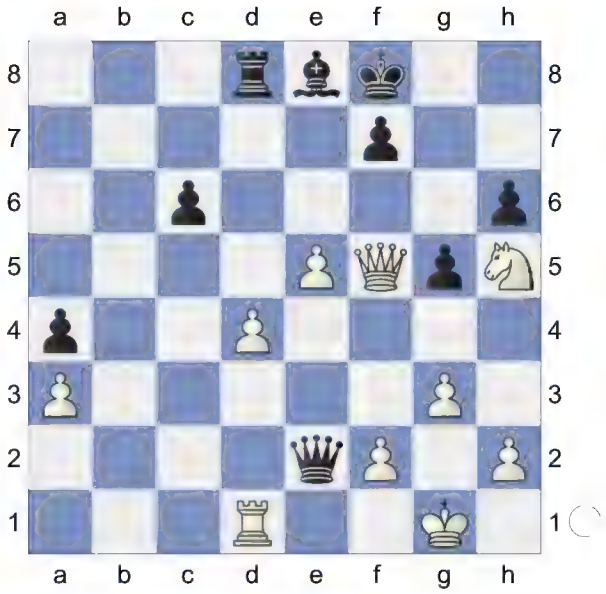


35.Qxf5?? -0.01/23 Cabrilo,Goran: '?' '?' '?' Flear,Glenn: '?' '?'A model game spoiled by one blunder!
[White should play 35.Nf6!+- 1.68/22 Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'would still be heavily favourable to the Dutchman.''. aiming for Qf3-h5! Qb3 36.Rd3+- *(36.Kg2; 36.Qxf5?* perishes. *Qxd1+ 37.Kg2 Qxd4-+)* 36...Qb1+



Cabrilo,Goran 37.Kg2! c5 38.d5 Bb5 39.Rd1 Qc2 40.Re1+- Against Bb5-e2]

35...Qe2↑

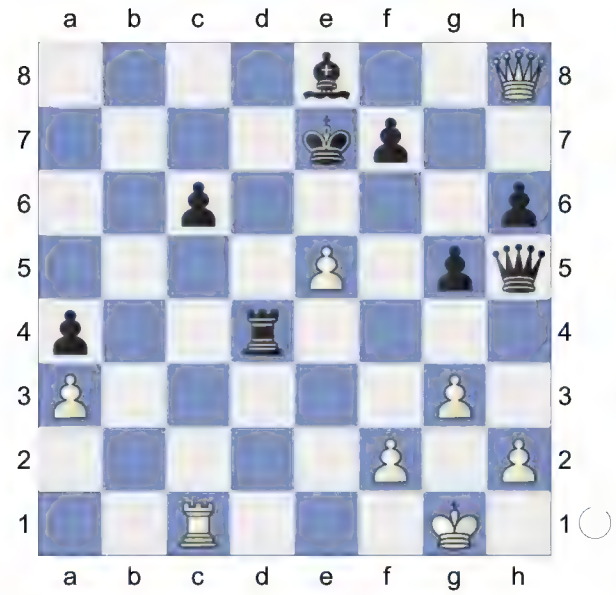


Cabrilo,Goran: '=' '=' '=' Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear,Glenn: 'Forking two pieces! Carlsen wriggles out...and not for the first time!''. Black is pushing. The position is equal. **36.Rc1** Luckily White has this move and saves a draw! **36...Qxh5 37.Qf6!** Cabrilo,Goran: 'Flear, Glenn: 'White can at least console himself with the fact that he still has a

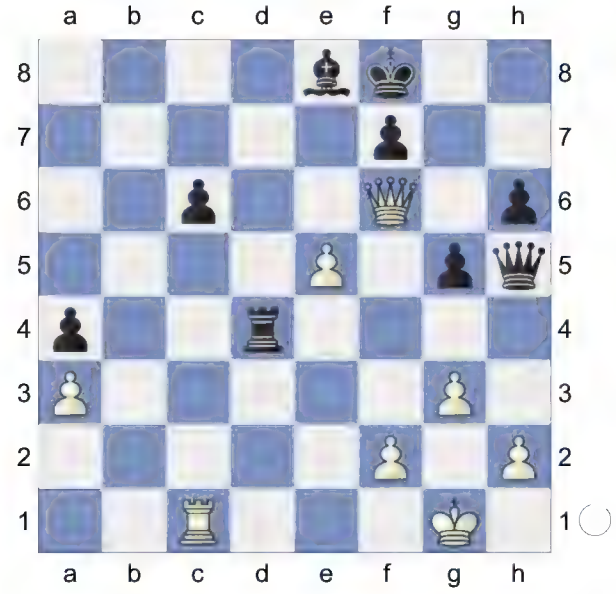
draw." Flear,Glenn: 'White can at least console himself with the fact that he still has a draw.' **37...Rxd4**

[37...Rc8!? 38.Qh8+□ Ke7 39.Qf6+ Kf8 40.Qh8+ Ke7 41.Qf6+ Kf8=]

38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.Qf6+ Kf8 40.Qh8+ Ke7



41.Qf6+ Kf8



Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

½-½

70 **D52**

□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2761**

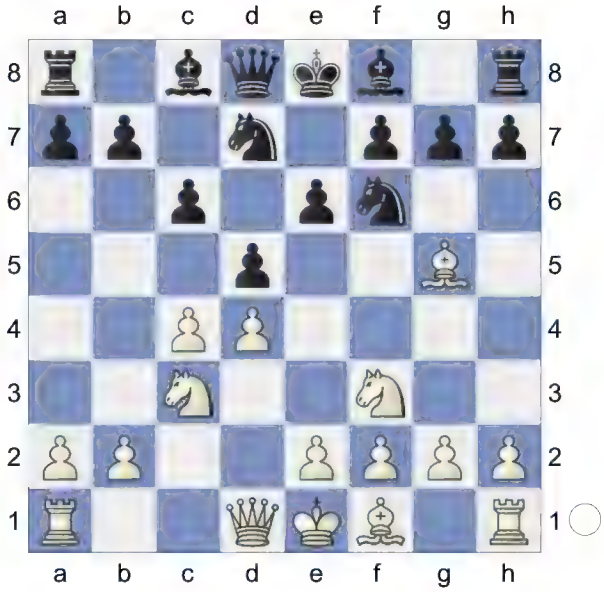
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**

GCT Blitz Paris 2017 (14.1) 25.06.2017

[Yermolinsky,Alex]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Yermolinsky,A Yermolinsky,A Yermolinsky,A **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

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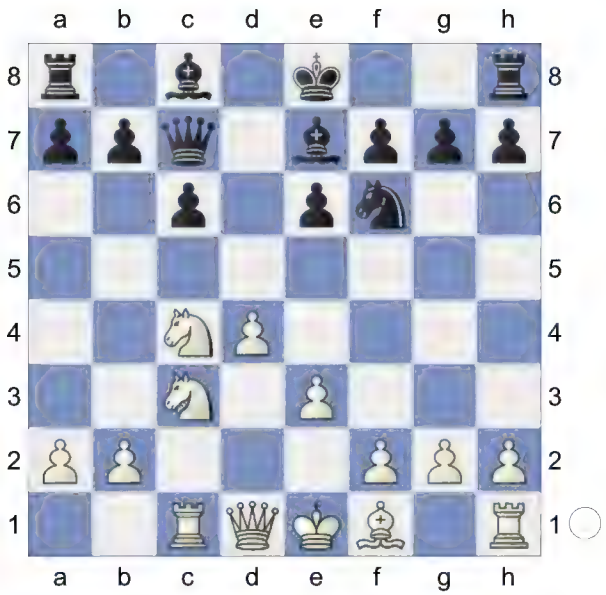


11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Qb3N

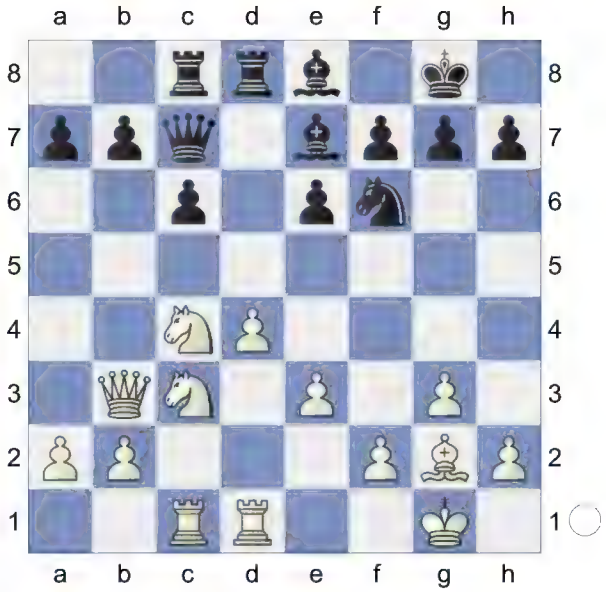
[14.e4

A) 14...b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Qd2 *(17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rd2* Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4*)* 17...Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 F-F (38) Janata (2489)-6.♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1];

B) 14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w]

[14.Qc2 Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 Bc3 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3)]

14...Rac8 15.Rfd1 Be8



16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 b5 18.Nd2 h6 19.Bg2 Yermolinsky,A: 'Nothing special here, just a regular Catalan type of position.' 'Nothing special here, just a regular Catalan type of position. **19...c5!?**

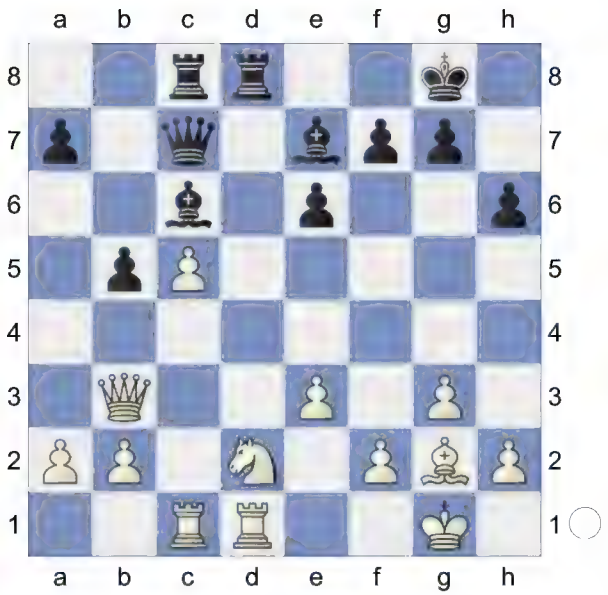
[Yermolinsky,A: 'The alternative' The alternative 19...e5 Yermolinsky,A: 'could even qualify as a winning attempt.' could even qualify as a winning attempt.]

20.dxc5 Bc6?! 0.86/21 Positionally sound, but Magnus missed one tactical detail.

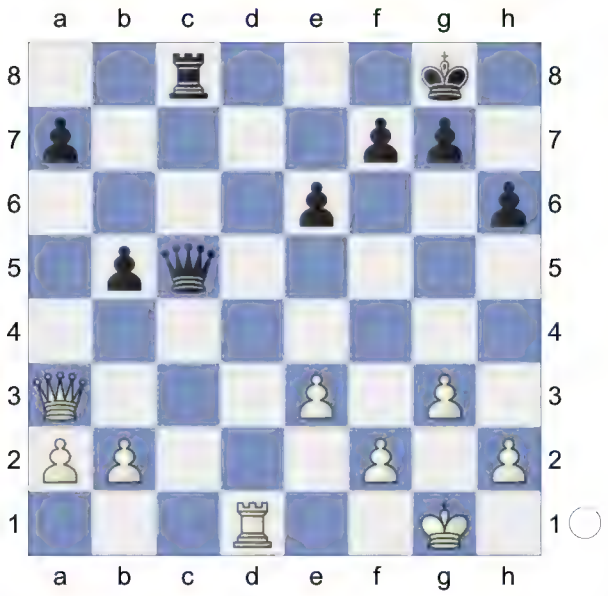
[Yermolinsky,A: 'Instead,'Instead, 20...Qb8 Yermolinsky,A: 'would have likely gotten the pawn back without any surprises.' 'would have likely gotten the pawn back without any surprises. 21.Ne4 *(21.c6 Qb6)* 21...Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 f5=]

[20...Qb8= 0.25/23 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)



Yermolinsky,A: 'Positionally sound, but Magnus missed one tactical detail.'
21.Bxc6± Qxc6 22.Qa3 Rd5
Threatens to win with ...Qc6-d7.
[22...Bxc5? 23.b4+-]
23.Nb3 And now Rd1xd5 would win.
[23.Qxa7 Bxc5 24.Qa5 Rcd8∓ *(24...Ra8 25.Qc3=)*]
23...Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Bxc5 25.Nxc5
[25.Qxc5 simplifies Qxc5 26.Nxc5 Rxc5 27.Rd8+]
25...Qxc5 Endgame.



KQR-KQR **26.Rd8+!** Yermolinsky,A: 'Here it is!'. DeflectionHere it is!
26...Kh7! 27.Qd3+ f5 Yermolinsky,A: 'Magnus really had no choice.' Magnus really had no choice.
[Yermolinsky,A: 'In case of'In case of 27...g6 0.89/26 27...f7-f5 0.38 Yermolinsky,A: 'White could even think of' White could even think of 28.Qd7!? *(28.Rxc8* 0.67/23 28.Qd3-d7 1.08 *Qxc8 29.Qxb5* Yermolinsky,A: 'is similar to the game. White retains good winning chances. ' is similar to the game. White retains good winning chances.*)* 28...Qc1+ *(28...Rxd8 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.Qf6+ Kh7 31.Qxd8* Qd8-d7+ would now be deadly. *Kg7 32.Qe8* Yermolinsky,A: 'is a very difficult endgame for Black. His king is forever exposed to checks, thus increasing the power of the white queen.' is a very difficult endgame for Black. His king is forever exposed to checks, thus increasing the power of the white queen. *)*

29.Kg2! Qc6+ 30.Qxc6 Rxc6 31.Rd7 Kg7 32.Rxa7 Rc2 33.b4 Yermolinsky,A: 'and Black has to fight for a draw.'and Black has to fight for a

draw.]

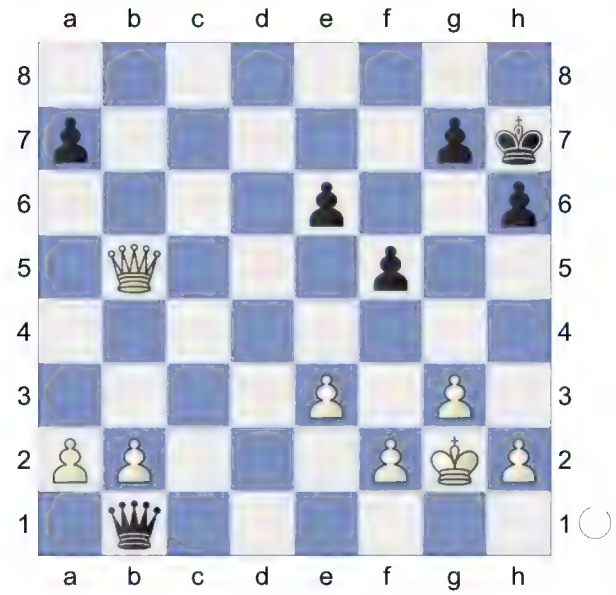
28.Rxc8 Qxc8 29.Qxb5= KQ-KQ

29...Qc1+ 0.96/22

[29...Qc2= 0.16/24]

30.Kg2± Qb1 1.36/24

[Black should try 30...Qc2 0.86/24]



31.Qa4! Qd3 1.91/23

[31...Qxb2 2.17/22 31...e6-e5 1.41 32.Qxa7 Qc2 33.Qa8!+- Yermolinsky, A: 'He who controls the long diagonal will prevail.'. Repels Qc2-c6+ He who controls the long diagonal will prevail. e5 34.a4 e4 35.Qa5 Kg6 36.Qb6+ Kh7 37.a5 Qd1? 5.61/25 *(37...f4 2.60/22 38.gxf4 Qd1)* 38.Qd4+- Qe2 39.Qd5 Dodges Qe2-b5]

[31...e5± 1.34/23 32.b3 *(32.Qxa7 Qe4+ 33.Kh3 Qc2=)* 32...Qc2]

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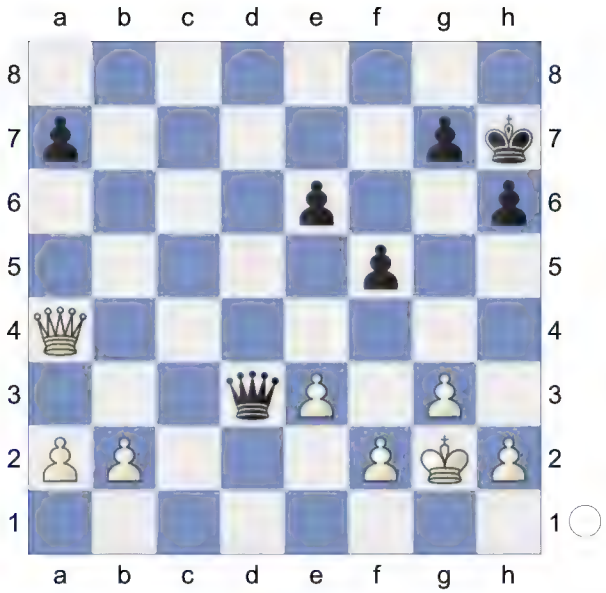


32.Qd4? 0.37/24 Yermolinsky,A: 'A big misstep.' A big misstep.

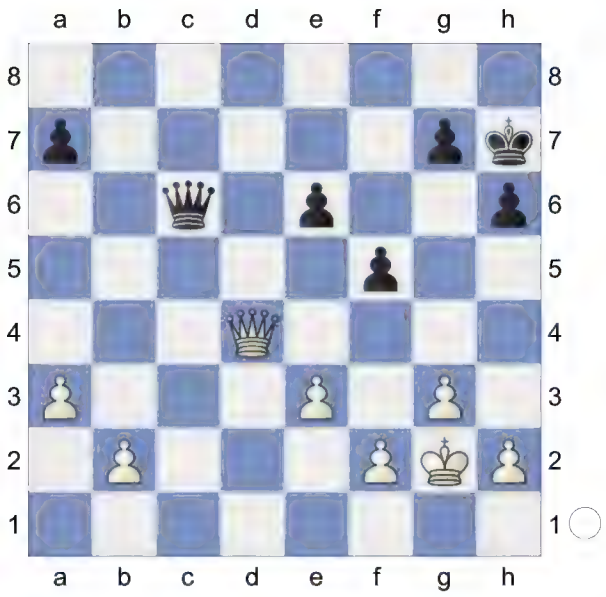
[Yermolinsky,A: 'Keeping own king safe is the key to success in queen endgames. Therefore,'Keeping own king safe is the key to success in queen endgames. Therefore, 32.Qc6! e5 33.b4 Qd1 34.Qf3 Qc2 2.27/23 *(34...Qd7± 1.59/23 keeps fighting. 35.h3 g6)* 35.b5+-]

[Weaker is 32.Qxa7 Qe4+ 33.Kg1 Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Qe4+ 35.Kg1 *(35.Kh3 Qh1=)* 35...Qb1+ 36.Kg2 Qe4+=]

[32.Qc6!+- 1.91/23]

32...Qa6± 33.a3 Qc6+ 34.Kg1 Qc1+ 35.Kg2 Qc6+

(Diagram)

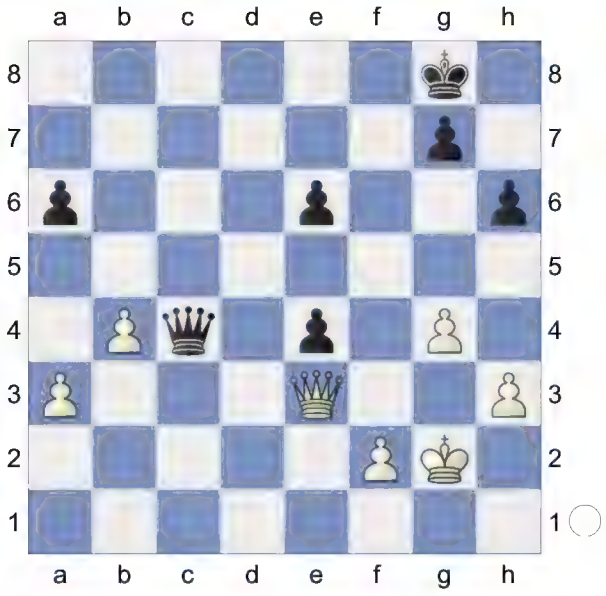


36.e4! Yermolinsky,A: 'White's only chance to play on.'White's only chance to play on. **36...fxe4 37.Qe3 a6 38.b4 Kg8 39.g4** 0.01/22

[39.Qc5± 0.55/20 Qd5 40.Qxd5 exd5 41.a4]

39...Qd5= 40.h3 Qc4?! There was no need to move the queen away.

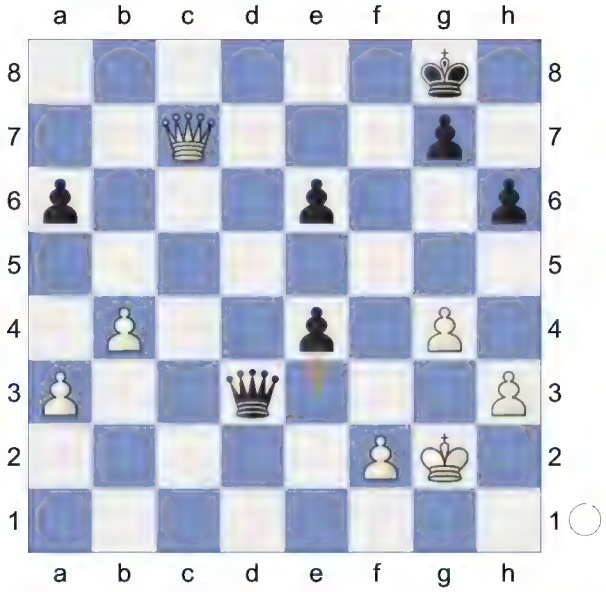
[40...Kf7 41.f3 Qa2+ 42.Kg3 exf3 43.Qxf3+ Kg6=]



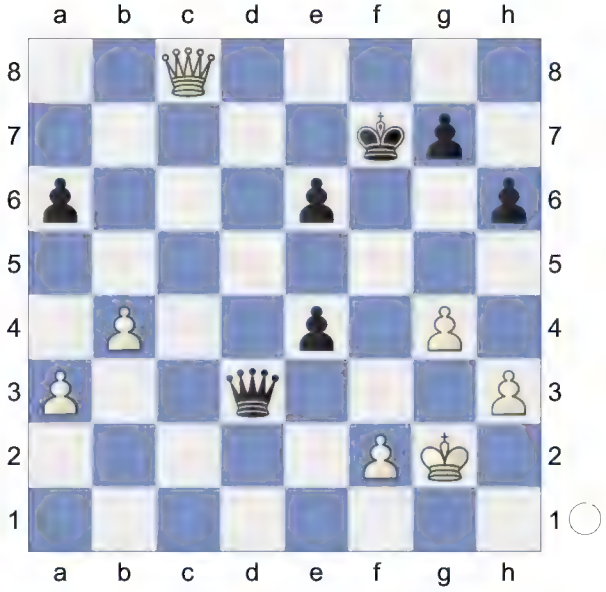
Yermolinsky,A: 'There was no need to move the queen away.' **41.Qc5 Qd3 42.Qc8+** Yermolinsky,A: 'Sasha just about ran out of time.'Sasha just about ran out of time.

[Yermolinsky,A: 'I can't see a perpetual after'I can't see a perpetual after 42.a4 Qf3+ 43.Kh2 Qf4+ 44.Kg1±]

42...Kf7! 43.Qc7+ Kg8 44.Qc8+ Kf7! 45.Qc7+ Kg8



46.Qc8+ Kf7!



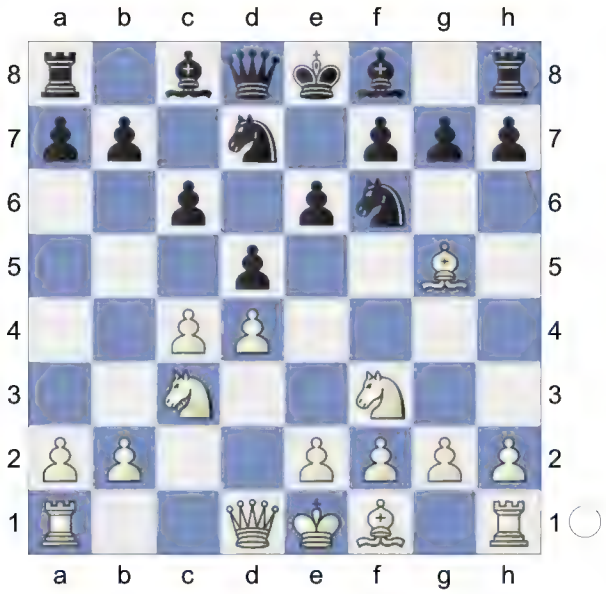
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

71 **D52**
□ **Wang,Hao** **2758**
■ **Moussard,Jules** **2600**
Gibraltar Masters 18th (4) 24.01.2020
[Krasenkow,Michal]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



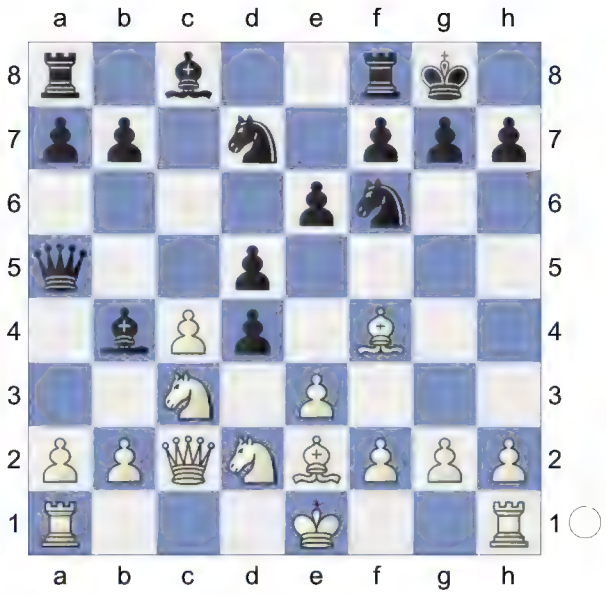
6.e3 Qa5 7.Qc2 A rare order of moves, leading to a relatively fresh position, which is a common opening strategy nowadays. **7...Bb4 8.Nd2** Preventing ... b7-b5. Other options: **8...0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.Bf4**

[10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qb6 *(11...Qd8 12.Nxd4 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Bxd8 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Rxd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Rfb1 Nc5 18.a4 Bd7 19.a5 Rac8 20.Rb4* The Cambridge Springs Defence-Chapter 2 - 7. ♘d2 2018 *)* 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Nxd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.Rac1 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rfd1 Qe5 20.Bf4 Qa5 21.b4 Qxb4 22.Bd6 Qa5 23.Bxf8 Nxf8 24.Bb3 Qh5+ (88) Grischuk,A (2771)-Shirov,A (2735) 110/242 Moscow 2010]

10...cxd4N

[10...Re8 11.0-0 cxd4 12.exd4 keeping an extra pawn e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5]

[10...b6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ba6 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rfc8 15.Qa2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qd5 17.Rfc1 g5 18.Bg3 Ne4 19.Rc2 Rc6 20.Ne5 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Rc8 22.Qb2 Bxe2 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxe2 Rc3 25.Qb5 ½-½ (32) 21.Qc4 (2565)-Bancroft,H (2638) ESP-chT Lanzarote 2003 (4.1)]



11.exd4 dxc4 12.Nxc4! The position is equal. It is important to establish control over the d5 square. **12...Qd5 13.0-0 Qxd4** Black forces the exchange on e6 at the price of delay in development, and White immediately starts an attack. **14.Bg3** Threatens to win with Ra1-d1.

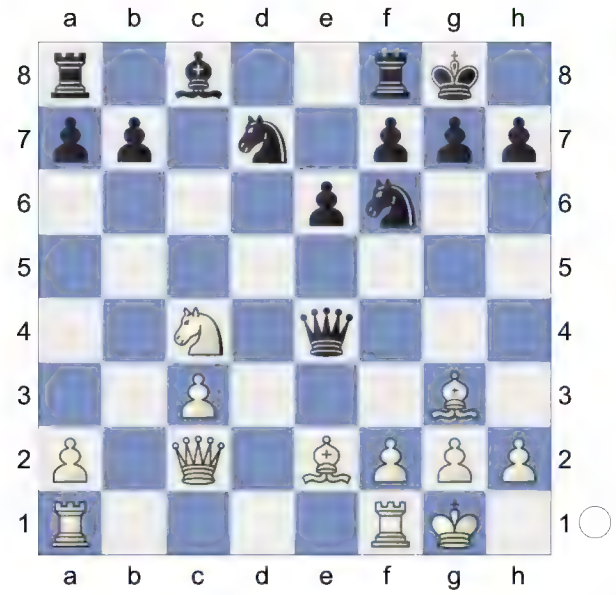
[14.Be3!? Qh4□ 15.Rfd1∓]

14...Bxc3

[14...Be7 15.Rfd1 *(15.Nb5 Qc5)* 15...Qc5 16.Rac1 is possible. Black's

f4 pawn is very strong, and White will have to give a perpetual after all. Nb6!? e.g. 17.Nd6!? Qg5 18.Bf3 *(18.h4* 0.11/19 18.Be2-f3 0.76 *Qg6 19.Bd3 Qh5)* 18...Nfd5 19.Rd4 0.21/18 *(19.h4±* 0.59/19 *Qf6 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Nxc8)* 19...Bd7= 20.Nxb7 *(20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bh4 Qe5; 20.Bh4 Qe5; 20.Rg4 Qh6±)* 20...Rac8 *(20...Rfc8)* 21.Bh4 Qe5∞ 22.Re4 prevents Bg5-h6 but White keeps initiative, say, after *(22.Bxe7!? Nxe7 23.Rdd1∓)* 22...Qb8 . Black is a pawn up but completely passive. 23.Bxe7!? Nxe7? 24.Na5 Nbd5]

15.bxc3 Qe4



Forcing g4-g5 in an attempt to shut the kingside. **16.Qb2 Qc6**

[16...Nh5 17.Bxh5 *(17.Nd6 Qg6; 17.Bd6* -0.39/20 17.Nc4-d6 0.61 *Nf4; 17.Nd6!? Qg6□ 18.Rad1 Nxg3 19.hxg3±)* 17...Qxc4 Comparing to positions arising after 36...Rb8, there is a "minor" difference: White has gained two queenside pawns. That is quite enough to win.

A) 18.Bf3 e5 19.Rfd1 Re8;

B) 18.Rfd1 e5 19.h3 Nf6 20.Be2 Qc7;

C) 18.Rfe1 0.19/20 18.Bh5-e2 -0.40 Nb6! 0.60/21 *(18...e5=* 0.19/20 was preferrable. *)* 19.Bf3 Nd5;

D) 18.Rad1 e5 The overall conclusion: 7.g4! is quite dangerous, and 6...Nbd7 is rather dubious. 19.Be2□ Qc7 20.Rfe1 -0.34/22 *(20.Rd5=* 0.10/19 *)*

D1) 20...Nb6 0.13/17 20...f7-f6 -0.36 holding on or even 21.Bd3!

D1a) 21...Bg4 0.80/20 21...f7-f6 0.00Of course, this was not easy to find and evaluate over he board. 22.Bxe5 Qc8 23.Qb1 *(23.f3* 0.32/22 23.Qb2-b1 0.94Even *23...Bf5!?)* 23...h6 *(23...Bxd1?* 2.50/22 23...h7-h6 0.95 *24.Bxh7+ Kh8= 25.Qxd1* White wants to mate with Qd1-h5. *Kxh7 26.Qh5+ Kg8∓ 27.Bxg7!)* 24.f3;

D1b) 21...f6 22.Qc2 , and Black's f4 pawn guarantees him sufficient counterplay in any case. If g6 then;

D2) 20...f6;

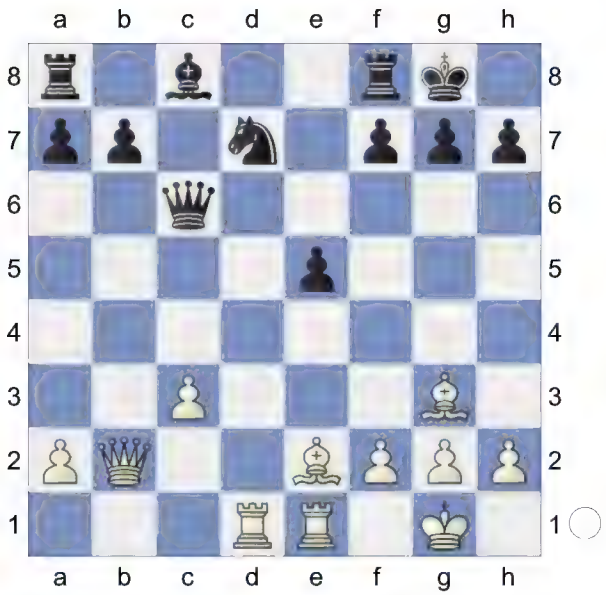
E) 18.Bd6 Re8! 19.Bf3 -0.06/21 Prevents Qc4-d5. *(19.Be2±* 0.39/19 *Qd5 20.Rad1)* 19...e5= 20.Bxb7 -0.43/21 *(20.Rad1=* 0.00/18 *)* 20...Bxb7∓ 21.Qxb7 Nb6]

17.Nd6 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4

Otherwise Black will not be able to castle: **19.Rad1! Qf5**

[19...e5 20.Rfe1 Qc6 1.33/21 *(20...f6; ⌓20...Qg6* 0.76/20 *)*

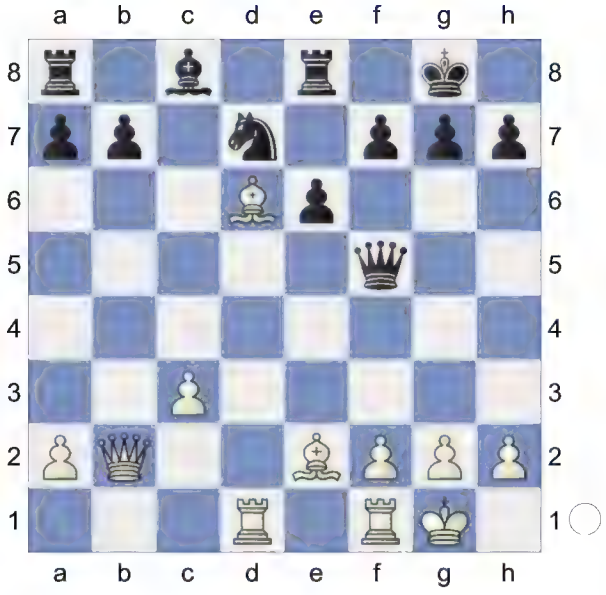
(Diagram)



21.Bb5!± Qc7? 1.57/22
(Black should play *21...Qb6* 1.05/20 *22.Qb4 a5*) 22.Qd2]

20.Bd6! White has strong compensation.

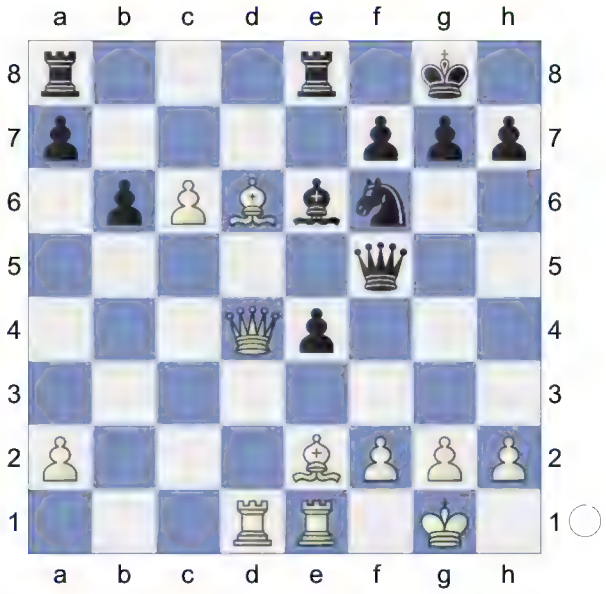
20...Re8



21.c4 e5!
[21...Nf6 1.12/21 21...Qf5-a5 0.62 Enough for equality but Black must play accurately. 22.c5 Bd7 1.60/20 (⌓*22...e5* 0.78/20) 23.Qxb7]

22.c5 There was no need to give up this pawn. **22...b6** 1.47/19
[⌓22...Nf6 0.81/19]

23.c6± Nf6 24.Rfe1 e4 25.Qd4 White has more active pieces. **25...Be6** 2.33/18
[25...e3± 1.28/17 was necessary.]



26.Ba6!+- Black is weak on the dark squares **26...Qd5** 3.45/22
[⌓26...Qg6 2.17/19 27.Bb7 (*27.c7 Bc8+-*) 27...h6]

27.Bb7 This pair of bishops is nice.

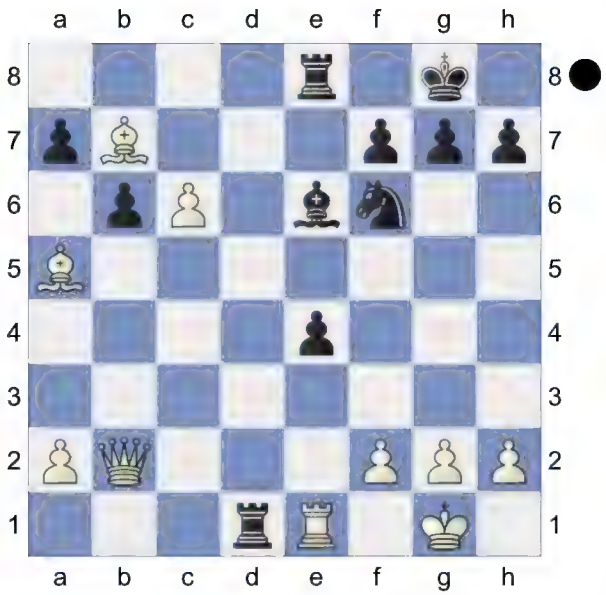
27...Rad8 28.Qb2? 1.09/22
[28.Qa4+- 3.19/20 is more deadly. b5 29.Qb4 (*29.Qxa7 Qc4+-*)]

28...Qa5 2.13/21
[28...Rxd6± 1.09/22 was called for. 29.Rxd5 Bxd5]

29.Bb4!? Risky but interesting. Otherwise Black has no problems.
[But not 29.c7? Rxd6 (*29...Qxa2?* is the wrong capture. *30.Qxa2 Bxa2 31.cxd8B+-*) 30.h3 Rd3-+ (*30...Qxa2? 31.Qxa2 Rxd1 32.Qe2+-*)]

29...Rxd1? 7.94/22
[29...Qf5 30.c7 Rxd1 A bit too passive. 31.Rxd1!]
[29...Qa4 2.19/22 30.Rxd8 Rxd8]

30.Bxa5



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1-0

72 **D52**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2755**
■ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2713**
10. World Teams 2015 (7.2) 26.04.2015
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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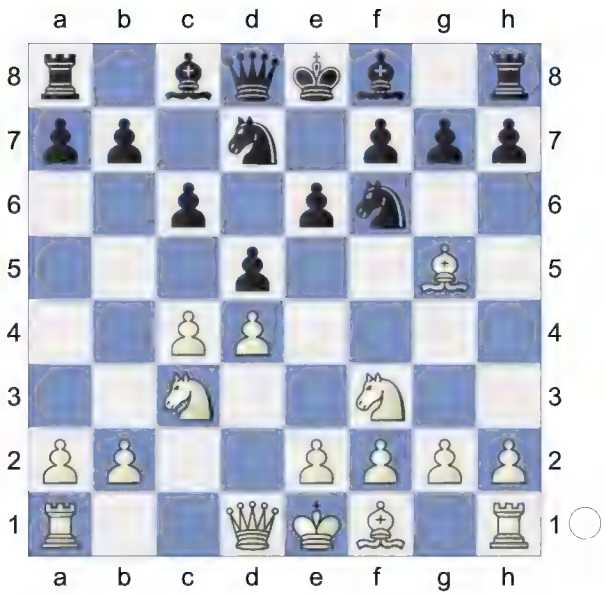
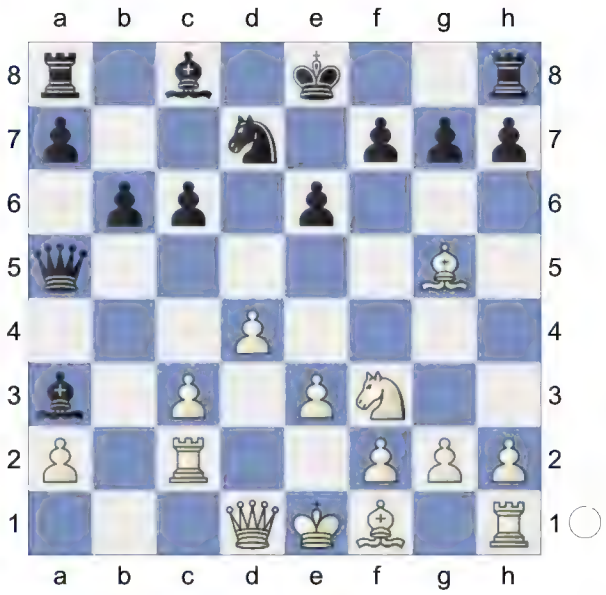


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 b6



11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Rd1 Rfe8 15.Bf4 Rac8

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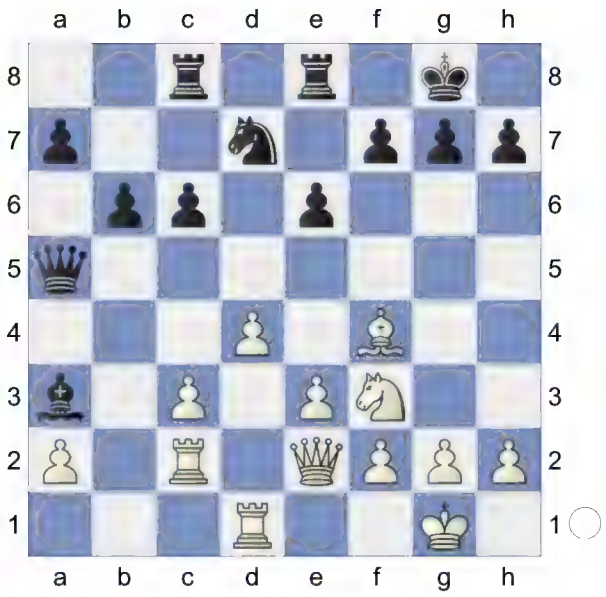
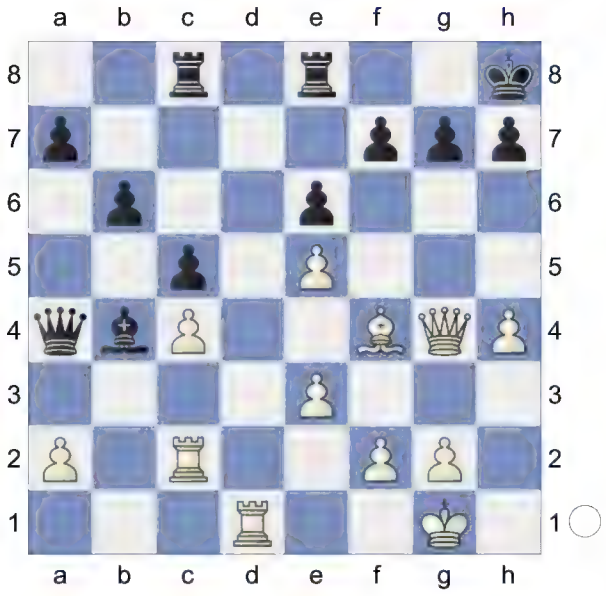
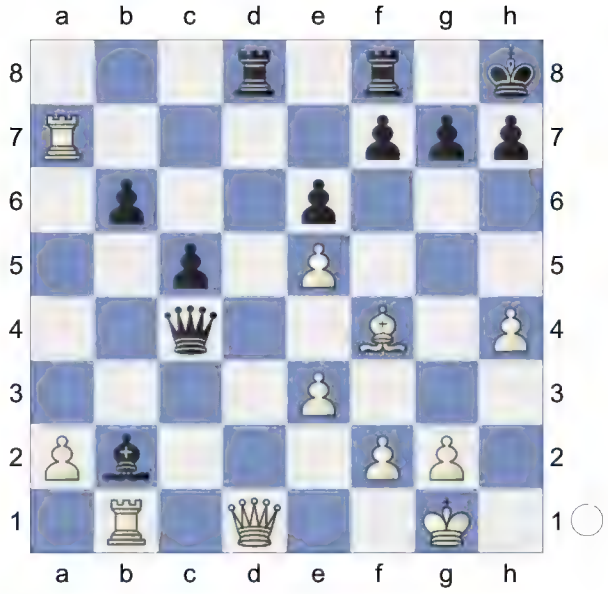


16.c4 c5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb4
19.Qg4 Threatens to win with Bf4-h6.
19...Kh8 20.h4 Qa4



Wards off Rd1-d7 **21.Rcc1N** 0.16/21
[21.Qe2± 0.64/23]
21...Ba3
[21...Qxa2 22.Rd7 Rf8 23.h5+-]
22.Rb1 -0.08/22
[White should try 22.Rc3± 0.45/23]
22...Qxc4 23.Rd7! Rf8 24.Rxa7→
White mounts an attack. **24...Bb2**
Decoy **25.Qd1** Dodges Qc4-c2
[25.Rxb2? Qc1+ 26.Kh2 Qxb2-+]

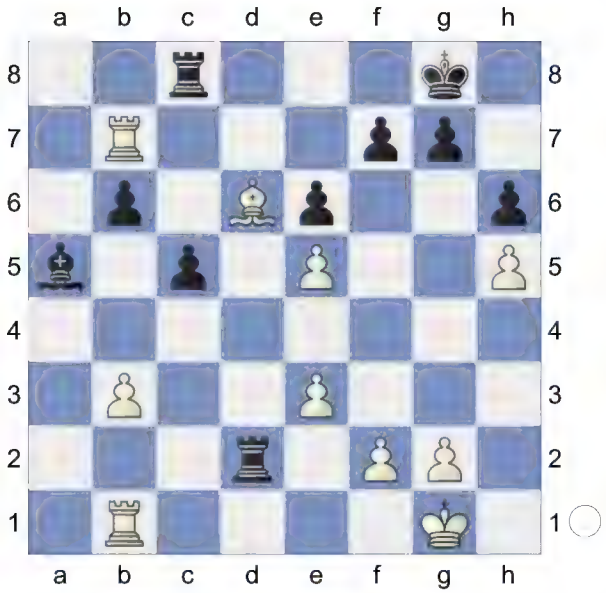
25...Rcd8!



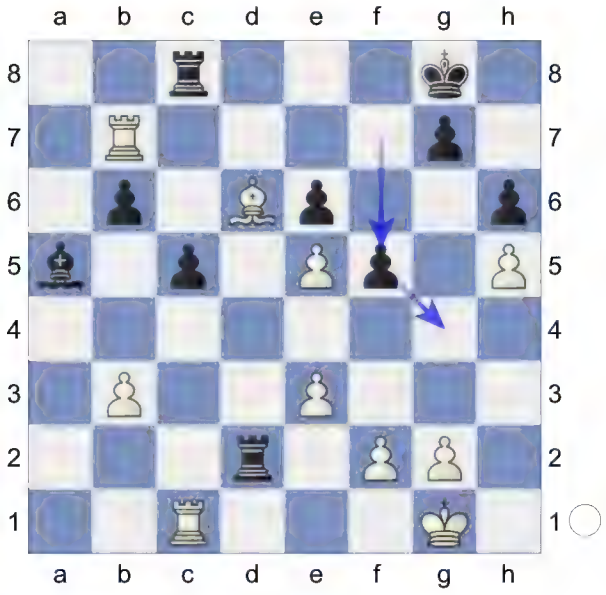
26.Qb3 Qxb3 27.axb3
[27.Re1 keeps more tension. Qd5 28.a4 Bxe5 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.a5]
27...Bc3 28.Rb7 Ba5 0.64/23
[28...Rb8= 0.01/24 29.Rc7 Rbc8]
29.Bg5± Rd2 30.Be7 Rc8

31.Bd6 Kg8 1.64/22
[31...f6± 1.06/23]
32.h5+- h6

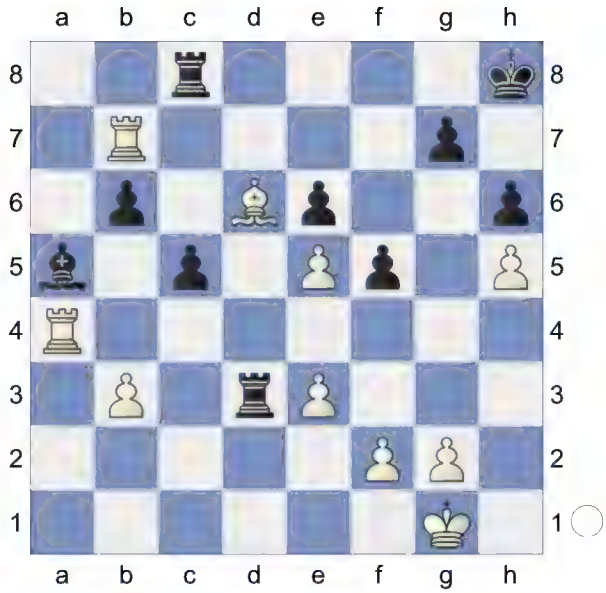
(Diagram)



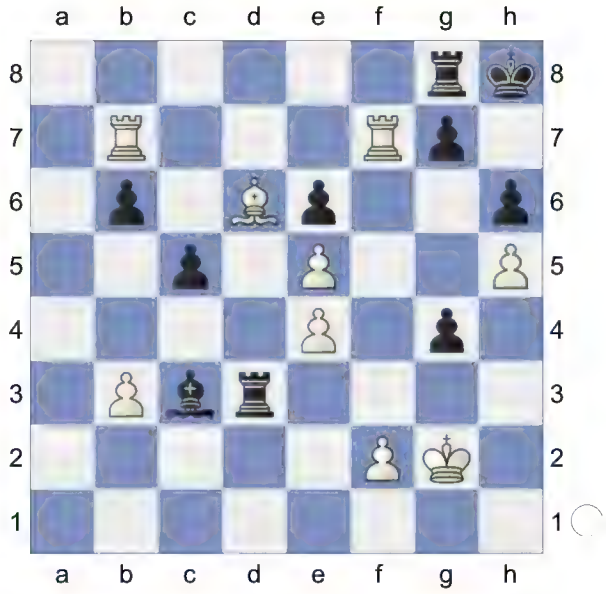
33.Rc1! f5



34.Rc4 0.94/22
[⌓34.g4! 1.52/22]
34...Rd3 1.51/23
[⌓34...Rd1+ 0.94/22 35.Kh2 Rf1]
35.Ra4 1.13/21
[⌓35.g4 1.51/23 aiming for g4xf5. Rxb3 36.gxf5 exf5 37.Rf4]
35...Kh8 2.62/21
[35...Rxb3? 36.Rxa5 Rb1+ 37.Kh2 bxa5 38.Rxb1+-]
[35...Rd1+± 1.13/21 36.Kh2 Rf1]

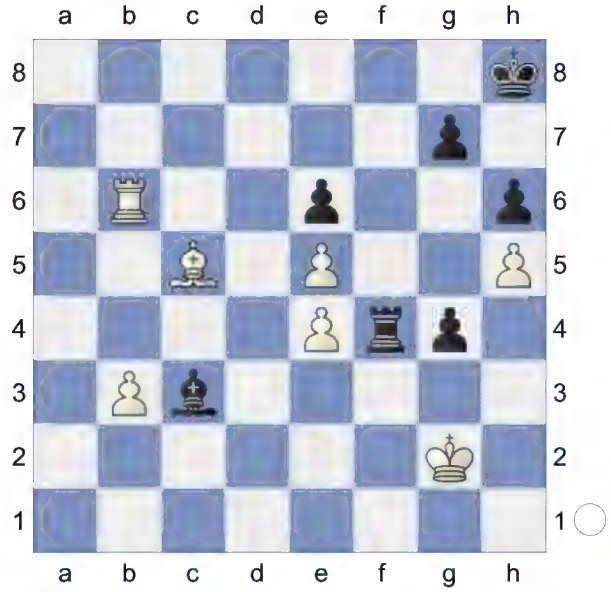


36.g4 And now g4xf5 would win.
36...fxg4 37.Rf4 1.53/23
[37.Rxg4+- 2.64/24 Rxb3 38.Rbxg7 *(38.Rgxg7 Rg8+-)*]
37...Rg8± 38.Rff7 0.53/23 White has more active pieces.
[38.Rxg4± 1.34/23 Rg4-g6 is the strong threat. Rxb3 39.Bxc5 Pin]
38...Bc3± 39.Kg2 Rd5 40.e4
[Much worse is 40.Rxb6 Bxe5 41.Bxe5 Rxe5=]
40...Rd3

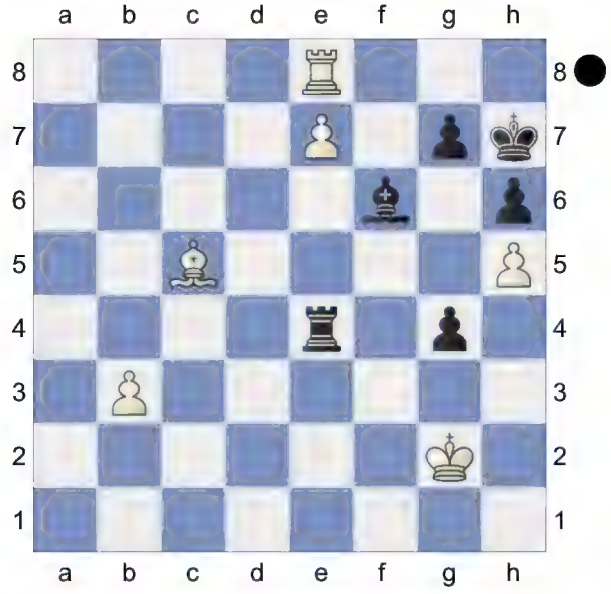


41.Rxb6 Rh3 42.f4 Strongly

threatening Bd6-f8.
[42.Bxc5 Bxe5 43.Rxe6 Rh2+ 44.Kf1 Rxh5∓]
42...Ra8 (-> ...Ra8-a2+). The position is equal. **43.Rf8+**
[43.Bxc5? is the wrong capture. Ra2+ 44.Kg1 Bd4+ 45.Bxd4 Rd3-+]
43...Rxf8 44.Bxf8= KRB-KRB **44...Rf3 45.Bxc5 Rxf4**



46.Rxe6 Rxe4 47.Re8+ Kh7 48.e6 Bf6 49.e7



Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

73 **D52**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2749**
■ **Savchenko,Boris** **2551**
Levitov Christmas Final (3.4) 25.12.2020
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

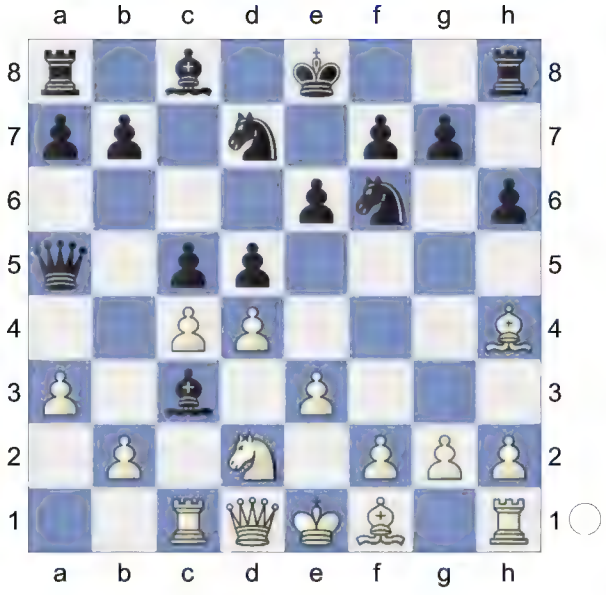
6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 h6N
[7...Bb4 8.Rc1 *(8.Qc2 0-0 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qd5 13.Bd3 b5 14.e4 Qg5 15.Ne5 Qxg2 16.0-0-0 Qg5+ 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Bb7 19.Ke3 c5 20.Rb1 a6 21.a4 Rfc8 22.axb5 axb5* ½-½ (31) Henzler,S (2655)-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2815) VW-Cup6 sf02 email 2015*)* 8...Ne4 *(8...0-0 9.Bh4 Re8 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Be2* 5) Semi-Slav:

Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 f5 *(15...e5 16.dxe5 a5 17.Ra2 Qb4 18.Rb2 Qc5 19.Nxe4 Qa7 20.e6 fxe6 21.h4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.c5 Qd8 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

8.Bh4 Bb4 9.Rc1 c5 0.71/20

[9...Bxc3= 0.23/20 10.Rxc3 Qxa2]

10.a3± Bxc3



11.Rxc3 b5 1.71/22 **12.Nb3** 0.74/22

[12.cxb5+- 1.71/22 c4 13.Bxc4]

12...Qc7 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.cxd5!

[14.dxc5? dxc4 *(14...bxc4 15.Nd2∓)* 15.Nd2 Qxc5∓]

[14.Nxc5 bxc4 15.b3 Rb8=]

14...c4 15.dxe6 Bxe6

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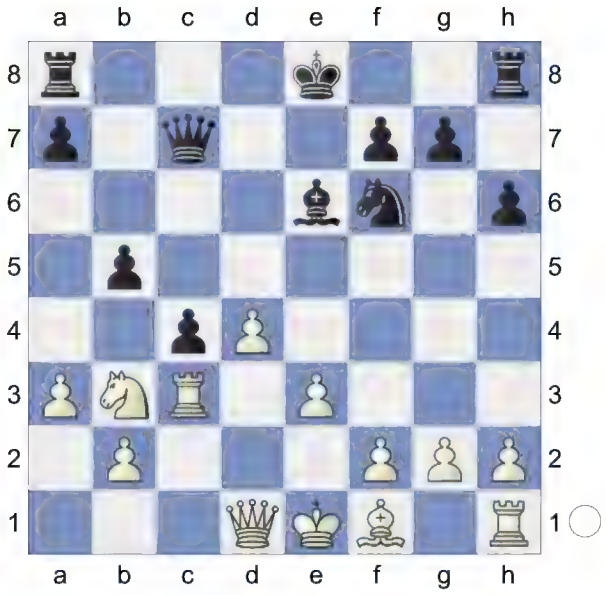


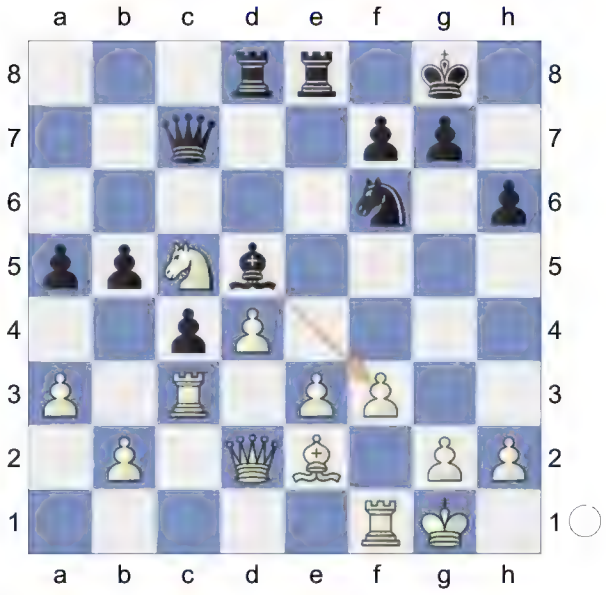
16.Nc5 Bd5 17.f3 0-0 18.Be2 a5 19.0-0 Rfe8 1.48/23

[⌓19...a4 0.84/20]

20.Qd2 0.98/20

[⌓20.e4 1.48/23]

20...Rad8



21.Nd3 -0.19/22 **Ba8 22.Nf4 g5 23.Nh3 Nd5 24.e4! Nxc3 25.bxc3 Qb6** 0.59/21

[25...b4∓ -0.36/21]

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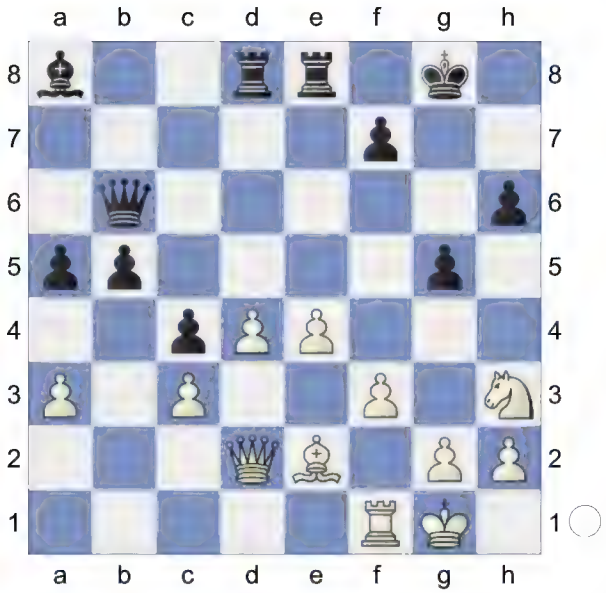

26.Rb1!± White has compensation.
26...Qc6 0.83/22
[26...Qc5!= 0.21/22]
27.Nf2± Rb8 28.Ng4 Qg6 1.28/21
[⌓28...Kg7 0.79/18]
29.Ne3? -1.99/22
[29.h4± 1.28/21 and life is bright.]
29...Bc6? 0.38/20
[Black should try 29...Bxe4!-+ -1.99/22 30.Rd1 *(30.fxe4? Qxe4 31.Rb2 Qxe3+-+)* 30...Bf5]
30.d5 -0.01/23
[30.Rf1± 0.38/20]
30...Bd7=

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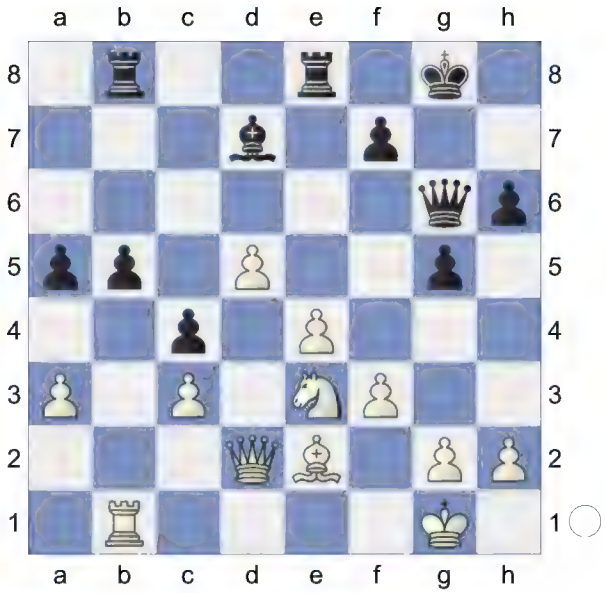
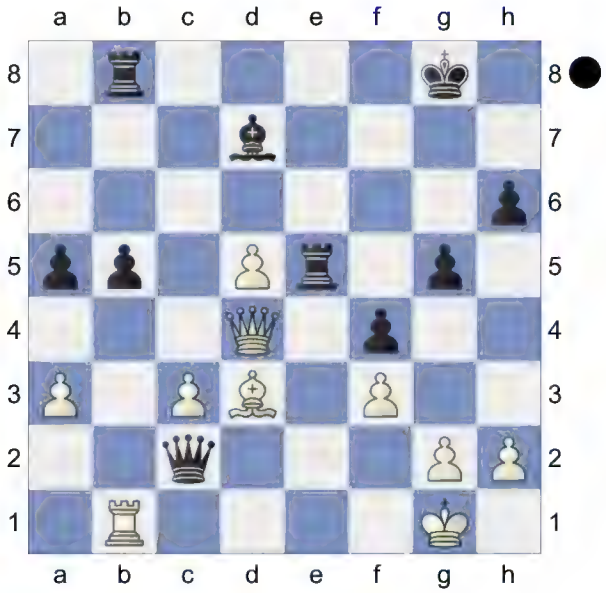
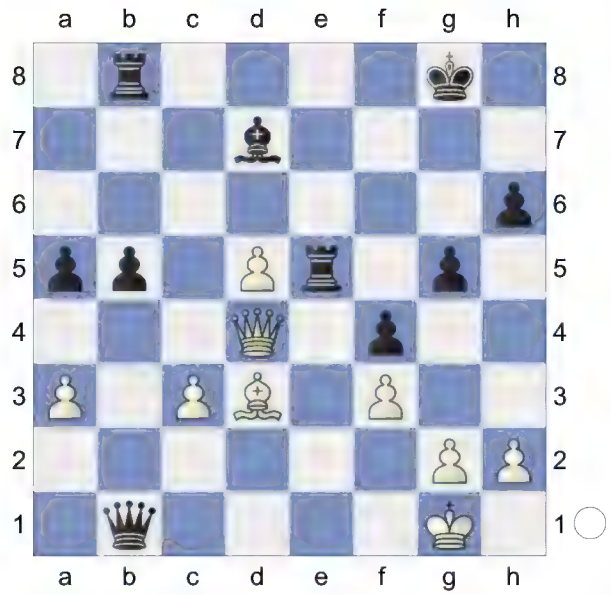


31.Nc2? -1.67/21
[31.d6= -0.01/19]
31...f5-+ 32.e5 Rxe5 33.Bxc4 f4? -0.09/22
[Black should play 33...Qd6-+ -2.08/22 34.Bf1 Rxd5 *(34...Qxd5 35.Qxd5+ Rxd5 36.Bc4±)*]
34.Qd4 -2.35/23
[34.a4= -0.09/22]
34...Qxc2? -0.01/26
[34...Rbe8-+ -2.35/23 35.Bd3 Bf5 36.Bxf5 Qxf5]
35.Bd3=



Qxb1+



36.Bxb1 Re1+ 37.Kf2 Rbe8 6.35/24
[37...Rxb1= 0.01/25 38.Qf6 Rb2+ *(38...Be8 39.Qxh6 Rb2+ 40.Kg1=)* 39.Kf1 Re8 *(39...Rb1+ 40.Kf2=; 39...Be8 40.Qxh6 b4 41.Qxg5+ Kh7 42.Qe7+ Kg8 43.Qg5+ Kh7 44.Qh4+ Kg6 45.Qg4+ Kh7 46.Qh4+ Kg8 47.Qg5+=)]
38.Bd3? 2.29/23
[38.Be4 6.35/24 Ra1 39.Qf6 Ra2+ 40.Kf1 Ra1+ 41.Ke2]
38...Rd1 5.45/25
[38...Bf5 2.29/23 is tougher.]

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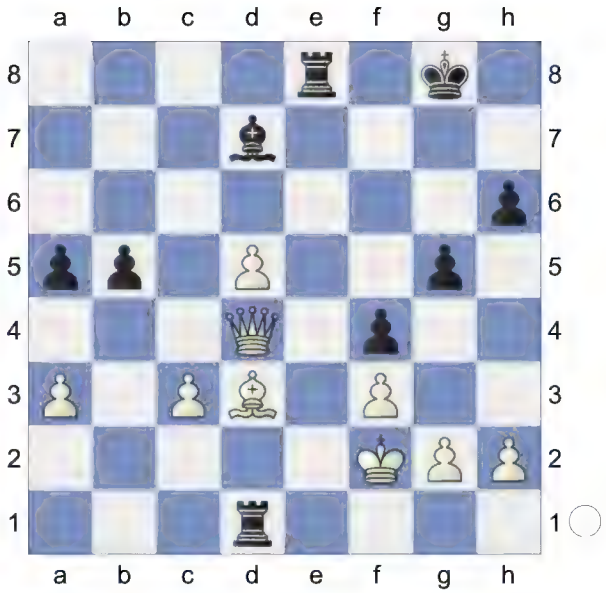
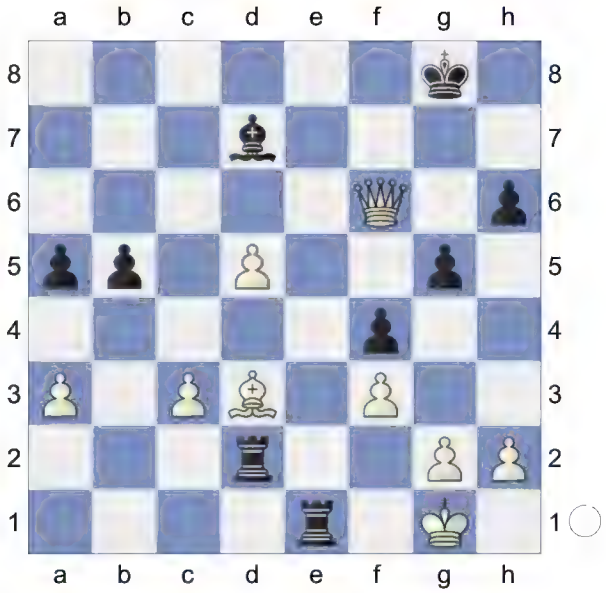
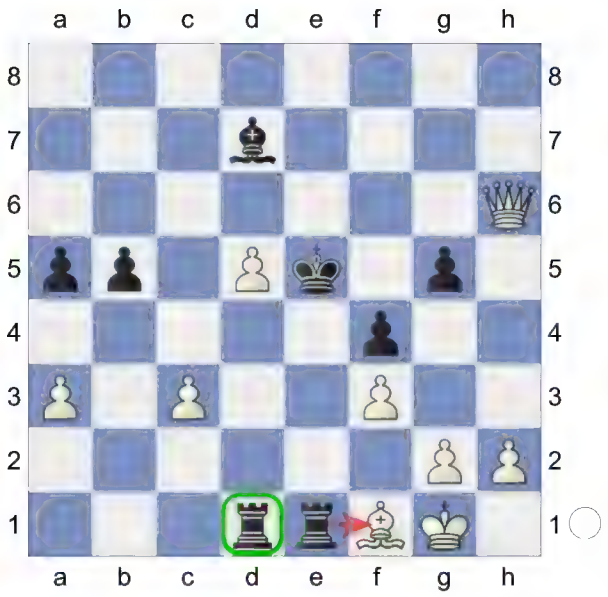


39.Qf6? 0.01/27 **Rd2+ 40.Kg1P**
Qf6-g6+ is the strong threat. White has counterplay
[40.Kf1!? Rd1+□ 41.Kf2 Rd2+ 42.Kf1 Rd1+ 43.Kf2=]
40...Re1+



41.Bf1 Rdd1 42.Qg6+ -1.55/27
[42.g4= -0.10/28]
42...Kf8∓ 43.Qxh6+ Kf7 -0.01/26
[43...Ke8!∓ -0.73/27 44.Qg6+ Kd8 45.Qxg5+ Kc8]
44.Qh7+ Kf6 45.Qh6+ Deflection
45...Ke5



46.Qxg5+ **Bf5** Dancing on a razor blade. **47.g4** Pin **47...fxg3!** Active counter play!

[47...Rxf1+? 48.Kg2 Rg1+ 49.Kh3 Kxd5 50.Kh4+- *(50.Qxf5+ Kc4±)*]

48.Qxg3+ -0.95/25

[48.hxg3= -0.01/27 Rxf1+ 49.Kg2]

48...Kxd5 **49.Qg8+** -1.81/25

[49.Kg2∓ -0.99/25 Rxf1 50.Qc7]

49...Be6-+ **50.Qd8+** **Kc6**

51.Qa8+

[51.Qxa5? Rxf1+ 52.Kg2 Bd5 53.Qa6+ Kc5 54.Qa7+ Kc4 55.Qc7+ Kb3-+]

51...Kd7 -1.12/22

[51...Kd6-+ -1.86/24 52.Qb8+ Ke7 53.Qxb5 *(53.Qc7+? Bd7-+)* 53...Rxf1+ 54.Kg2 Bd5 55.Qc5+ Ke6 56.Qc8+ Kd6 57.Qd8+ Kc6 58.Qxa5 Bxf3+ 59.Kg3 Bd5]

52.Qb7+ -1.85/23

[52.Qxa5∓ -1.12/22 is a better defense. Bc4 *(52...Rxf1+ 53.Kg2∓)* 53.Kg2 *(53.Qa7+ Ke6∓)* 53...Bxf1+ *(53...Rxf1? 54.Qa7+ Ke6 55.Qe3+ Kd5 56.Qb6∓)* 54.Kg3]

52...Kd8 -0.47/21

[52...Kd6-+ -1.85/23 53.Qb6+ Ke7 54.Qc5+ Kf6 55.Qf8+ Kg6]

53.Qb8+? -2.12/21

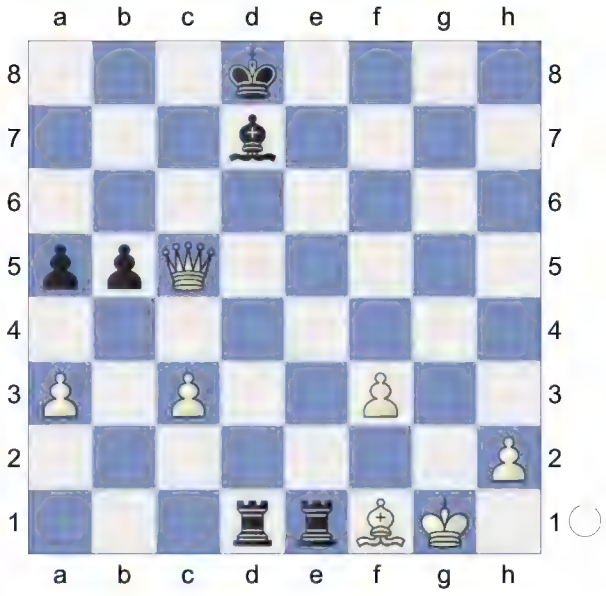
[53.Kg2∓ -0.47/21 Rxf1 54.Qxb5]

53...Ke7 **54.Qc7+** **Bd7!** **55.Qc5+** -2.75/22

[55.Qxa5 -1.95/22 was necessary. Rxf1+ 56.Kg2]

55...Kd8 -1.63/24

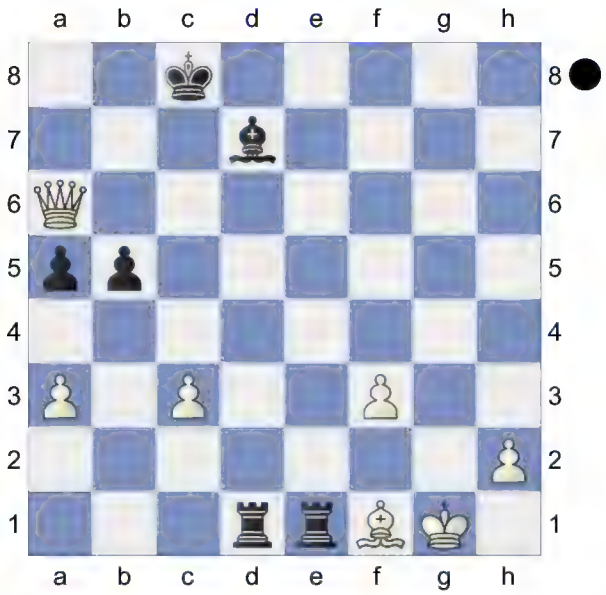
[⌓55...Kf6 -2.75/22 56.Kg2 *(56.Qf8+? Ke6-+)* 56...Rxf1]



56.Qb6+ -2.47/23

[⌓56.Kg2 -1.63/24 Rxf1 57.h4]

56...Kc8 -1.29/24
[56...Ke8-+ -2.47/23 57.Kg2 *(57.Qg6+? Ke7-+)* 57...Rxf1 58.Qxa5 Bc6]
57.Qa6+ -2.41/28
[57.c4∓ -1.29/24]



57...Kc7! 58.Qxa5+ Kb7 59.Kf2 Rxf1+ 60.Kg3 -11.41/26
[⌓60.Kg2 -4.29/23 Bc6 61.c4]
60...Rg1+? -3.74/22
[60...Rd3 -11.41/26 61.Kf4 Rfxf3+ *(61...Rdxf3+? 62.Ke5-+)* 62.Ke4 Bc6+ *(62...Rxc3? 63.a4-+)* 63.Ke5 Rxc3]

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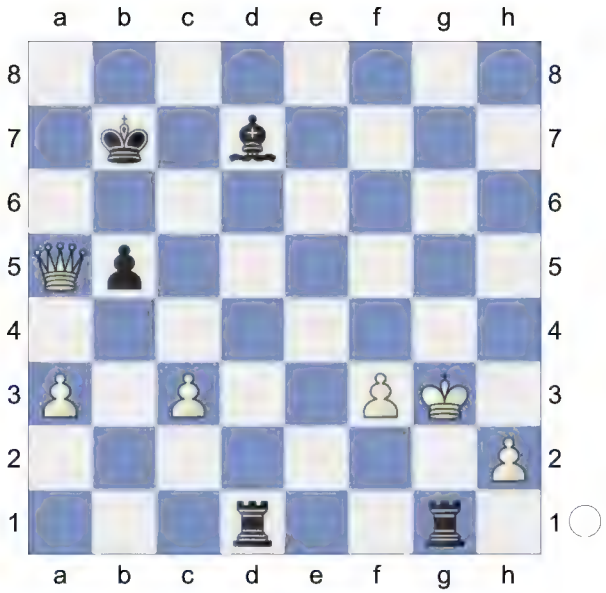

61.Kf4 Rd6 -2.57/21
[⌓61...Rdf1 -4.81/23 aiming for ...Bd7-c6. 62.c4 Rg4+ *(62...bxc4 63.Qb4+ Kc6 64.Qxc4+ Kd6 65.Qd3+ Ke7 66.Qh7+ Ke8 67.Qh5+ Kf8 68.Qh8+ Ke7 69.Qh7+ Kd6 70.Qd3+ Ke7 71.Qh7+∓)* 63.Ke3 Rxc4]
62.Qd8? -4.35/21
[62.Qb4 -2.57/21 Rgg6 63.a4]
62...Rgg6 63.Qh8 Rgf6+ 64.Ke3 Rde6+ 65.Kd4 -6.10/22
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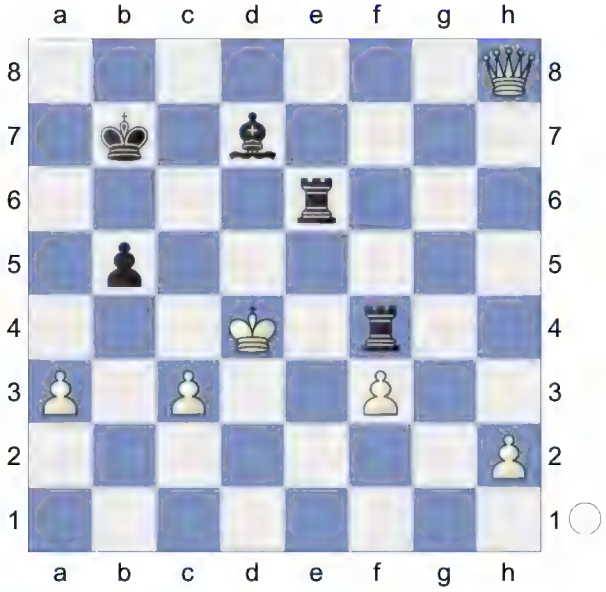
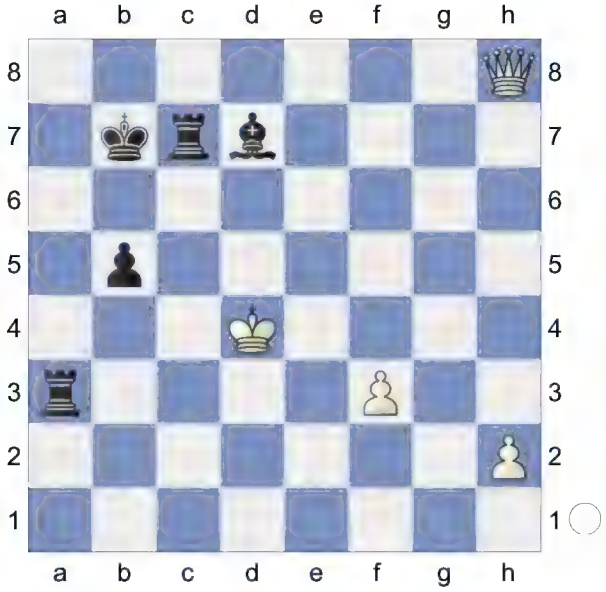


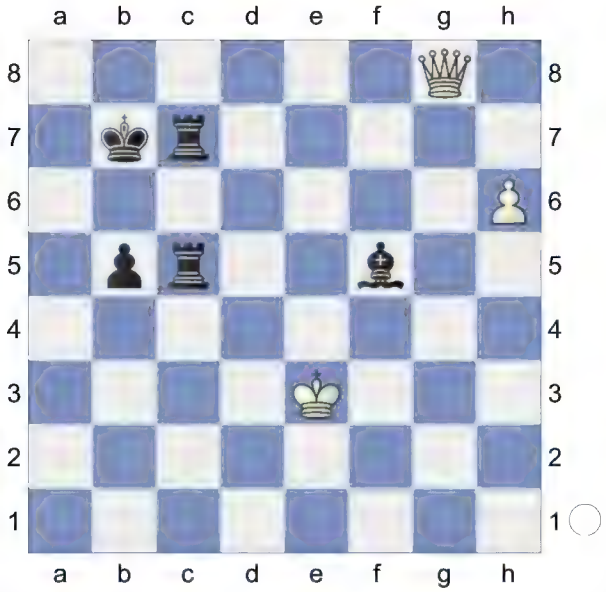
66.Kd5 Rc4 ...Re6-e3 would now be deadly. **67.Qg7 Rc7** Threatens to win with ...Bd7-c6+. **68.Kd4 Rec6 69.Qe5** -6.69/21

[⌓69.h4 -4.77/20]

69...Rxc3 70.Qh8 Rxa3



Strongly threatening ...Rc7-c4+. **71.h4 Rxf3** (-> ...Rc7-c4+) **72.h5 Rf4+ 73.Ke3 Rfc4 74.h6 R4c5 75.Qg8 Bf5**



76.Kd4 Kb6 77.Qb8+ Ka5 78.Qa8+ Kb4 79.Qf8 Dodges Rc7-e7 **79...Bh7 80.Qd6 Ka4**

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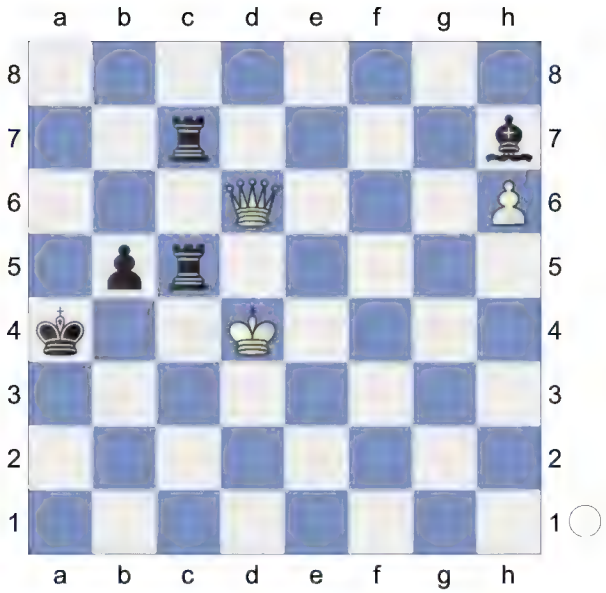
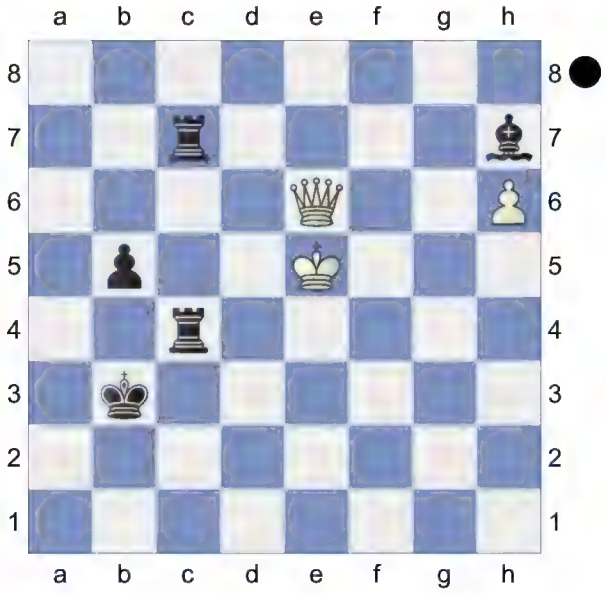


81.Qa6+ Kb3 82.Qe6+ Rc4+ 83.Ke5



Re7!! -14.60/25

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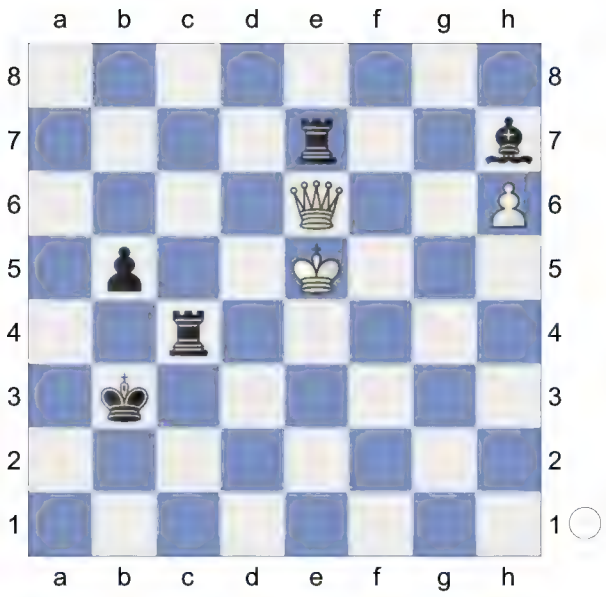

Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/ Black=0.67
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74	**D52**
□ **Tomashevsky,Evgeny**	**2743**
■ **Ipatov,Alexander**	**2624**
20. European Teams (1.1)	13.11.2015
[Tomashevsky,Evgeny]	

Kitty Kat: 'D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
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" **1.c4** Kitty Kat Tomashevsky,E **1...c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

6.e3 Qa5 Alexander had moreover recently rarely played the Queen's Gambit and he had never employed the Cambridge Springs Variation! It was a cunning thought of his to surprise me in this way. It was his bad luck that I had considered in some detail these positions after my game against the guru of this variation, Alexey Dreev (Loo 2014), and had taken another look at my analyses just shortly before the European Cup.
Alexander spielte zuletzt ohnehin selten Damengambit und die Cambridge-Springs-Variante hatte er noch nie angewandt! Es war ja schlau gedacht von ihm, mich auf diese Weise zu überraschen. Sein Pech war, dass ich mich mit diesen Stellungsbildern nach meiner Partie gegen den Guru dieser Variante, Alexey Dreev (Loo 2014), ausführlich beschäftigt und mir diese Analysen erst kürzlich vor dem Europapokal erneut angeschaut hatte.
7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Illingworth, Max: 'It has been a while since this trendy line was covered on ChessPublishing and it

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[8...b6!? however is a recent wrinkle. White should probably go for Illingworth, Max: 'however is a recent wrinkle. White should probably go for'

A) 9.Bd3 h6 10.Bh4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Ba6 12.0-0 Ba3 13.Rc2 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0

A1) 15.c4 Rfe8 16.Rd1 Be7! 17.Bxe7 *(17.Bg3!?±* seems a better try on general grounds, avoiding exchanges when possessing a space advantage. I would slightly prefer White's chances as Black can't free himself easily with ...c5 or ...e5 (the former being very well met by d5). Illingworth, Max: 'seems a better try on general

grounds, avoiding exchanges when possessing a space advantage. I would slightly prefer White's chances as Black can't free himself easily with ...c5 or ... e5 (the former being very well met by d5).') 17...Rxe7 18.h3 c5 Now Black was fine in 1/2-1/2 (24) Haugen, A (2498)-Bochev, K (2365) ICCF email 2012, as Illingworth, Max: 'Now Black was fine in F-F (24) Haugen, A (2498)-Bochev, K (2365) ICCF email 2012, as' 19.d5 is well met by exd5 20.cxd5 Nf6= and White is unable to support the d5-pawn with e4 in time. Illingworth, Max: 'and White is unable to support the d5-pawn with e4 in time.';

A2) 15.Nd2 Rfe8 *(15...Qa4* is less accurate because of *16.f4!±)* 16.c4 Bf8 17.Bg3 Rad8 18.Nb3 Qa4= and Black's position was extremely solid in 0-1 (41) Smirnov, A (2410)-Ganguly, S (2603) Canberra 2015 Illingworth, Max: 'and Black's position was extremely solid in 0-1 (41) Smirnov, A (2410)-Ganguly, S (2603) Canberra 2015';

B) 9.Be2 h6 *(9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3 11.Rc2* transposes to the game, and is what I'd recommend.*)* 10.Bh4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rc2 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 with similar play to the game, although the inclusion of ...h6 seems to help White slightly after Illingworth, Max: 'with similar play to the game, although the inclusion of ...h6 seems to help White slightly after' 0-0 15.c4! as now after Black's standard response e5 White can immediately clarify the centre in his favour with Illingworth, Max: 'White can immediately clarify the centre in his favour with' 16.Bg3 e4 17.Nd2± , which would not be immediately available were the bishop on g5.]

9.bxc3 Ba3

[Originally Black wasn't any the wiser and grabbed the pawn with 9...Qxa2 , but of course White has more than enough compensation with his centre and much more active development after Illingworth, Max: ', but of course White has more than enough compensation with his centre and much more active development after' 10.Bd3 Qa5 11.Bf4! Ba3 12.Rc2 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.c4 b6 and in 1/2-1/2 (59) Sutkalenko, D (2306)-Malkov, A (2252) ICCF email 2011, I would go for Illingworth, Max: 'and in F-F (59) Sutkalenko, D (2306)-Malkov, A (2252) ICCF email 2011, I would go for' 15.Qb1! followed by Ra2, with an unpleasant initiative on the queenside. Furthermore it is not easy to see how Black completes his development after White plays a later c5! Illingworth, Max: 'followed by Ra2, with an unpleasant initiative on the queenside. Furthermore it is not easy to see how Black completes his development after White plays a later c5!']

10.Rc2 Kitty Kat: 'White has an edge.'

10...b6 Just at the moment this is probably the most important branch of a variation which had been introduced into practice in 2011 by Bart Michiels and refined by the future world champion

(Gelfand - Carlsen, London, 2013).
Das ist die im Moment wohl wichtigste Verzweigung einer Variante, die 2011 von Bart Michiels in die Praxis eingeführt und vom späteren Weltmeister ausgefeilt wurde (Gelfand - Carlsen, London, 2013).

[10...c5 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4± would be a very promising hanging pawns position for White, as Black's pieces just look silly now. Illingworth, Max: 'would be a very promising hanging pawns position for White, as Black's pieces just look silly now.']

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[11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0 Now anyone wanting to play the Cambridge Springs as Black should know the following model game by Carlsen who led the way in this whole 8.Rc1 Nxc3 sub-variation: Illingworth, Max: 'Now anyone wanting to play the Cambridge Springs as Black should know the following model game by Carlsen who led the way in this whole 8.Rc1 Nxc3 sub-variation:'

A) 14.Rb1 is Moiseenko's preference and the engine likes it, but Illingworth, Max: 'is Moiseenko's preference and the engine likes it, but' Rfe8 15.c4 1-0 (47) Moiseenko, A (2692)-Agrest, E (2596) Berlin 2015 Illingworth, Max: '1-0 (47) Moiseenko, A (2692)-Agrest, E (2596) Berlin 2015' *(15.Bf4!? Rad8 16.e4 e5!* is fine for Black here we can see a problem with the queen's position on d3. Illingworth, Max: 'is fine for Black here we can see a problem with the queen's position on d3.') 15...e5! 16.Qf5 Re6 would allow Black to equalise, for instance 17.dxe5 *(or 17.d5 cxd5 18.cxd5 Qxd5 19.Rd2 Qb7 20.Rbd1 g6! 21.Qc2 Nf8=)* 17...Bd6! 18.Bf4 Nxe5 19.Nd4 Qc5!= and by blockading White's isolated c-pawn, Black ensures the stability of his position. Illingworth, Max: 'and by blockading

White's isolated c-pawn, Black ensures the stability of his position. ';

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Mamediarov mit dem Schlagen mit der Dame auf e2 eine Glanzpartie. Ich allerdings konnte im Mai vergangenen Jahres hier nichts Überzeugendes für Weiß finden. Die Schlussfolgerungen daraus bildeten diese logische Kette: Schwarz hat strategische Vorteile am Damenflügel und im Endspiel, d. h. er muss ein Gegenspiel suchen, das auf einem Spiel im Zentrum sowie auf Abtauschen gründet. Weiß seinerseits beherrscht das Zentrum und muss dies für ein Spiel gegen den schwarzen König nutzen. Das Nehmen auf e2 mit der Dame belässt den Turm auf der sich bald öffnenden c-Linie, was dort seinen Abtausch fördert und den Angriff nicht begünstigt. Die konkrete Überprüfung dieser "Theorie" förderte natürlich einige unterirdische Klippen zutage, aber im Großen und Ganzen war ich vom praktischen Wert dieser Idee überzeugt.

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B) 14.Rd1 thus became the main move, but Dreev demonstrated in a number of games that Black is just fine after Illingworth, Max: 'thus became the main move, but Dreev demonstrated in a number of games that Black is just fine after' 14...Rfe8 . 15.Bf4 *(*or *15.e4 e5 16.Bh4 Rac8 17.h3* 1-0 (35) Drenchev, P (2487)-Vajda, L (2601) Albena 2014 Illingworth, Max: '1-0 (35) Drenchev, P (2487)-Vajda, L (2601) Albena 2014' *exd4 18.cxd4 Qa4!=* and Black successfully holds back the White centre, following up with ...b5 and ...c5 for counterplay. Having said that, I would still take White in such a position, given a choice. Illingworth, Max: 'and Black successfully holds back the White centre, following up with ...b5 and ...c5 for counterplay. Having said that, I would still take White in such a position, given a choice.'*)* 15...Rac8 16.c4

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B2) 16...Be7 17.e4 Qa4 18.h3 Nf8 *(18...Red8!?=* is a slight improvement to avoid the next note, and should be fine for Black. Illingworth, Max: 'is a slight improvement to avoid the next note, and should be fine for Black.'*; 18...c5 19.d5 exd5 20.cxd5 b5* is messy but easier for White to play after Illingworth, Max: 'is messy but easier for White to play after' *21.Bg3±* with ideas of e5 and d6.*)* 19.Be3 *(19.c5! Ng6 20.Bd6±* looks like a small plus for White as the c6-pawn is fixed as a target. *)* 19...Ng6 20.g3 c5 21.d5 exd5= and Black is fine irrespective of White's recapture, 1/2-1/2 (30) Tomashevsky, E (2697)-Dreev, A (2670) Loo 2014 Illingworth, Max: 'and Black is fine irrespective of White's recapture, F-F (30) Tomashevsky, E (2697)-Dreev, A (2670) Loo 2014']

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13...Qxc3?! Illingworth, Max: '?' '?' '?' Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: '?!" 14.Rc2 Qa5 15.Rxc6 0-0 16.Rc7 Illingworth, Max: ' ± '' ± '' ± ' Illingworth, Max: 'would only play into White's hands.' Illingworth, Max: 'would only play into White's hands.']

14.e4 Illingworth, Max: 'Once again, a key point is that Black shouldn't take on c3.' Illingworth, Max: 'Once again, a key point is that Black shouldn't take on c3.'

14...Rfe8!? Illingworth, Max: 'This is definitely the most natural move.' In the first critical situation Ipatov acted quickly and well, with a flexible move which meant he did not have to show his hand too soon.In der ersten kritischen Situation handelte Ipatov schnell und gut, indem er seine Karten mit einem flexiblen Zug vorerst nicht aufdeckt.

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A) and

und 15.Re3!? Qa5 16.Qd3

in both cases with hair-raising complications, whereasmit jeweils haarsträubenden Verwicklungen, während;

B) 15.Rc2 Qa5 16.Rxc6 Rac8 17.d5 *(17.Qc2 Qa6! 18.d5 Nb8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Qb3 exd5 21.exd5±* should favour White slightly, thanks to his strong passed d-pawn. *)* 17...exd5 18.exd5 Nb8 *(18...Bc5±* is less clear. Illingworth, Max: 'is less clear.'*)* 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 would be less convincing, since Black would soon be able to solve his problems with simplifications. weniger überzeugend wäre, denn Schwarz könnte seine Probleme bald durch Vereinfachungen lösen.;

C) 15.e5!?]

[Another way of tackling the position is represented byEin anderes Herangehen an die Position stellt 14...e5 , which "deprives" his opponent of the most obvious attacking motifs. However, in this variation Black most frequently heads for c6-c5 and after the advance of the e-pawn, saydar, was dem Gegner die deutlichsten Angriffsmotive "wegnimmt". Allerdings orientiert Schwarz sich in dieser Variante häufiger auf c6-c5, und nach dem Vorstoß des e-Bauern, sagen wir, 15.Qc2 Rfe8 16.Rd1 White can claim some slight superiority. It will be interesting to see what players with Black are going to decide in the future on move 13 .kann Weiß einiges Übergewicht reklamieren. Es wird interessant sein, wie sich die Schwarzspieler im 14. Zug zukünftig entscheiden werden.]

[14...Rfc8 threatens ...Qxc3, but this isn't a big deal as White wants to play 15.Re3 anyway. Then b5 16.Nd2 Nb6 17.Rg3± would offer excellent attacking chances against the barren Black king. Illingworth, Max: 'would offer excellent attacking chances against the barren Black king.']

15.Re3 Illingworth, Max: '!' '!' '!' Illingworth, Max: 'This is part of a quite deep attacking plan.' Illingworth, Max: 'This is part of a quite deep attacking plan.' Kitty Kat: 'N' This move cost me quite a lot of thinking time. The reason for this was that I was trying to remember the variations afterDieser Zug kostete mich ziemlich viel Bedenkzeit, was daran lag, dass ich mich an die zu Hause analysierten Varianten nach

[15.e5 Illingworth, Max: '?!' '?!' '?!' Qxc3 which I had analysed at home. which I had analysed at home. Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'which I had analysed at home.'' zu erinnern suchte. zu erinnern suchte. Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'zu erinnern suchte.'' 16.Rc2 *(16.Re3* Kitty Kat *Qa5 17.Nd2 Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd5 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Rh3 g6 23.Qh4 Ref7 24.exf6 Qxd4 25.Ng5 Qxh4 26.Rxh4 Nxf6 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 28.g4 Rd8 29.g5 Nh5* F-F (52) 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Semi-Slav 5.cxd5 (2618) WchT 3rd Luzern 1993 (1.1)*)* 16...Qa5 17.Rxc6 Rac8 18.Qc2 Qa6= would be completely fine for Black now that d5 is no longer possible.]

[15.Bf4 is the computer's move, but then Black has time for b5 16.Rc2 Nb6= when the grip on the queenside squares gives Black comfortable equality, with . ..c5 to follow at

some point. Illingworth, Max: 'when the grip on the queenside squares gives Black comfortable equality, with ...c5 to follow at some point.']

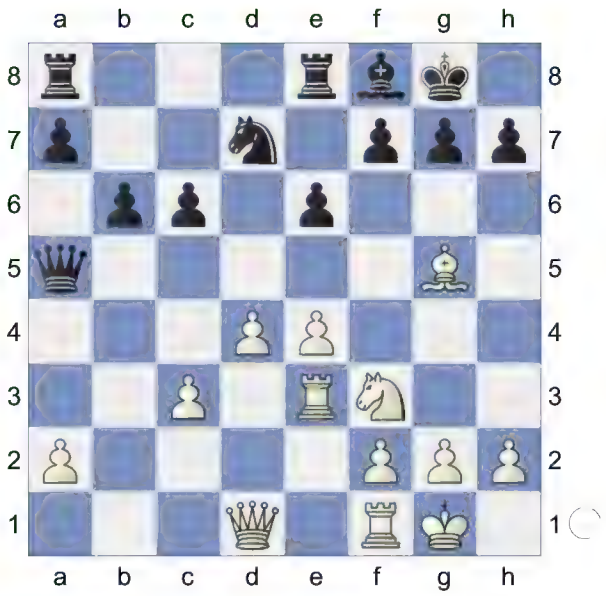
15...Bf8 I had analysed this sort of setup for a long time and was happy to have got this position on the board. Nevertheless, many of the evaluations I made over the board and soon afterwards turned out to be inaccurate - the devil is always in the detail! Ich hatte diesen Stellungstyp ja lange analysiert und war froh, diese Position aufs Brett bekommen zu haben. Dennoch erwiesen sich viele meiner am Brett und kurz danach getroffenen Einschätzungen als ungenau - der Teufel liegt halt immer im Detail!

[I considered the text move to be very dubious and I had concentrated on the safe move Den Textzug hielt ich für sehr fragwürdig und ich hatte mich auf den sichereren Zug 15...e5 . After konzentriert. Nach 16.Qc2 Be7 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Rd1 Rae8 19.g3 White has some pressure.hat Weiß etwas Druck.]

[15...Be7 was a move I had considered somewhat risky on account of e4-e5 (immediately or after the exchange).hatte ich wegen e4-e5 (sofort oder nach dem Tausch) für etwas riskant gehalten.

A) 16.e5 Qxa2 17.Qd3 c5 *(17...Nf8; 17...h6)*;

B) 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.e5 *(*It looks as ifEs scheint so, als ob *17.Qc2* would be correct but here Black has available the thematic richtig wäre, aber hier verfügt Schwarz über das programmgemäße *c5* after which he is close to equality.wonach er dem Ausgleich nahe ist.*)* 17...Qxa2 and after und auf 18.Ng5 recommends itselfdrängt sich f6 19.exf6 Nxf6 , after which White has to worry about getting sufficient compensation! So if Sascha had not played his bishop move with quite such brio, I would possibly now had different thoughts about my rook move to e3 ... auf, wonach sich bereits Weiß über ausreichende Kompensation Sorgen machen muss! Wenn Sascha seinen Läuferzug also nicht ganz so schwungvoll ausgeführt hätte, würde ich über meinen Turmzug nach e3 jetzt möglicherweise anders denken...]



16.e5 Illingworth, Max: 'White needs a space advantage on the kingside to have a chance of delivering mate, so this pawn sacrifice is fully justified.' Illingworth, Max: 'White needs a space advantage on the kingside to have a chance of delivering mate, so this pawn sacrifice is fully justified.' Kitty Kat: '!' During the game I was extremely

optimistic at this point since Black had chosen the exact sequence of moves which had been the focus of my analysis! Perhaps this self-confidence was not without making some impression on my opponent...Während der Partie war ich hier äußerst optimistisch, denn Schwarz hatte genau die Zugfolge gewählt, die im Mittelpunkt meiner Analysen stand! Vielleicht ließ diese Selbstsicherheit meinen Gegner nicht unbeeindruckt... **16...Qxa2?** Illingworth, Max: '?!' '?!' '?!' Illingworth, Max: 'Black calls White's bluff, but I think the attack is already too strong now.' Illingworth, Max: 'Black calls White's bluff, but I think the attack is already too strong now. ' White really gets an easy game simply because of the loss of tempo which the snatching of the pawn did not justify. Black had to immediately commence his counterplay in the centre with Lediglich aufgrund dieses Tempoverlustes, der den kleinen Bauernhappen nicht rechtfertigt, bekommt Weiß wirklich leichtes Spiel. Schwarz musste das Gegenspiel im Zentrum unverzüglich mit

[16...c5 Illingworth, Max: 'would allow a quite strong'which in addition would also have justified the bishop sortie to a3. This logical breaking open of the position would have led to unclear play. which in addition would also have justified the bishop sortie to a3. This logical breaking open of the position would have led to unclear play. Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky, E: 'which in addition would also have justified the bishop sortie to a3. This logical breaking open of the position would have led to unclear play.'' einleiten, was darüber hinaus auch den Läuferausfall nach a3 gerechtfertigt hätte. Diese logische Sprengung hätte zu unklarem Spiel geführt: einleiten, was darüber hinaus auch den Läuferausfall nach a3 gerechtfertigt hätte. Diese logische Sprengung hätte zu unklarem Spiel geführt: Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'einleiten, was darüber hinaus auch den Läuferausfall nach a3 gerechtfertigt hätte. Diese logische Sprengung hätte zu unklarem Spiel geführt:" 17.Nd2 *(17.d5!?* Illingworth, Max: '!' '!' '!' Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: '!?'' *Qxa2 18.d6* is double-edged is double-edged Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky, E: 'is double-edged''ist zweischneidig ist zweischneidig Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'ist zweischneidig'' *a5 19.Qd3 a4 20.c4±* and White is better as Black's minor pieces are completely killed by the d6-pawn. Maybe it is the best try, but it is hard to like the position Black is in now. Illingworth, Max: 'and White is better as Black's minor pieces are completely killed by the d6-pawn. Maybe it is the best try, but it is hard to like the position Black is in now.') 17...cxd4 18.cxd4 f6 and Black secures his kingund Schwarz sichert seinen König 19.Bf4 Rac8]

[The computer even starts by indicating the cold-blooded Der Computer weist anfangs sogar auf das kaltblütige 16...Rac8 , but such a way of playing worries a human being .hin, aber einem Menschen macht so eine Spielweise natürlich Angst.

A) Here all Black had to do was calculate and not let himself be be

scared: Schwarz musste hier nur rechnen und sich nicht erschrecken lassen: 17.Nd2

A1) 17...c5 Illingworth, Max: '?!' '?!' Illingworth, Max: 'is a quite 'human' try, but it fails to' 18.Rh3 Illingworth, Max: '!' '!' cxd4 19.cxd4 Be7 20.Ne4 Nf8 21.Qg4 Ng6 22.Qh5 Nf8 23.Rf3± with a nearly winning attack already. *(23.Qh4 Bxg5 24.Qxg5* and Nd6 is also not bad. Illingworth, Max: 'and Nd6 is also not bad.' *)*;

A2) 17...f6 Illingworth, Max: '!' '!' '!' Illingworth, Max: 'is the best move, but who would weaken their king like this in an over-the-board game? Even here White keeps the advantage with' Illingworth, Max: 'is the best move, but who would weaken their king like this in an over-the-board game? Even here White keeps the advantage with' 18.Bxf6 *(18.Bf4 c5 19.exf6 Nxf6 20.Be5 cxd4 21.cxd4±)* 18...gxf6 19.Rg3+ *(19.Ne4)* 19...Bg7 20.Ne4 fxe5 21.Nd6 exd4 22.Nxc8 Rxc8 23.Qxd4 Ne5 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Re1 Qd5=;

B) 17.Rfe1!? c5 18.d5 Qxa2 19.R1e2 Qc4 20.d6 - compared to the line with 16...c5 17.d5 White has gained a few tempi. - im Vergleich zum Abspiel 16...c5 17.d5 hat Weiß ein paar Tempi gewonnen.]

17.Nd2 Illingworth, Max: '!' '!' '!' Kitty Kat: '!' Now, unlike iin the previous note, it is no longer so easy for Black to attack the white wedge pawn on e5 which secures for his opponent such great advantages on the kingside.Jetzt kann Schwarz im Unterschied zur vorangegangenen Anmerkung den weißen Keil auf e5, der dem Anziehenden große Vorteile am Königsflügel sichert, nicht mehr so bequem angreifen. **17...c5** 0.56/21 This is too late now! Extraordinary measures will now have to be taken to defend the king:Dies kommt hier zu spät! Zwecks Verteidigung des Königs mussten bereits außerordentliche Maßnahmen ergriffen werden:

[17...f6 18.exf6 gxf6 with the continuation with the continuation Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'with the continuation'' mit der Fortsetzung mit der Fortsetzung Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'mit der Fortsetzung" 19.Bh4 Illingworth, Max: '↑' '↑' '↑' Illingworth, Max: 'is also very strong for White, but at least succeeds in eliminating White's space advantage on the kingside.' Illingworth, Max: 'is also very strong for White, but at least succeeds in eliminating White's space advantage on the kingside.' Bg7 20.Ne4 Re7 21.Qg4]

[or even oder sogar 17...Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 f5 *(19...Rf8? 20.Nf6+!)* 20.exf6 Nxf6 *(20...gxf6!?)* 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Qf3 and in all variations White has a strong initiative for the pawn, but the defensive options have not yet been exhausted.und in allen Varianten hat Weiß starke Initiative für den Bauern, aber die Verteidigungsmöglichkeiten sind noch nicht erschöpft.]

[17...a5= -0.01/19 Kitty Kat]

18.Ne4 Kitty Kat: ' ±'Four white pieces are directed against the black monarch,

whose residence is now beyond the reach of its most important defenders. There is no doubt about the evaluation of this position. But there was still a lot of water to flow under the bridge in the game... Vier weiße Figuren sind auf den schwarzen König gerichtet, dessen Residenz von den wichtigsten Verteidigern nicht mehr erreicht werden kann. Die Bewertung der Stellung unterliegt hier keinerlei Zweifel. Doch in der Partie sollte noch so einiges geschehen... **18...cxd4** 0.59/20

[18...Qd5= -0.28/18 Kitty Kat]

19.cxd4 Kitty Kat: ' Strongly threatening Qd1-g4.' **19...Rac8** 1.66/21 Illingworth, Max: 'Now White messed up his attack a bit, but even so Black was unable to defend accurately to use his chance.' Illingworth, Max: 'Now White messed up his attack a bit, but even so Black was unable to defend accurately to use his chance.' Kitty Kat: '?'

[19...Rec8 would not have changed much: hätte nur wenig geändert: 20.Rh3 *(20.Qg4!? Rc4 21.Bf6 Rxd4 22.Bxg7 Rxe4 23.Qxe4* here the rook on a8 is also still hanging- hier hängt auch noch der Turm auf a8*)* 20...g6 21.Qg4 Qd5 22.Qf4 with a decisive attack. mit entscheidendem Angriff.]

[19...Qd5∓ -0.32/19 (Kitty Kat) keeps the upper hand.]

20.Qg4 0.44/19 At this point I still had half an hour of thinking time left on my clock, but nevertheless I was over-hasty. For some reason it appeared to me that Black would still have some defensive resources against all moves. So I preferred to throw another piece into the attack quickly and use the time on the subsequent calculations. In the long run this plan did work (see the note to move 24), but I should not have allowed my opponent any more chances "along the way". At dinner I wanted to boast to Ian Nepomniachtchi that the queen sortie to g4 was a cleverer move thanIch hatte in diesem Moment noch eine halbe Stunde Bedenkzeit übrig, überstürzte mich aber dennoch. Aus irgendwelchen Gründen schien es mir, dass Schwarz auf alle Züge noch einige Verteidigungsressourcen hätte. Daher wollte ich schnell eine Figur in den Angriff werfen und die Zeit lieber für die nachfolgenden Berechnungen verwenden. Letztlich ging dieses Konzept ja auf (siehe die Anmerkung zum 24. Zug), aber ich hätte dem Gegner nicht “unterwegs” noch Chancen einräumen müssen. Beim Abendessen wollte ich Ian Nepomniachtchi “aufschwatzen”, dass der Damenausfall nach g4 klüger wäre als

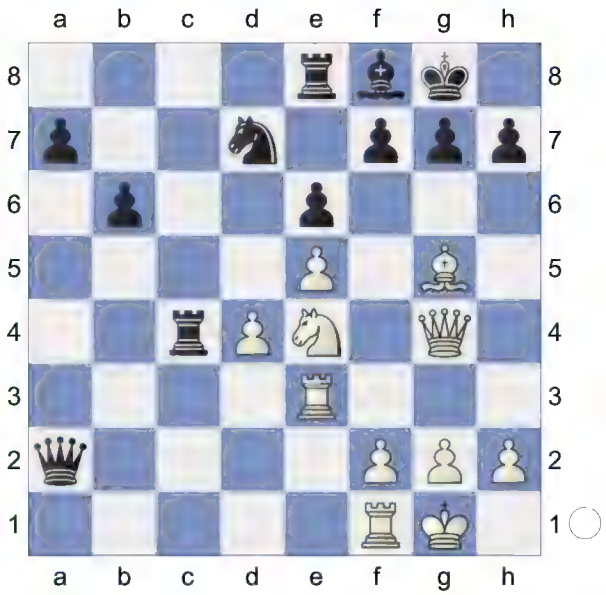
[20.Qh5 , about which Ian correctly expressed some doubt. Now 20...g6 would make no sense since the queen wants to go to h4 in any case. , woran Jan zu Recht Zweifel anmeldete. Jetzt wäre 20...g6 sinnlos, da die Dame ohnehin nach h4 will. Qc2 21.Qh4 Bb4 Now White has a series of tempting attacking options, like for exampleNun hat Weiß eine Reihe von verlockenden Angriffsmöglichkeiten wie etwa: 22.Rh3 *(22.Bf6!?; 22.Qg4!?)* 22...Nf8 23.Bf6 one of which could certainly be analysed all the way to a win. However, it is not necessary to do so, since . von denen eine bestimmt zum Sieg auszuanalysieren wäre. Allerdings besteht diese Notwendigkeit gar nicht, da]

[Kitty Kat: ' White should play' 20.Rh3! 1.66/21 Illingworth, Max: 'just wins in fact, as the computer shows at a high depth:' Illingworth, Max: 'just wins in fact, as the computer shows at a high depth:' Kitty Kat: '+-' Kitty Kat: ' aiming for Qd1-h5.'wins immediately and without any question. After wins immediately and without any question. After Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky, E: 'wins immediately and without any question. After''unverzüglich und ohne jegliche Fragen gewinnt. Nach unverzüglich und ohne jegliche Fragen gewinnt. Nach Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'unverzüglich und ohne jegliche Fragen gewinnt. Nach" Qc2 *(or 20...Qd5 21.Qg4 g6 22.Qf4+-; 20...Bb4* Kitty Kat *21.Qg4)* 21.Qg4 Black is absolutely helpless in view of the threat of ♕h4 - ...h6 - ♗:h6!. Black is absolutely helpless in view of the threat of ♕h4 - ...h6 - ♗:h6!. Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'Black is absolutely helpless in view of the threat of ♕h4 - ...h6 - ♗:h6!." ist Schwarz im Hinblick auf die Drohung ♕h4 - ...h6 - ♗:h6! absolut hilflos. ist Schwarz im Hinblick auf die Drohung ♕h4 - ...h6 - ♗:h6! absolut hilflos. Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky, E: 'ist Schwarz im Hinblick auf die Drohung ♕h4 - ...h6 - ♗:h6! absolut hilflos." g6 22.Rf3 Bg7 23.Qf4 Rf8 24.Be7+-]

20...Rc4 1.16/22 Kitty Kat: 'Ipatov takes his chance! Thanks to my mistake the following section of the game becomes rather interesting.

Ipatov nutzt seine Chance! Dank meines Fehlers wird der folgende Teil der Partie ziemlich interessant.

[20...Qd5± 0.44/19 Kitty Kat]



' **21.Rf3** -0.01/20 Illingworth, Max: '?' '?' '?' Just like Black's 16th and 17th moves, my mistakes also come in twos. Analog zum 16. und 17. Zug von Schwarz kommen auch meine Fehler nicht allein.

[In the variation withIch hatte von weitem in der Variante 21.Bf6 Rxd4 22.Bxg7 I had been a long way from seeing the brilliant defence die glänzende Verteidigung Rxe4!! , after which White has to force the draw: nicht gesehen gehabt, wonach Weiß das Remis forcieren muss: 23.Qg5 *(or oder 23.f4 h5! 24.Qg5 Bxg7)* 23...Bxg7 24.Rg3 Kf8 25.Qxg7+ Ke7 26.Qg5+ Kf8=]

[Kitty Kat: ' Only move:'However, there was the better move However, there was the better move Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'However, there was the better move'' Besser war allerdings Besser war allerdings Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'Besser war allerdings'' 21.Rh3! 1.16/22 Kitty Kat: ' ±!' Rxd4 22.Qh5 *(22.Qh4*

Kitty Kat; *22.Nf6+* Kitty Kat *Nxf6 23.Qxd4 Nd5∓)* 22...h6 23.Bxh6! Illingworth, Max: 'is completely crushing, e.g. Tomashevsky,E: '!'' g6 *(*Equally hopeless is *23...Rxe4 24.Bg5 f6 25.exf6 Nxf6 26.Bxf6+-)* 24.Qh4 Rxe4 25.Bf4! *(* though things are not so clear after though things are not so clear after Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'though things are not so clear after''nicht so klar ist nicht so klar ist Illingworth, Max: 'Tomashevsky,E: 'nicht so klar ist'' *25.Qxe4* Illingworth, Max: '+-' '+-' '+-' Illingworth, Max: 'and Black is down too much material while still facing a big attack.' Illingworth, Max: 'and Black is down too much material while still facing a big attack.' *Bxh6 26.Rxh6 Qd5)* 25...Bg7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Bh6! Ke7 *(27...Bxh6?! 28.Qxh6+ Ke7 29.Qg5+ f6 30.exf6++-)* 28.Qxg7 Rxe5 29.Rf3! Rf8 30.Qh7! and White's superiority is almost decisive, but in the tense atmosphere of a team match it is no easy taks to calculate all of this correctly. und das Übergewicht von Weiß ist nahezu entscheidend, aber in der angespannten Atmosphäre eines Mannschaftskampfes ist es nicht einfach, dies alles richtig zu berechnen.]

21...Rxd4 Kitty Kat: '=' **22.Qf4!** Kitty Kat: '↑' Kitty Kat: ' White is pushing.'

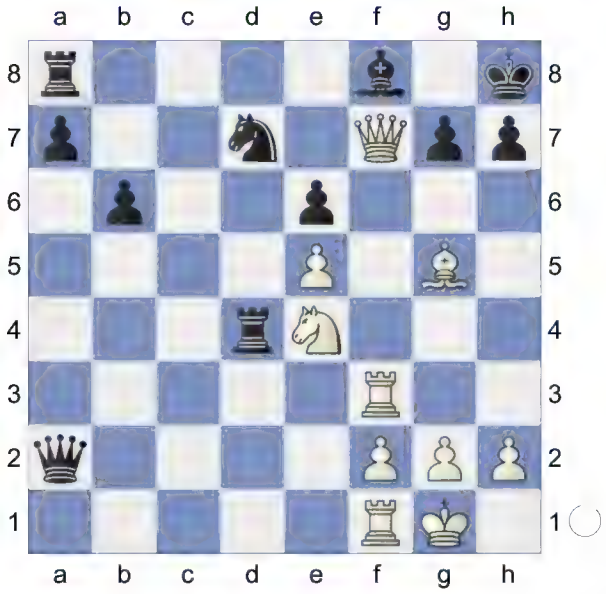
[Of course, Natürlich war 22.Nf6+? Nxf6 23.Qxd4 Nd5 was weak, because then the advantage would go to Black. schwach, denn der Vorteil ginge hier auf Schwarz über.]

22...Ra8 5.20/23 Kitty Kat: '?'

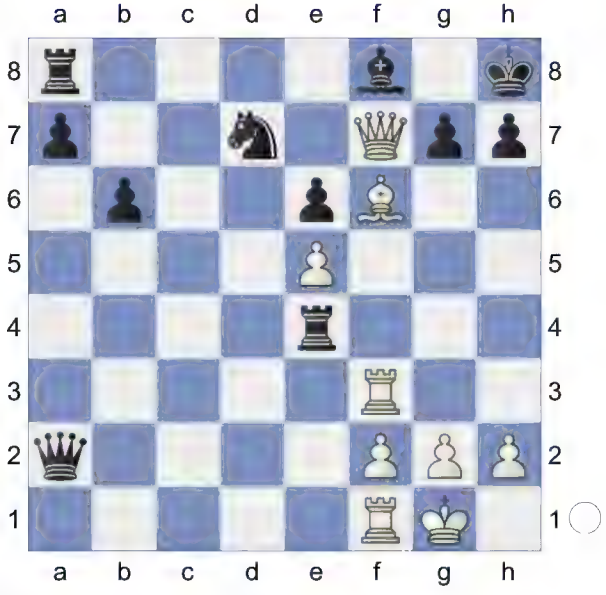
[Here, you see, Black had at his disposal the strong move Schwarz stand hier nämlich mit 22...Nxe5 0.11/22 Illingworth, Max: '!' '!' '!' Illingworth, Max: 'was the only move to defend. Now Black gets crushed.' Kitty Kat: '=!' Kitty Kat: ' and Black is okay.'which, afterein starker Zug zu Gebote, der nach 23.Qxe5 finds its justification in seine Rechtfertigung in Qc4!! It is specifically these “geometrical “ moves which are hard for humans to spot and which underline the difference between us and the computers. (Way back I had valiantly calculated out the linesfindet. Gerade diese “geometrischen “ Züge sind es, die dem Menschen schwer zugänglich sind und den Unterschied zwischen uns und den Computern unterstreichen (Ich hatte von weitem treuherzig die Abspiele *(23...Rd5 24.Qc7 Rf5 25.Rg3; 23...Qd5 24.Nf6+! gxf6 25.Qxf6;* and und *23...Qa4 24.Nf6+* which all lead to a more or less uncomplicated win for me; but the queen move to c4 did not occur to either of us!durchgerechnet; die die alle zu einem mehr oder weniger unkompliziertem Gewinn für mich führen; aber der Damenzug nach c4 kam keinem von uns beiden in den Sinn! *)* 24.Re1 *(*Here Jetzt wäre *24.Nf6+? gxf6 25.Qxf6 e5* would be bad, because Black has at his disposal the key move ♖g4. schlecht, denn Schwarz verfügt über den Schlüsselzug ♖g4. *)* 24...f5 *(24...Qb4!? 25.Rfe3 f5 26.Nc3 Qc5)* 25.Nd2 *(25.Ng3!? Bd6 26.Qe2* secures good fighting chances sichert größere Kampfressourcen *)* 25...Qd5 26.Rxf5 Qd7 and Black has chances not only of survival but also

of equality. An astonishing turn of events. und Schwarz hat nicht nur Überlebens-, sondern Ausgleichschancen. Eine erstaunliche Wendung der Ereignisse.]

23.Qxf7+ Kitty Kat: '+-' **23...Kh8** Kitty Kat: '



' **24.Bf6** Kitty Kat: '!' **24...Rxe4** Kitty Kat: '



' **25.Rg3** Kitty Kat: '!' **25...Nxf6**

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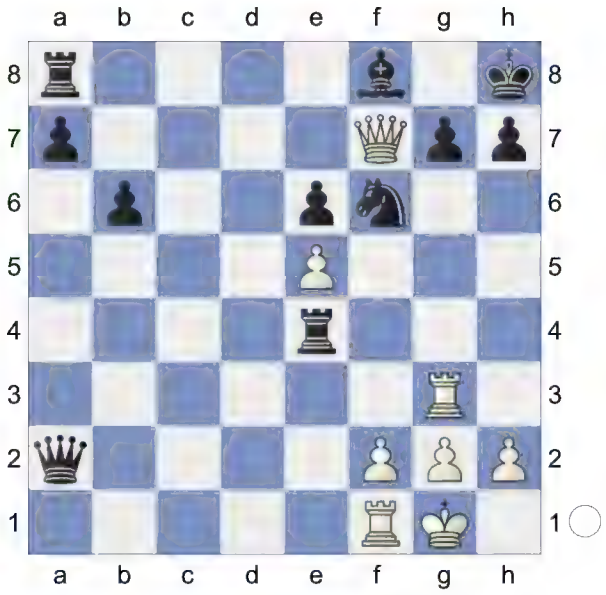


26.exf6 g6 27.Rh3 Kitty Kat: '!' **27...h6 28.Qxg6** Kitty Kat: ' White threatens Rh3xh6+ and mate.' **28...Qd2 29.Qxe4** 4.32/24 1-0 (34) Tomashevsky,E (2743)-Ipatov,A (2624) Reykjavik ISL 2015 [Illingworth, Max]

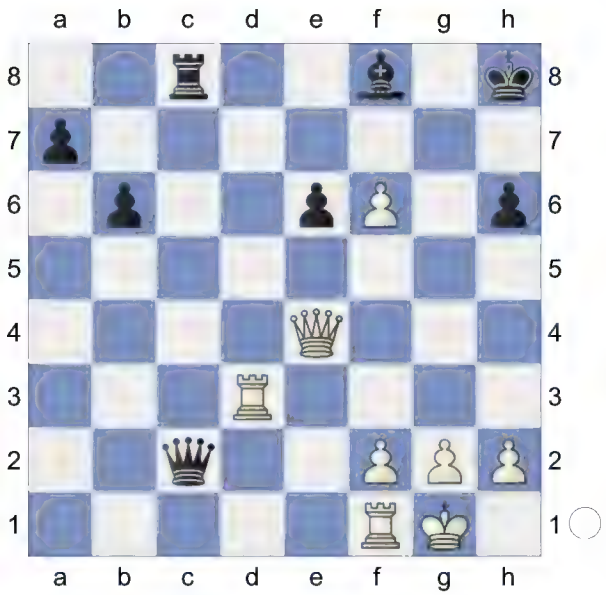
[⌓29.Rg3 #10/21 Kitty Kat Qxf2+ Decoy 30.Kxf2 Bc5+ 31.Kf3 Re3+ 32.Kf4 Rxg3 33.hxg3 *(33.Qxh6+ Kg8 34.hxg3 Kf7 35.Qg7+ Ke8 36.Rd1 Bd6+ 37.Rxd6 e5+ 38.Kxe5 Rd8 39.Qg8#)* 33...Bf8 34.Rh1]

29...Rc8 9.83/26

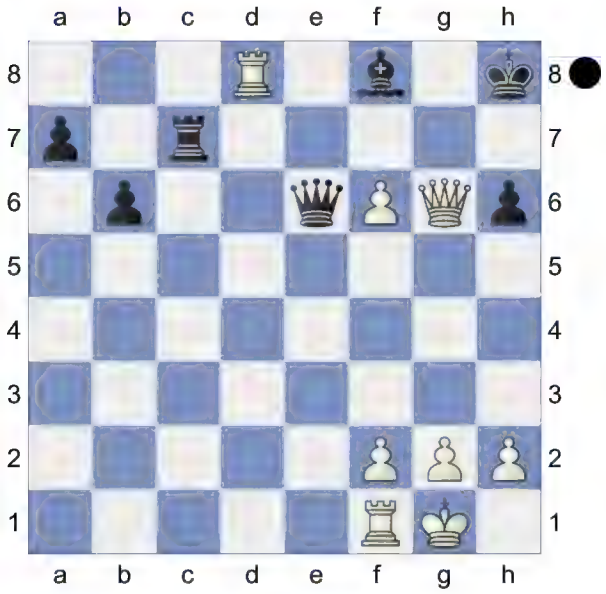
[⌓29...Qd5 4.32/24 Kitty Kat 30.Qg6 Qf5]

30.Rd3 Qc2

(Diagram)



31.Qxe6 Kitty Kat: ' Threatens to win with Rd3-g3.' **31...Qc6 32.Qg4 Rc7 33.Qg6** Kitty Kat: ' White wants to mate with Rd3-d8.' **33...Qe6 34.Rd8**



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75 **D52**

□ **Ding,Liren** **2742**

■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2743**

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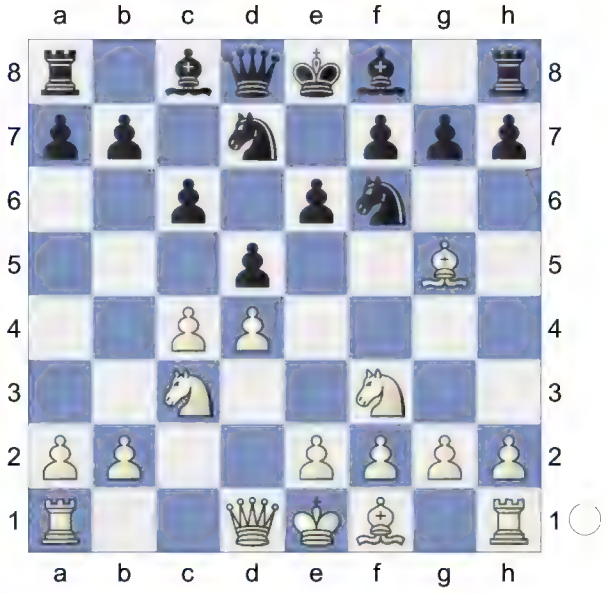
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 c5 9.Bf4 cxd4 10.exd4 0-0

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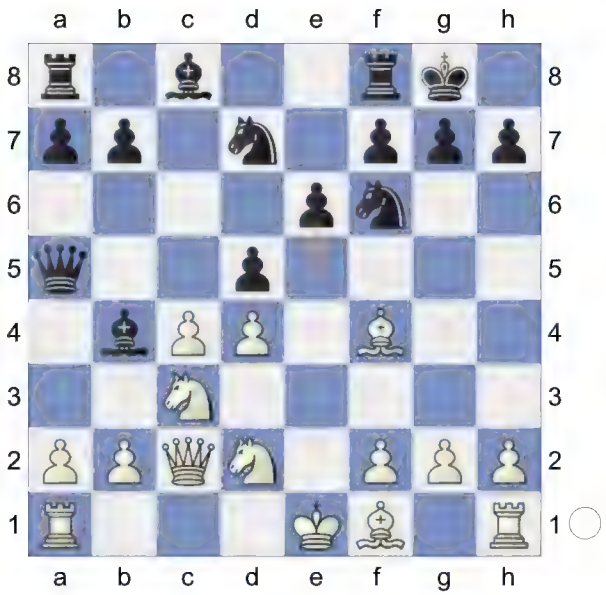
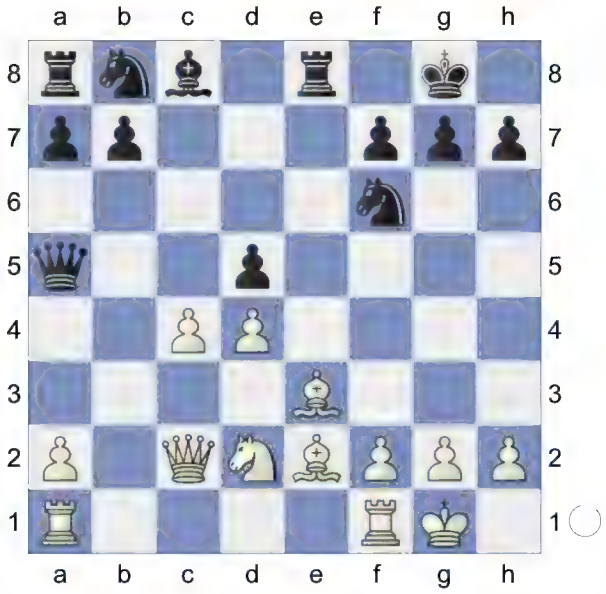
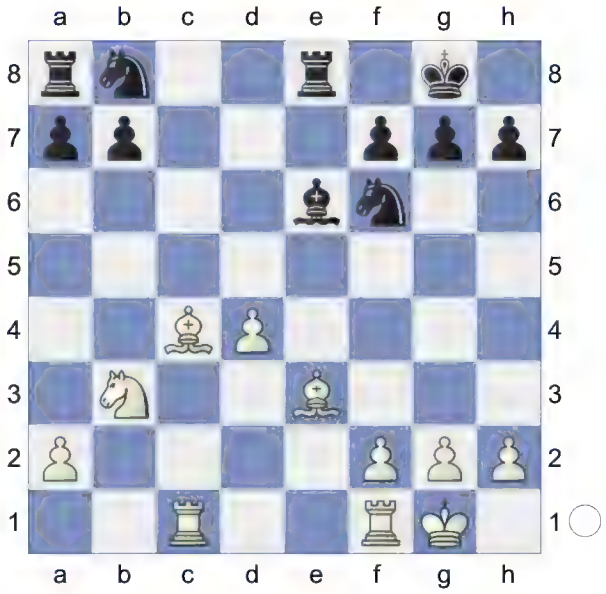


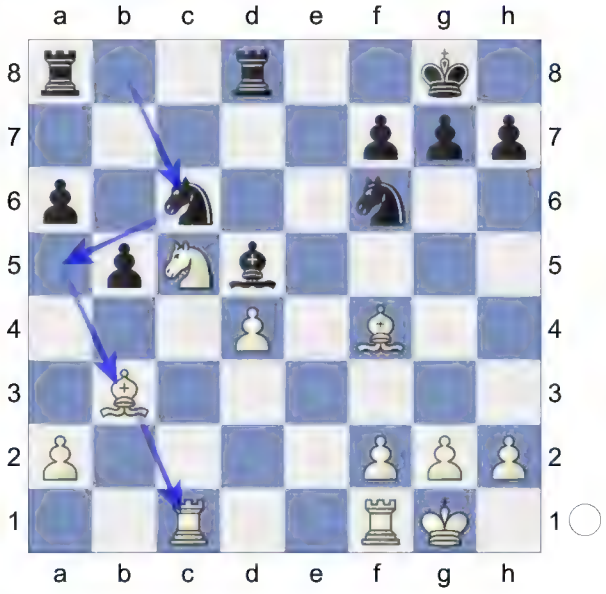
11.Be2 White has an edge. **11...Re8N**
[11...dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qd5 13.0-0 Qxd4 14.Bg3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qe4 16.Qb2 Qc6 17.Nd6 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Rad1 Qf5 20.Bd6 Re8 21.c4 e5 22.c5 b6 23.c6 Nf6 24.Rfe1 e4 25.Qd4 Be6 26.Ba6 1-0 (30) Oskooei,M (2653)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2 (2701) 55/627 Cappelle la Grande 1992 (9)]
12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 e5 14.Be3 exd4 15.cxd4 Nb8



16.Nb3 Qc7 17.Rac1 Bg4 18.Bd3 dxc4 19.Qxc4
[19.Bxc4 looks sharper. Qd6 20.Nc5 b6 21.Nd3]
19...Qxc4 20.Bxc4 A strong pair of Bishops. **20...Be6**



21.Bb5 Rd8 22.Nc5 Bd5 Black is weak on the dark squares **23.Bf4 a6 24.Ba4 b5 25.Bb3 Nc6**



26.Be5

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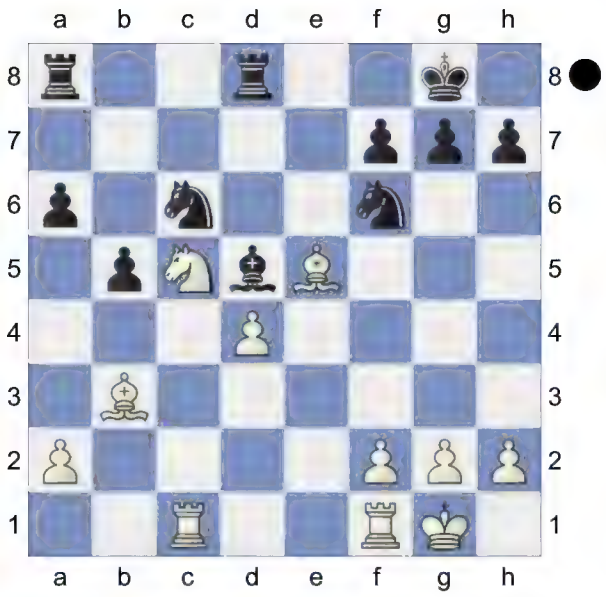

Threatens to win with Be5xf6. **26...Na5 27.Bxf6 Nxb3 28.Bxd8 Nxc1 29.Rxc1 Rxd8 30.Nxa6 Bxa2=**

Endgame. KRB-KRN **31.Rc5 Bc4** ...g7-g6! would now be deadly.

[And not 31...Rxd4 32.Rc8+]

32.f3 Kf8

[Worse is 32...Rxd4 33.Rc8+]

33.Nc7 Rb8 34.Kf2 Ke7 35.Ke3 Kd7

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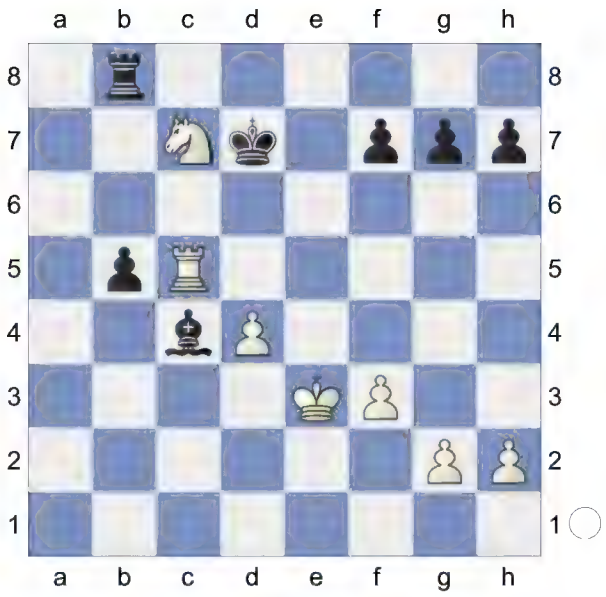


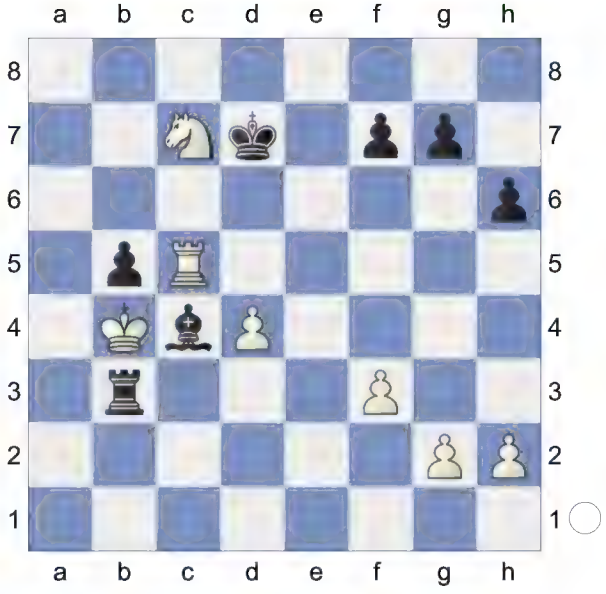
36.Kd2 -0.62/22

[36.h4= -0.22/21 feels stronger.]

36...Rc8∓ 37.Na6 Re8 38.Kc3 Re3+ 39.Kb4 h6 -0.50/22

[Black should play 39...Rb3+∓ -0.92/21 40.Ka5 Rb2]

40.Nc7 Rb3+



41.Ka5 Rb2 42.g4 Rd2 43.Nxb5 Bxb5 44.Kxb5 Rxd4= KR-KR **45.Rc4 Rd2**

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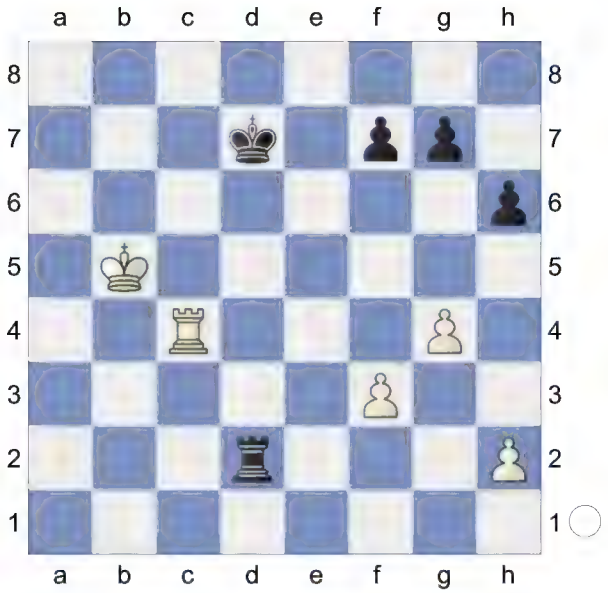
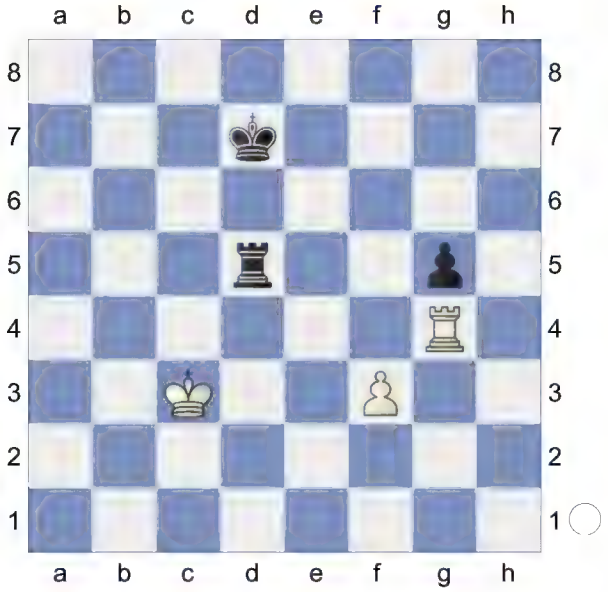


46.h4 Rd5+ 47.Kb4 f5 48.Kc3 The position is equal. **48...fxg4 49.Rxg4 g5 50.hxg5 hxg5**



51.f4 gxf4 52.Rxf4 Kd6 53.Rd4 Rxd4 54.Kxd4 Kc6

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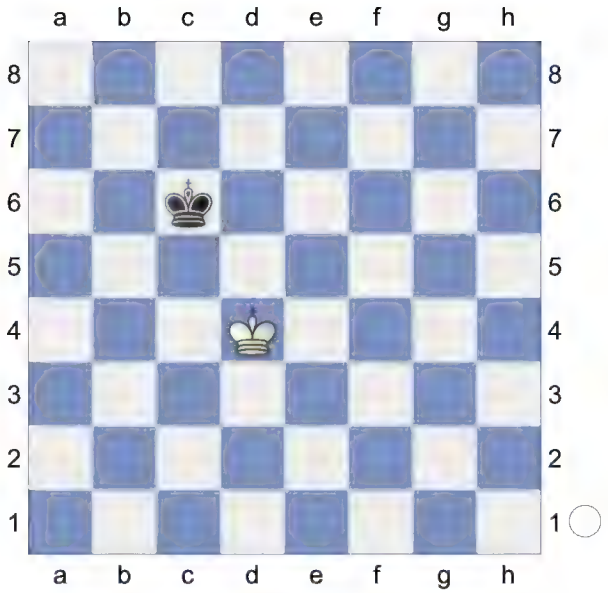

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□ **Gelfand,Boris** **2740**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2872**
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[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]
5...c6

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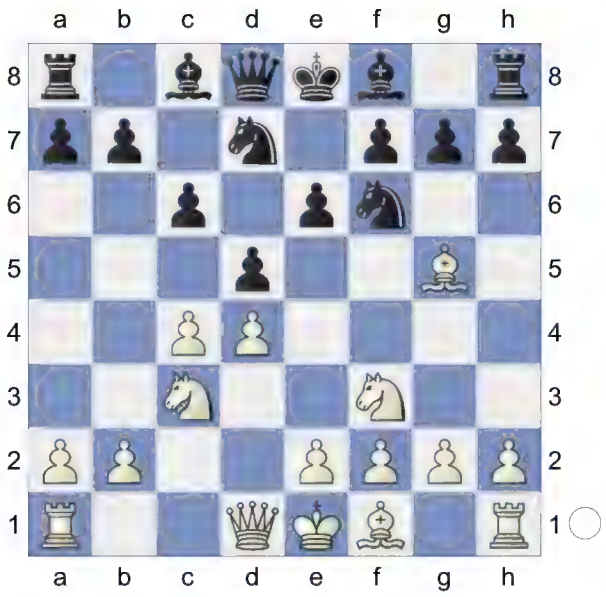

6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4_5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 White has an edge.

10...b6

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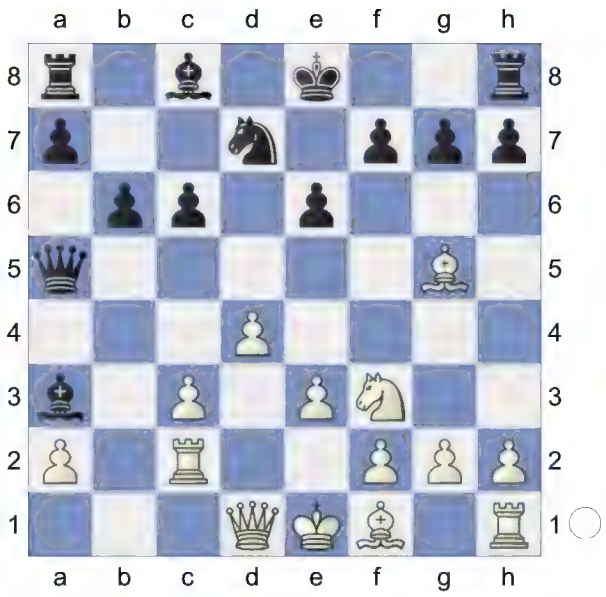
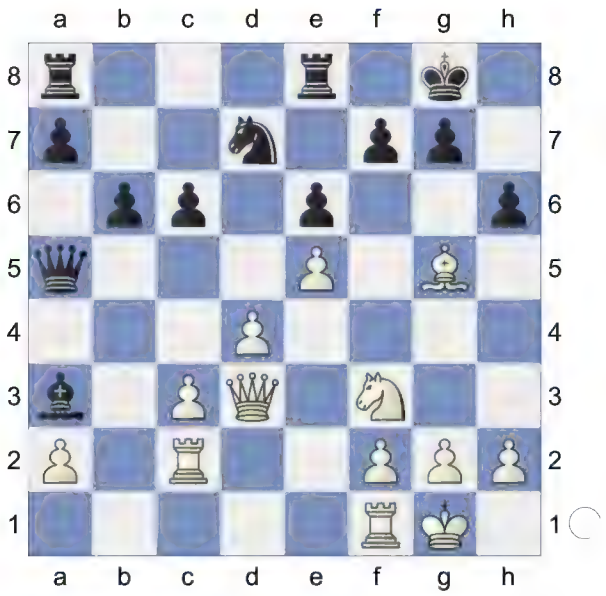


11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0 14.e4 0.01/18

[14.c4± 0.37/17]

14...Rfe8= 15.e5 h6



16.Bh4 c5 17.Nd2 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.Nc4 Qb5 20.f4 -0.19/18

[20.Qb3!± 0.34/20 Qxb3 21.axb3]

20...Rc7

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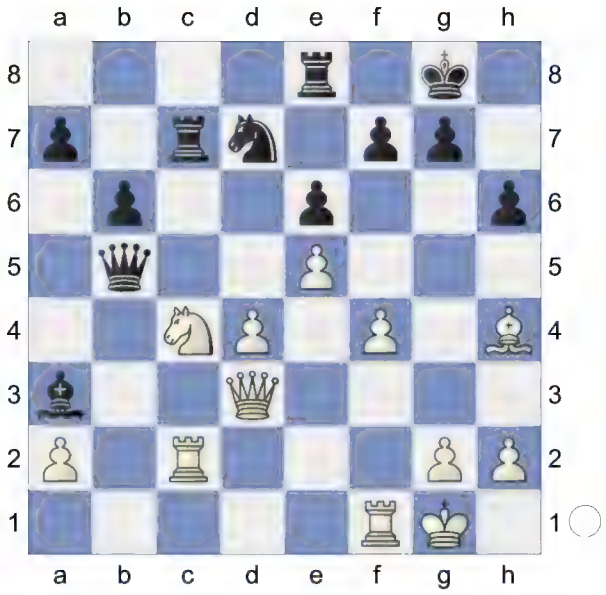
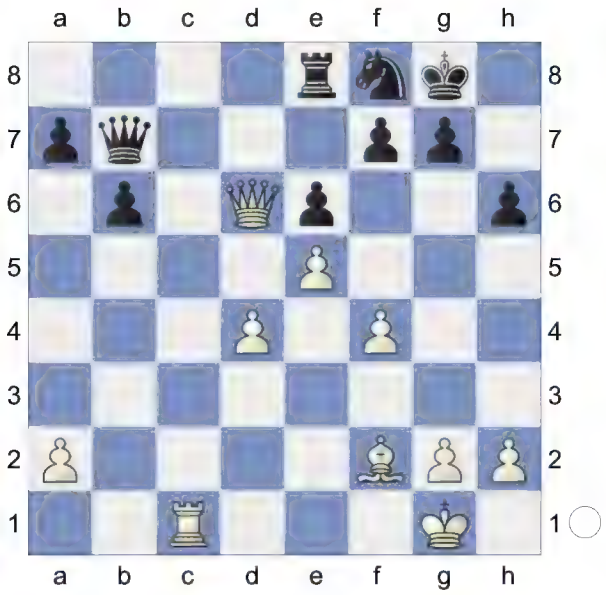


21.Qxa3 Rxc4 22.Rxc4 Qxc4 23.Bf2 Qc7 24.Rc1 Qb7 25.Qd6 Nf8



26.g3 Rc8 27.Rxc8 Qxc8∓ Endgame. KQB-KQN **28.d5 exd5 29.Qxd5 g6 30.Kg2 Ne6**

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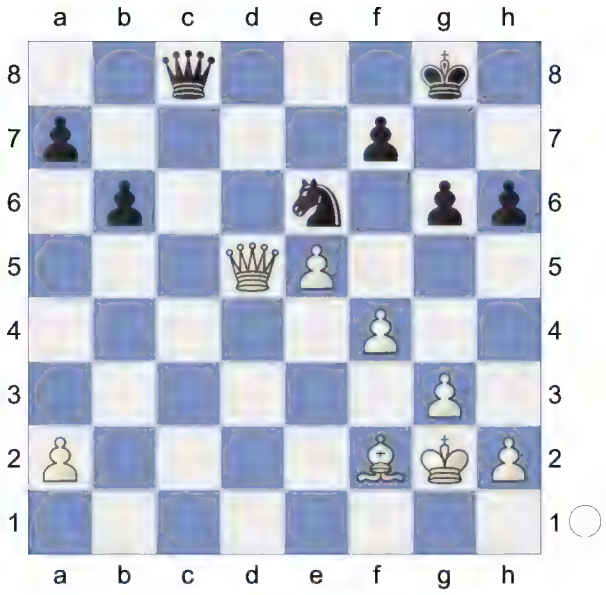
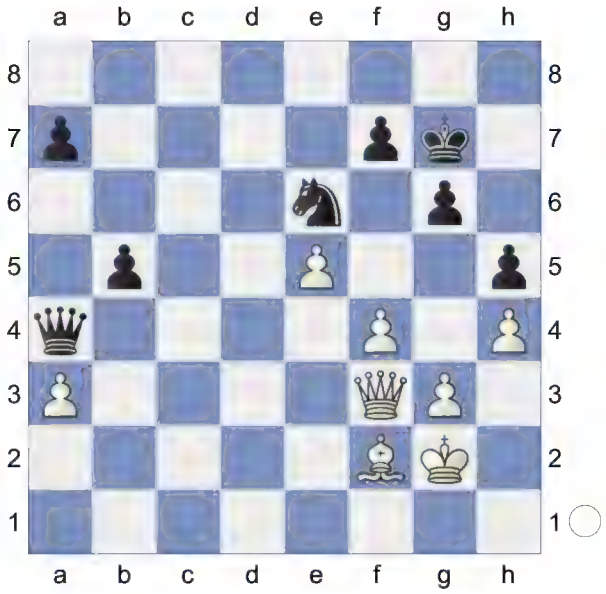
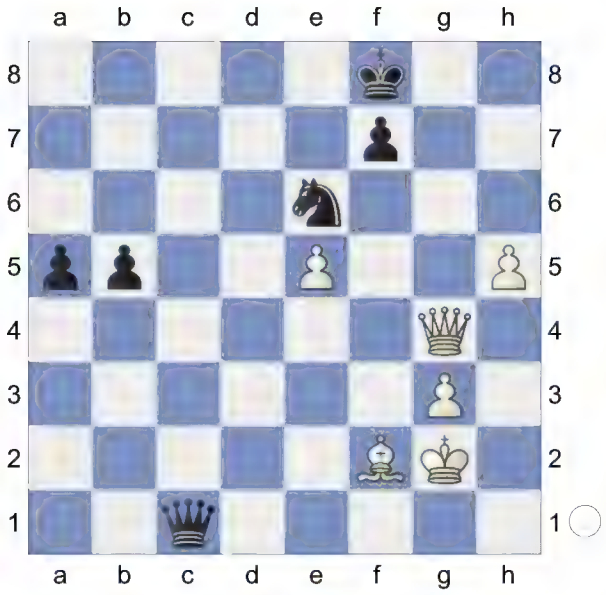


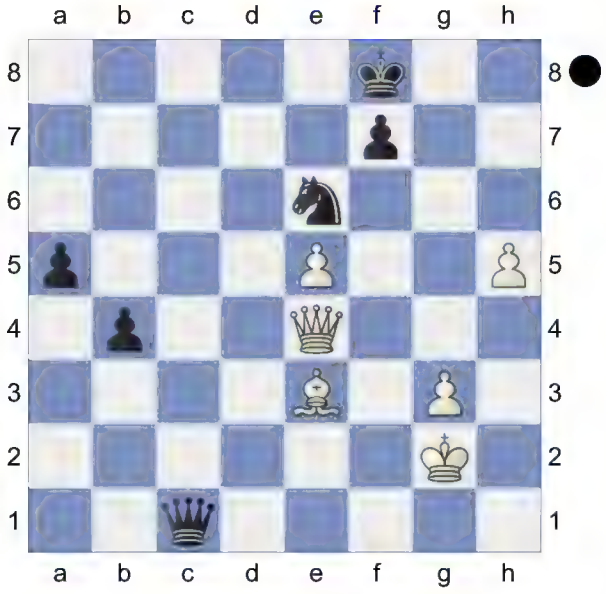
31.Qf3 Kg7 32.a3 h5 33.h4! Qc2
[33...Qc1 with more complications. 34.f5 gxf5 35.Qxh5 Qb1]
34.Qb7 Qa4 35.Qf3 b5



36.f5 gxf5 37.Qxf5 Qxa3 38.Qxh5 a5 -0.22/22
[38...Qa4∓ -0.59/20 is superior. 39.Qf5 Kg8]
39.Qg4+= Kf8 White should prevent ... Qa3-c3. **40.h5** -1.30/20
[40.Qh5!= -0.12/20 was the only way to keep the balance.]
40...Qc1!∓



41.Qe4 -2.03/21
[41.Ba7∓ -1.43/20]
41...b4-+ 42.Be3



Qc7 -0.88/23
[42...Qc8!-+ -2.03/21 Threatens to win with ...b4-b3. 43.Bd2 Qa6]
43.Qa8+ Kg7 White must now prevent ... Qc7-c2+. **44.h6+ Kh7 45.Qe4+ Kg8**

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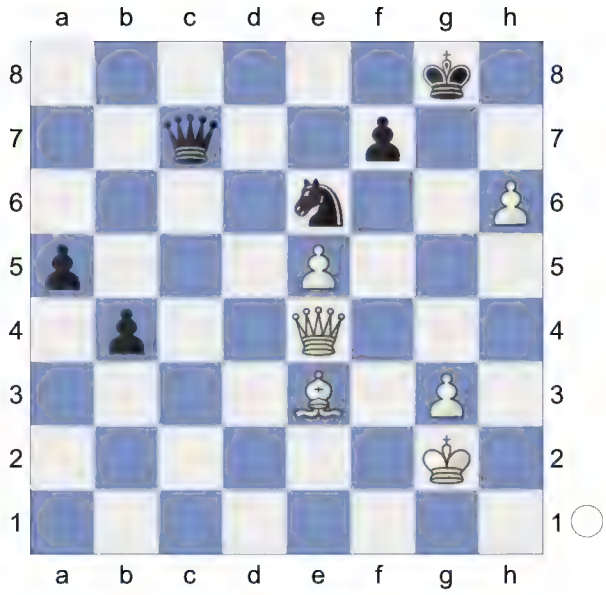
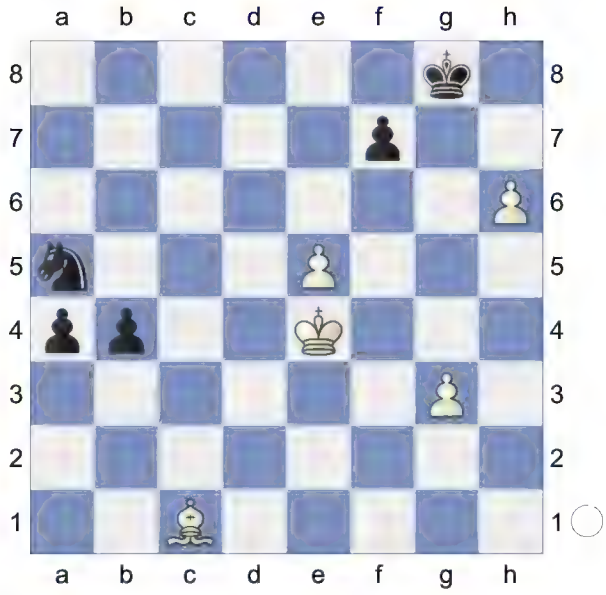


46.Qa8+ Qd8 47.Qxd8+ -3.39/29
Loses the game.
[47.Qc6∓ -1.29/20 was worth a try.]
47...Nxd8∓ KB-KN **48.Kf3 a4**
Hoping for ...a4-a3. **49.Ke4 Nc6**
50.Bc1 Na5



51.Bd2

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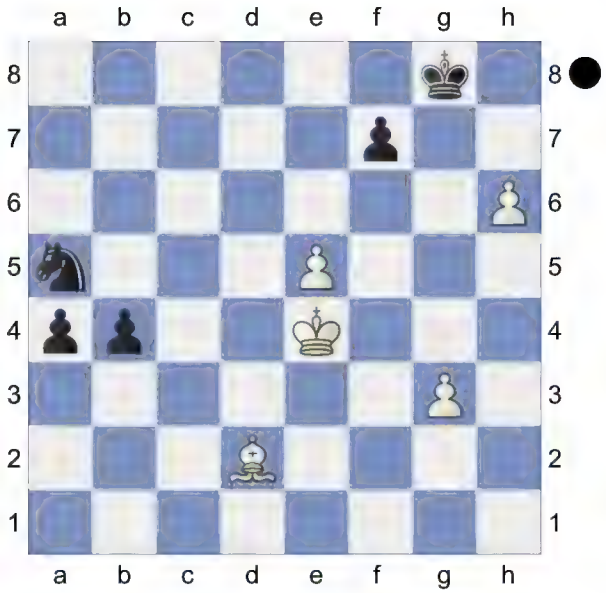
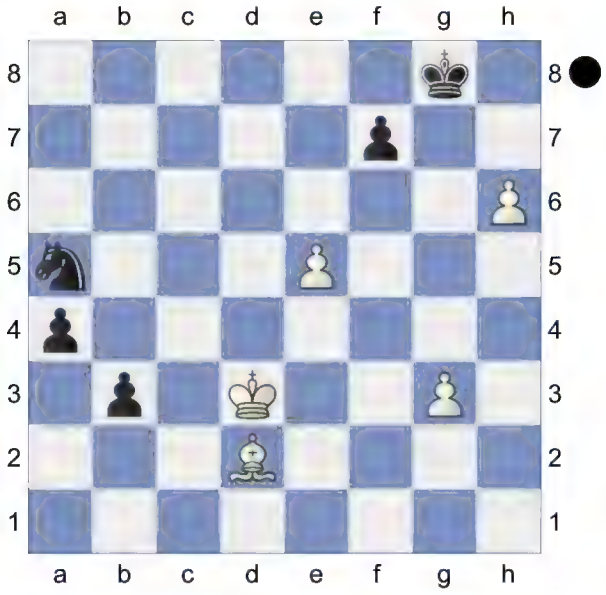


b3 52.Kd3



Nc4! Promotion **53.Bc3**
[53.Bf4 a3]

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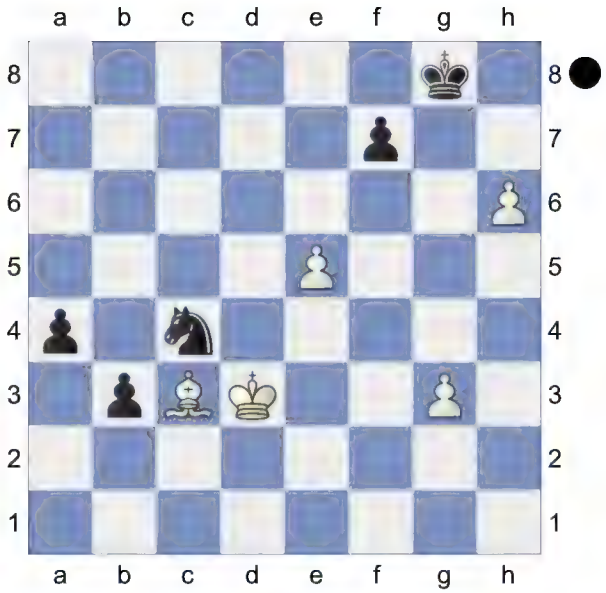
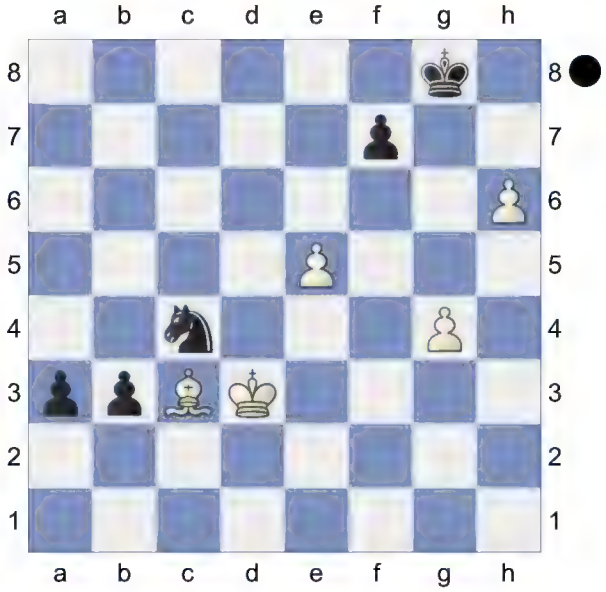


53...a3! 54.g4
[54.Kxc4 b2]



54...Kh7! aiming for ...b3-b2. **55.g5**
[55.Kxc4 b2]

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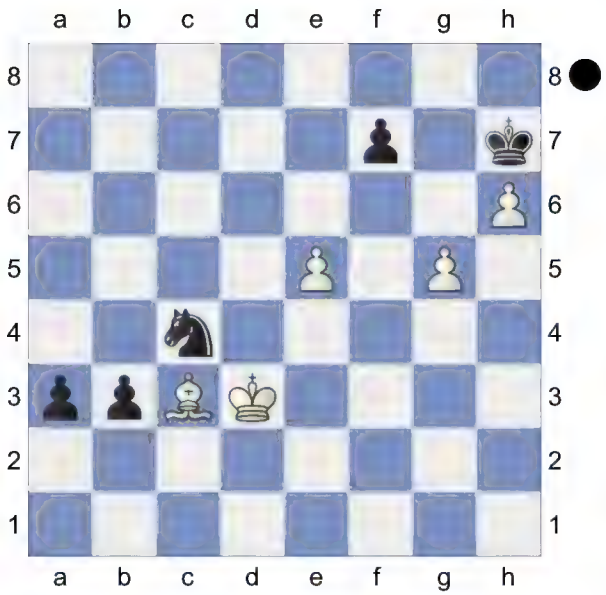
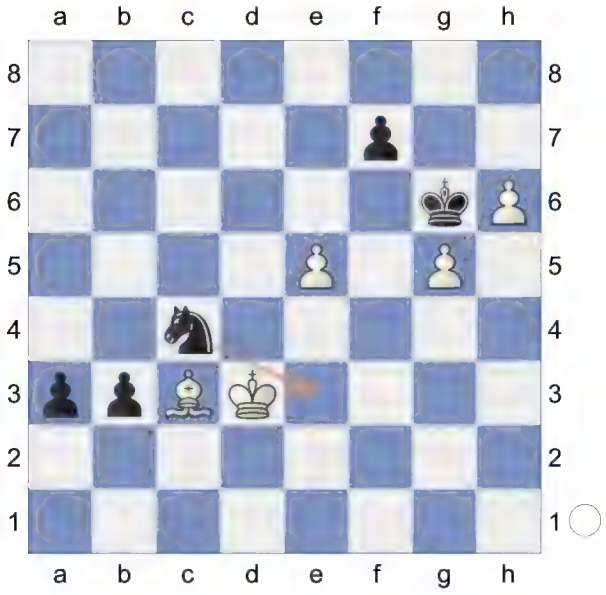


55...Kg6!



Strongly threatening ...Nc4-e3! **56.Bd4**
[56.Kxc4 b2]
56...b2 57.Kc2

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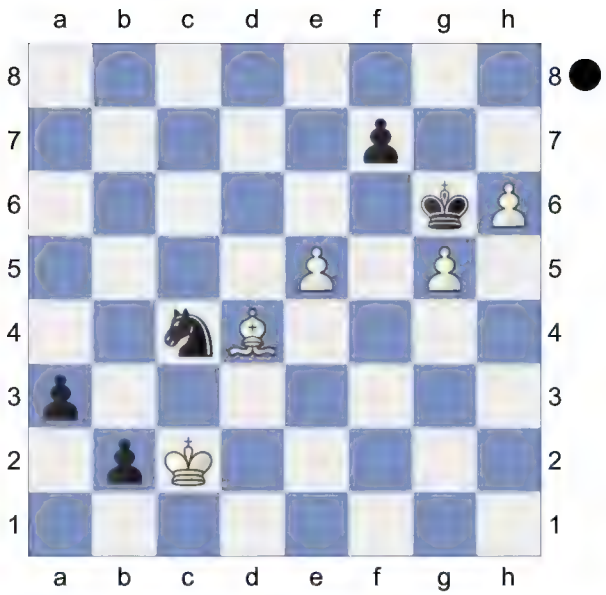
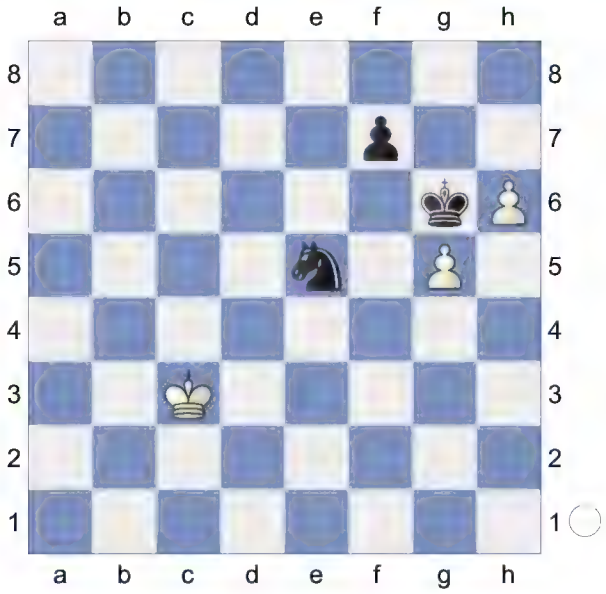


Nd2! Deflection, Promotion **58.Bxb2 axb2**
[58...Kxg5 59.h7 *(59.Bxa3 Kxh6 60.Kxd2 Kg6+-)* 59...axb2 60.Kxb2 Nc4+ 61.Kc3 Nxe5 62.h8Q+- *(62.h8R Ng6=)*]
59.Kxb2 Nc4+ Black mates.
[59...Kxg5? perishes. 60.h7 Kf5 61.h8Q+- *(61.h8R Kxe5 62.Rf8 f6=)*]
60.Kc3 Nxe5



61.Kd4 Nf3+

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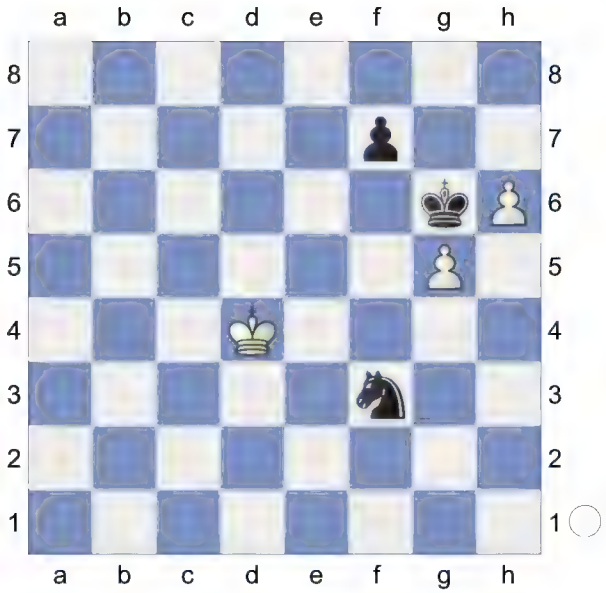

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77 **D52**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Dragun,Kamil** **2553**
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[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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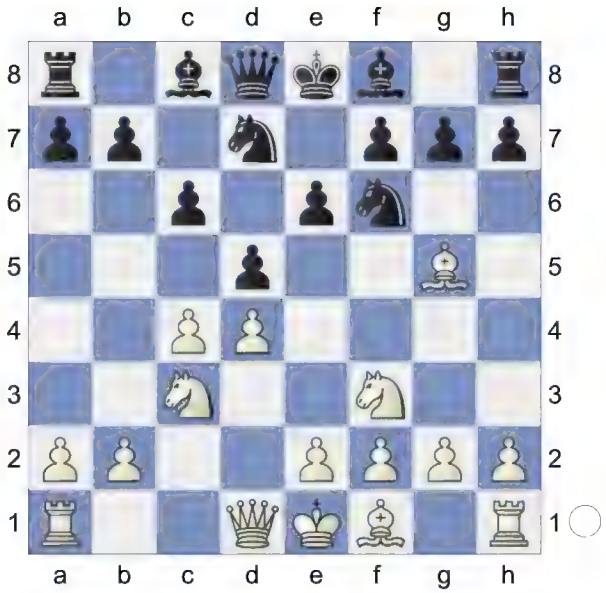
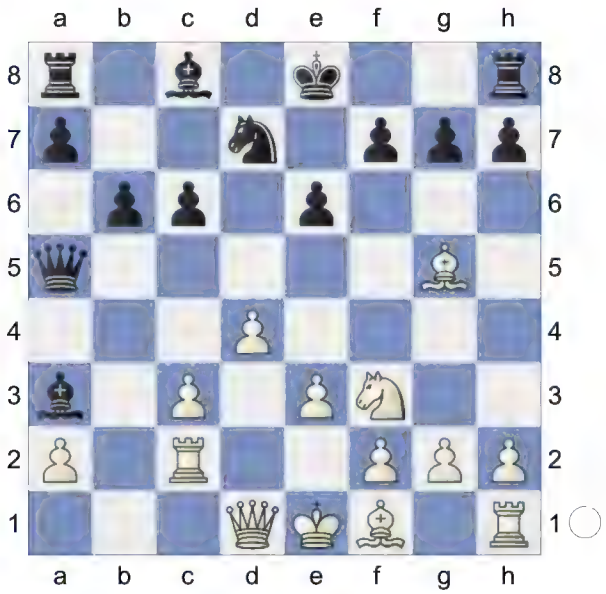


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 b6



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[13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Rd1 Rfe8 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.c4 c5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb4 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.h4 Qa4 Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan (blitz) 141/(11) 2019]
13...0-0 14.Qc2N
[14.e4 Rfe8 15.e5 Qxc3 16.Re3 Qa5 17.Nd2 Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd5 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Rh3 g6 23.Qh4 Ref7 24.exf6

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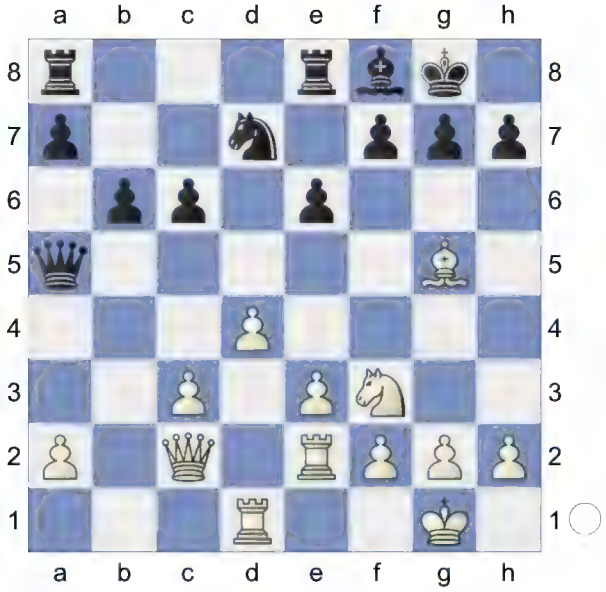

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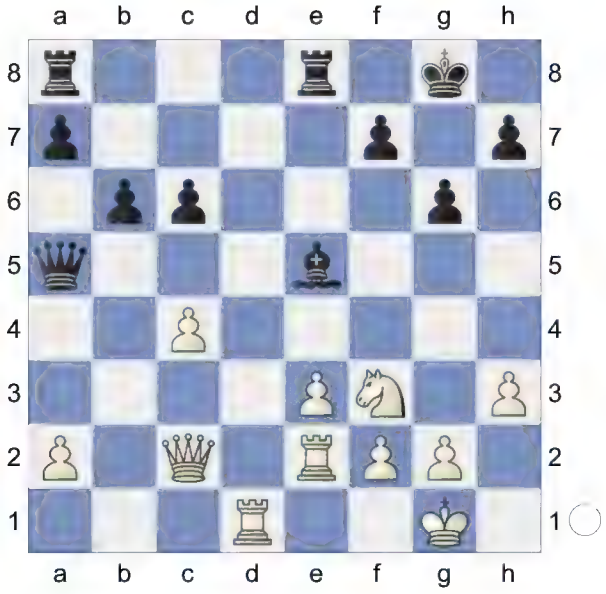

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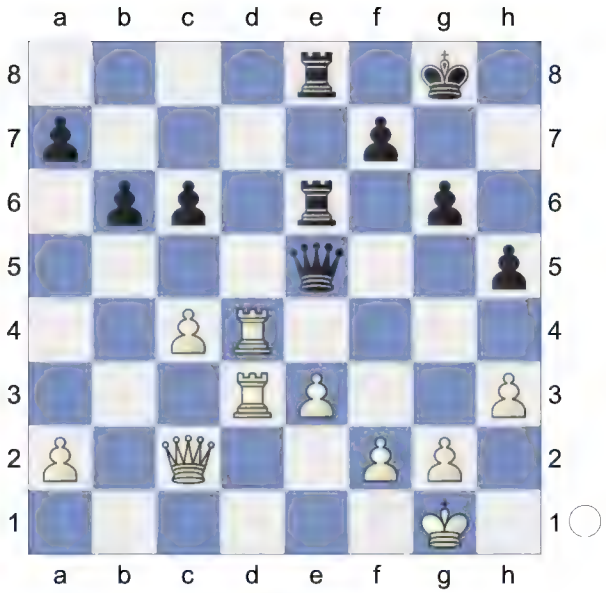

26.h4

[26.Rd7 looks sharper. R8e7 27.Rd8+ Kg7 28.Ra8]

26...Kg7 27.g3 R8e7 28.Qa4

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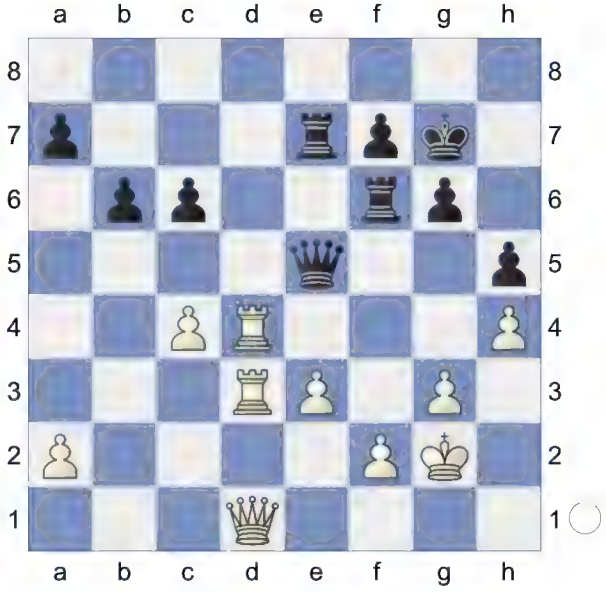

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31...Rfe6

[31...c5 with more complications. 32.Rd8 Qf5 33.Qe2 Re4]

32.a4 Rf6
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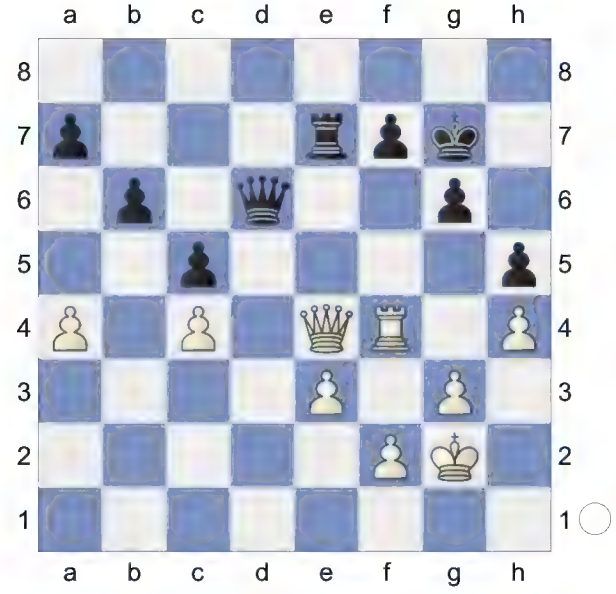

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42.Qa8 -0.75/29 **Qd6** -0.01/28 **43.Qf3 Qe6 44.Qa8** -0.95/25
[44.g4= 0.01/24]
44...Qd6 0.01/25
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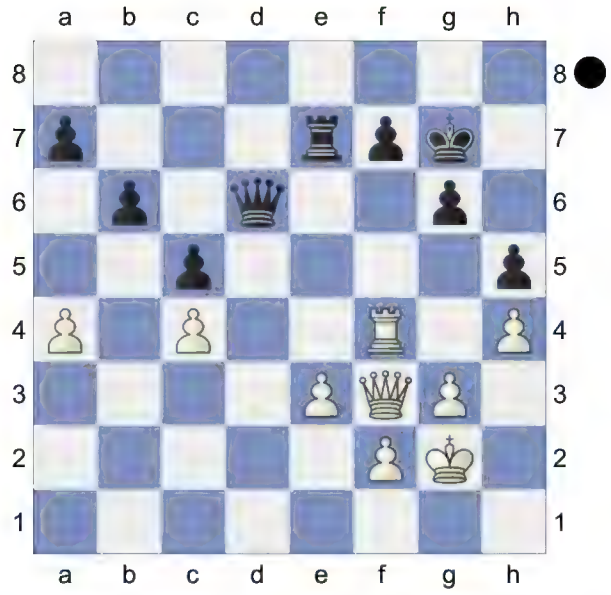
45.Qf3



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78 **D52**
□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2729**
■ **Bruzon Batista,Lazaro** **2652**
Turin ol (Men) 37th (12) 03.06.2006
[Schandorff,Lars]

Neil McDonald: 'D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation Skembris,Spyridon: 'Skembris,S: 'Inf 92/(440)'" **1.Nf3** Neil McDonald Schandorff, Lars Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff, Lars"
[J.R.Capablanca-G.Maróczy, Carlsbad 1929, began 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4

e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 a6 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bg3 Qa5 12.Nd2 Nxc3 13.bxc3 c5 14.Nc4 Qd8 15.Rd1 cxd4 . Here Capa played 16.Rxd4! Neil McDonald: ', after which the black pieces were unable to escape their positional straitjacket:' (rather than the 'obvious' recapture with *16.cxd4*) , after which the black pieces were unable to escape their positional straitjacket: 16...Bc5 17.Rd2 Qe7 18.Be2 b6 19.Nd6 Nf6 20.0-0 Ra7 21.Bf3 Bd7 22.Rfd1 e5 23.Bh4! (with Black paralysed, it is time to provoke weaknesses in his kingside pawn cover) g5 24.Bg3 Kg7 25.Be2 b5 26.h4! Rc7 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.Nf5+ Bxf5 29.Qxf5 and Black resigned just in time before his pawns started falling off.]

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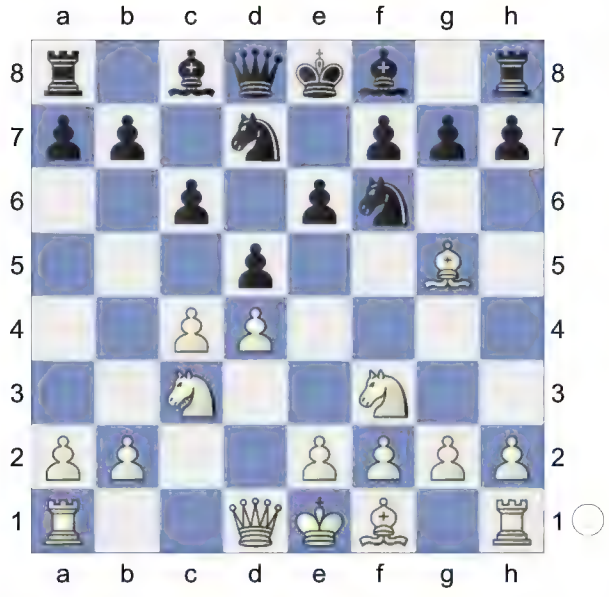

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[White's highest percentage line and probably superior to 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0]

[or 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Nd2 .]

7...Nxd5

[QUESTION: Why can't Black free his game with the natural QGD recapture 7...exd5 - ?

ANSWER: He can, but Black must be very careful not to end up in a QGD with a totally misplaced queen on a5. One of White's essential strategies in the QGD Exchange is to play for a minority attack and engineer b2-b4. If this is the case, Black may end up losing two tempi. A.Grischuk-M. Godena, European Cup, Saint Vincent 2005, continued Cyrus Lakdawala: '- ? --- ANSWER: He can, but Black must be very careful not to end up in a QGD with a totally misplaced queen on a5. One of White's essential strategies in the QGD Exchange is to play for a minority attack and engineer b2-b4. If this is the case, Black may end up losing two tempi. A.Grischuk-M.Godena, European Cup, Saint Vincent 2005, continued Schandorff, Lars: '- ? ANSWER: He can, but Black must be very careful not to end up in a QGD with a totally misplaced queen on a5. One of White's essential strategies in the QGD Exchange is to play for a minority attack and engineer b2-b4. If this is the case, Black may end up losing two tempi. A.Grischuk-M.Godena, European Cup, Saint Vincent 2005,

continued" 8.Bd3 Ne4 9.0-0! Nxg5 *(9...Nxc3 10.Qd2!* regains the piece*)* 10.Nxg5 Nf6 11.h3 and maybe Black is okay, but his queen still looks misplaced on a5.]

8.Qd2 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White must deal with the challenge on c3.''White must deal with the challenge on c3. Schandorff,Lars: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White must deal with the challenge on c3.'"

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8...Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0

[but the immediate 10...c5 is met by 11.a3! (White is happy to hand over the a3-pawn for the bishop pair and a development lead) Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 (Shirov isn't interested) 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.Bd3 and White gets a long-term edge due to the bishop pair and stronger centre, V.Kramnik-A. Shirov, Shanghai 2010.]

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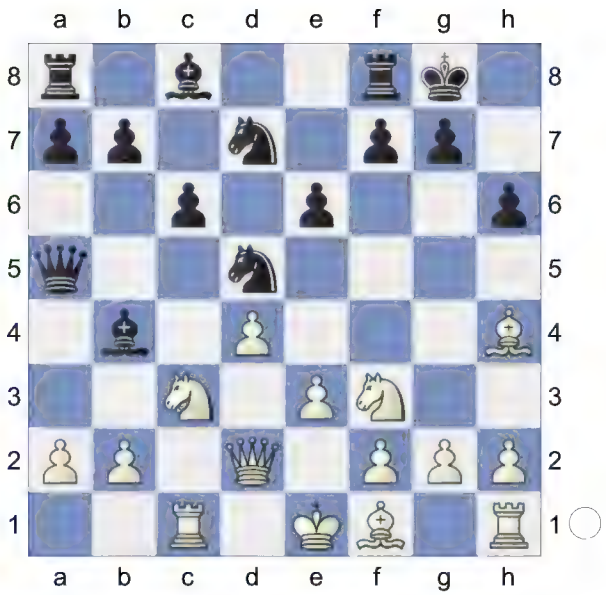

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[White can also play in a more mellow fashion with Cyrus Lakdawala: 'White can also play in a more mellow fashion with For if' 11.Bd3 Cyrus Lakdawala: ', Black can advance in the centre with' e5 Cyrus Lakdawala: "!?" Neil McDonald: '!?' '!?' Neil McDonald: ', seeing that' *(or 11...Re8!? intending 12...e5; 11...b6* Neil McDonald *12.0-0 Ba6 13.e4 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nf4 15.Qe3 Ng6 16.Bg3 Rfe8 17.a3 Bf8 18.Nb1 Rac8 19.Nbd2 Qb5 20.Nc4 c5 21.Rfd1 Qa6 22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Qe1 Ndf8 24.Qf1 b5* Halkias,S (2526)-Skembris,S (2446) (open) 92/(440) 2004*; 11...c5* Neil McDonald *12.a3 cxd4 13.axb4 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qb6 15.0-0 a5 16.e4 N5f6 17.Ra1 Qc7 18.c4 b6 19.e5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Rb8 24.Ra3* 7.♗d3 ♕h5 8.00-Blasiak, M Budapest 1984 *)*

A) , seeing that 12.dxe5? Nxc3 13.bxc3 *(13.a3!?* Neil McDonald *Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.axb4±)* 13...Ba3 followed by 14...Nxe5 regains the pawn with advantage to him.;

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C) 12.0-0 , as in A.Moiseenko-B. Esen, Khanty-Mansiysk 2011.]

11...Bxc3

[Black has no real choice since 11...Bd6 would be an admission that his opening strategy has failed.]

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14.Bd3 Ng6 15.Bg3 Neil McDonald: '

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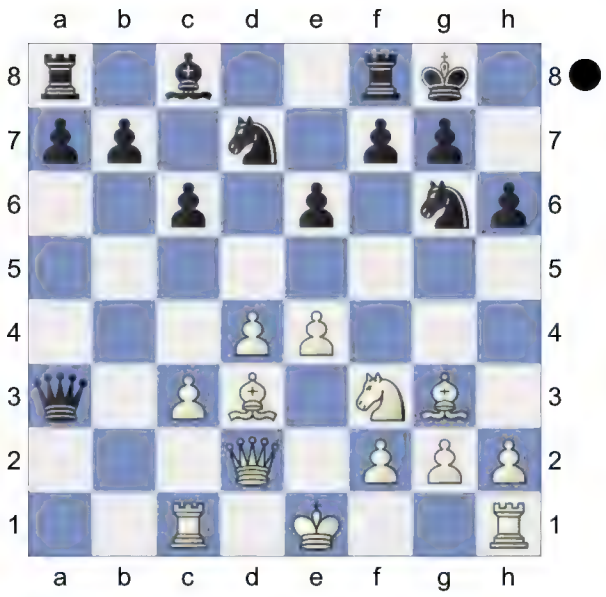
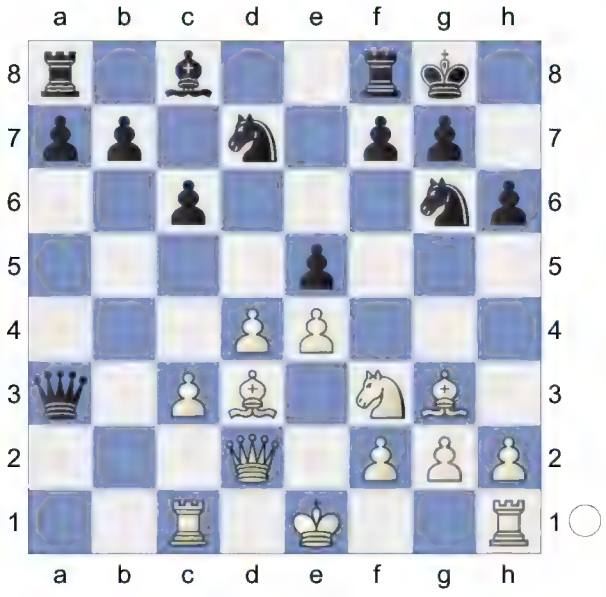


' **15...e5** Black seeks influence in the centre. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'Black seeks influence in the centre. "

[15...b6 16.0-0 Bb7 17.e5! Qe7 18.h4 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'gave White a strong initiative'gave White a strong initiative c5 19.h5 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Nh4 21.Qf4 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Qxf5 Qe6 24.Qe4 f5 25.d5! Qe8 26.Qf4± Nielsen,P (2626)-Hansen,C (2625)/ Esbjerg 2002.]



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[Cyrus Lakdawala: 'However the more direct move'However the more direct move 16.h4 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'is very popular as well.' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'was another way to attack, but Black looks solid after'is very popular as well. exd4 17.cxd4 Re8 18.h5 Ngf8 , as in A.Khalifman-M.Gurevich, Lanzarote 2003.]

[Kramnik refrains from 16.Nxe5? Ndxe5 17.dxe5 Rd8! (threatening ... Rxd3!, overloading the white queen) 18.0-0 Qc5! and Black, who has managed to decimate White's centre, will be up a pawn after all.]

16...Re8

[16...Qe7 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'doesn't change much.'doesn't change much. 17.Rfe1 a5 18.Bb1 b5 19.Ba2 Miranda Pantoja,A (2218)-Landers Rodriguez,J (2241)/ICCF email 2006, Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Miranda Pantoja,A (2218)-Landers Rodriguez,J (2241)/ ICCF email 2006, with similar play to that in the main game.'with similar play to that in the main game.]

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[I would have dropped back with 17...Qe7 .]

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21...Qe7 **22.Qc1** Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Kramnik waits to see what Black will do. "Kramnik waits to see what Black will do. Schandorff,Lars: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Kramnik waits to see what Black will do.'" **22...Ra5**

[He can also just slog forward with 22...b5 .]

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[23...b6 24.h4↑]

[23...a3∓ -0.36/17 Neil McDonald]

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[The dynamism generated by the white pieces is far more significant than keeping a pretty pawn structure with 24.cxd4 . I am strongly reminded of a game between Capablanca and Maróczy (see the note with 1 d4 above).]

24...Qc5 Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Allowing a winning combination, but in view of the threat of 25 Nf5, it's difficult to suggest any reasonable move.'

[Instead, 24...Nde5? is just a loss of several tempi after 25.f4]

[while 24...Ndf8 is met by 25.Nf5! Qf6 *(the knight can't be touched: 25...Bxf5?? 26.exf5 Ne5 27.f4 Qc5+ 28.Bf2* and Black can resign) 26.Nd6 Rd8 27.f4 with e4-e5 next.]

25.Bc7 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!!' '!!' '!!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The bishop dances a curlicue pattern on his toes. A scheme grows within Kramnik's mind as he sets a cunnin'The bishop dances a curlicue pattern on his toes. A scheme grows within Kramnik's mind as he sets a cunning trap... Schandorff,Lars: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: '!!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The bishop dances a curlicue pattern on his toes. A scheme grows within Kramnik's mind as he sets a cunning trap...'" g trap...' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'The bishop dances a curlicue pattern on his toes. A scheme grows within Kramnik's mind as he sets a cunning trap... '!' An important strengthening of the white attack;' Neil McDonald: '!' '!!' Neil McDonald: 'The bishop dances a curlicue pattern on his toes. A scheme grows within Kramnik's

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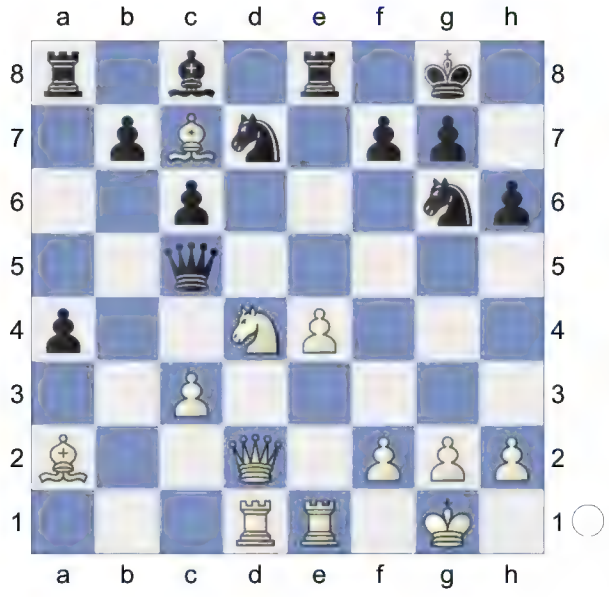
[as after 25.Bxf7+ -0.63/19 Neil McDonald: '25.Bg3-c7 0.46' Kxf7 26.Qa2+ Kf8 5.44/21 Neil McDonald: '?' *(26...Kf6!∓* -0.60/20 (Neil McDonald) keeps the upper hand. *27.f4 Nde5 28.fxe5+ Nxe5 29.Bxe5+ Qxe5)* 27.Ne6+ Neil McDonald: '+-' Rxe6 28.Qxe6 Black has Nge5 , keeping the white bishop out of d6.]

25...Ra8 4.20/21 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' '?' '?' Cyrus Lakdawala: '...which Bruzon falls into!"...which Bruzon falls into! --- EXERCISE (combination alert): Kramnik found a way to obliterate the black king's defences. What would you play here? Schandorff,Lars: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' Cyrus Lakdawala: '...which Bruzon falls into!"' Neil McDonald: '?' '?' Neil McDonald: '

[Black's only path to continued survival is to hand over the exchange with 25...Nf6 .]

[25...Ra6= -0.02/18 Neil McDonald]



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[27...Kf6 Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' '?' '?' Cyrus Lakdawala: '(the startled king zigzags away in an attempt to outrun his pu'(the startled king zigzags away in an attempt to outrun his pursuers) Schandorff,Lars: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: '?' Cyrus Lakdawala: '(the startled king zigzags away in an attempt to outrun his pursuers) ''' rsuers) ' Neil McDonald: ' ? ' 28.Bd8+! Cyrus Lakdawala: '!!' '!!' '!!' Cyrus Lakdawala: '(another reason why White's 25th move deserved two exclams!) Schandorff,'(another reason why White's 25th move deserved two exclams!) Schandorff,Lars: '!' Schandorff,Lars: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: '!!' Cyrus Lakdawala: '(another reason why White's 25th move deserved two exclams!) Schandorff, Lars: '!'''' Lars: '!'' Neil McDonald: '!!' Rxd8 *(28...Ke5* also walks into a mate in five) 29.Qe6+ Kg5 30.Nf3+ 'Schandorff, Lars: 'ends with mate Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'ends with mate''' 'ends with mate Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'ends with mate'' Kf4 *(or 30...Kh5 31.g4#)* 31.g3+! Kxf3 (the king falls endlessly into a damned soul's journey to the bowels of hell) 32.Rd3+ Qe3 33.Rexe3# .]

[Others lose at once: 27...Ke7? 28.Qe6+ Kf8 29.Bd6+ picks off the queen.]

28.Ne6+ 2.28/23

[⌓28.Nf5 4.31/22 Neil McDonald]

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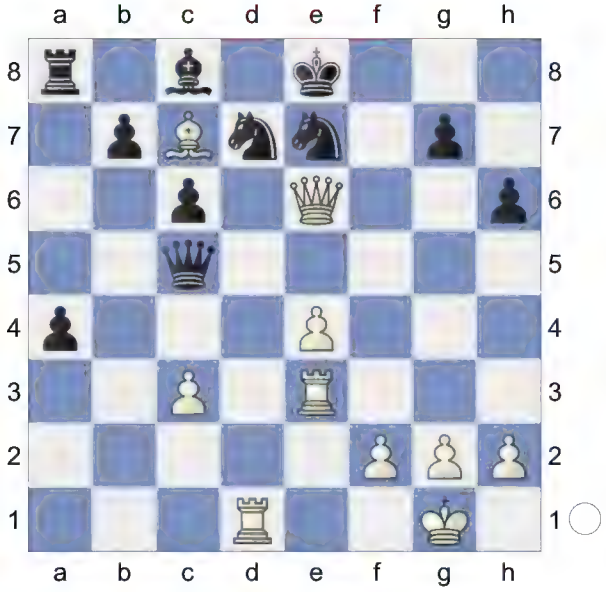
[After 29...Qg5 30.Rxd7! Bxd7 31.Bd6+ Ne7 Neil McDonald: '+-' 32.Qxd7 a3 33.f4 Qf6 34.e5 Qf7 35.Qxb7 Black can't survive the multiple attacking threats.]

30.Re3 Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' '!' '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'A new attacker is airlif'A new attacker is airlifted in. Schandorff, Lars: 'Cyrus Lakdawala: '!' Cyrus Lakdawala: 'A new attacker is airlifted in. ' And now the rook comes. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'And now the rook comes.'''' ted in.' Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: ' Intending Re3-f3+ and mate.'And now the rook comes. Cyrus Lakdawala: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'And now the rook comes."

[I wonder if Bruzon had only counted on 30.Bd6?! Qg5 31.Re3 Ne5 , when he is busted but at least continues to resist. 32.Qxe5 Neil McDonald Qxe5 33.Bxe5 Be6]

30...Ke8

[since 30...Ne5?? 31.Rd8# is mate!]



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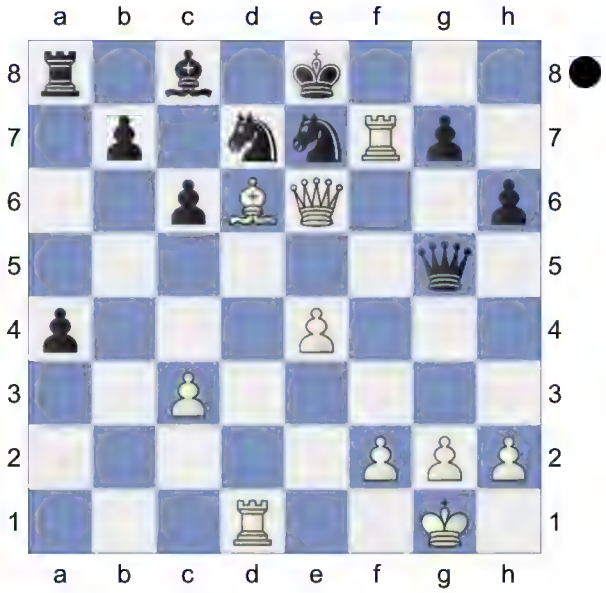

, continuing to stroke the dead cat on e7. Cyrus Lakdawala: ', continuing to stroke the dead cat on e7. with a massacre on e7.' Neil McDonald: 'with a massacre on e7.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.58'

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□ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2729**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2727**
Reggio Emilia 54th (4) 30.12.2011
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 e5

[9...h6 10.Bh4 b6 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.f3 f5 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Bc6 19.Rb1 Ba4 20.Bg3 Rhd8 21.Bc7 Rdc8 22.Bg3 Kf6 23.Nc1 e5 24.d5 (33) Can,E (2471)-Laznicka,V (2679) 117/(150) Legnica 2013]

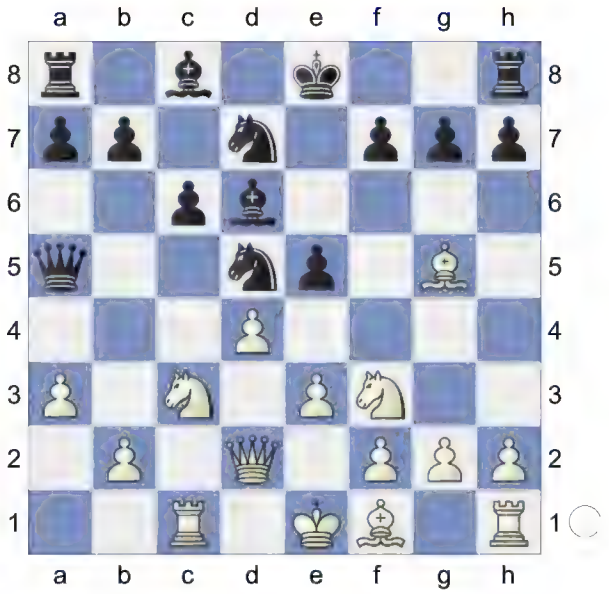
[9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3 11.Rb1 b6 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.Bh4 Bf8 16.Rfd1 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rac8 18.e5 h6 19.c4 Be7 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Rb3 Qa6 22.Rdb1 c5 23.d5 exd5 24.Qxd5 0-1 (27) 4 Bf4 Bb4+ 5 Nd2 Mainline-Proctor,R Man-Machine 2003]

10.a3N

[10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.e4 Nc7 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.Rxc3 Ne6 16.Be3 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bareev,E (2555)-Pinkas,K (2405) 44/(525) Voronezh 1987]

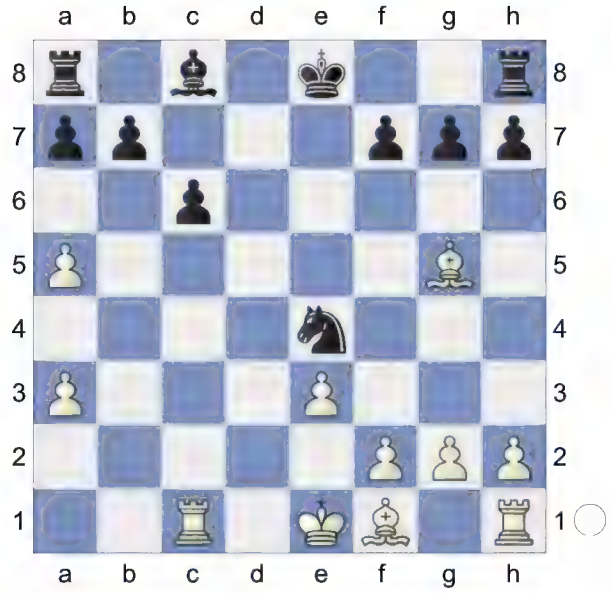
10...Bd6 0.89/22

[10...Bxc3= 0.17/21 remains equal. 11.bxc3 h6]

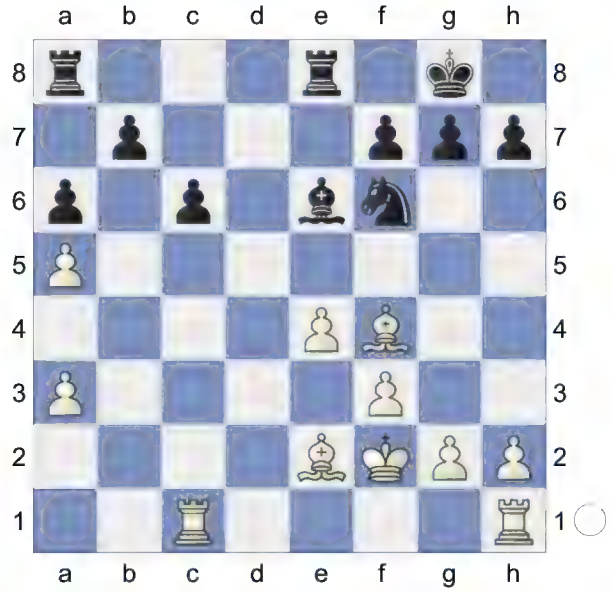


11.dxe5± Nxe5 12.Nxe5 White is better. **12...Bxe5**

13.b4!
[Of course not 13.Nxd5?! Qxd5 14.Qxd5 cxd5=]
13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nxc3 15.bxa5 Ne4

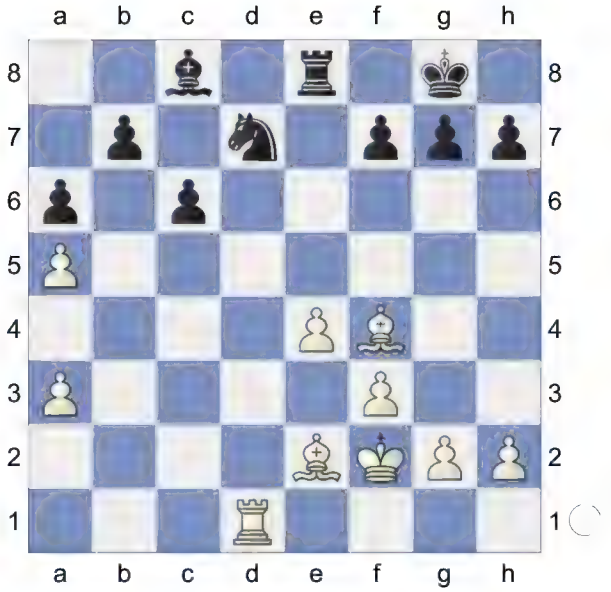


16.Bf4 0-0 1.33/21
[⌓16...a6 0.96/19]
17.f3 Nf6 18.e4 Repels Nf6-d5
18...Re8 19.Kf2 a6 20.Be2 Be6

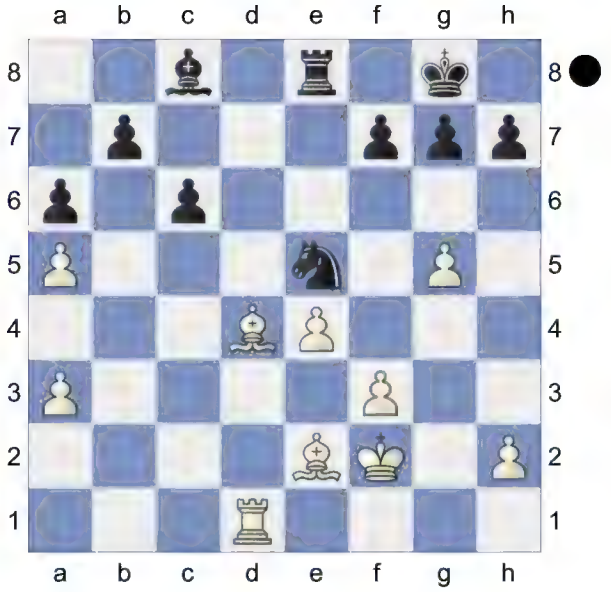


Black is weak on the dark squares
21.Rb1 Re7 22.Rhd1 Rae8 23.Rb2 0.78/17
[White should try 23.Bd6 1.27/18 Rd7 24.Bb4]

23...Bc8 1.31/19
[⌓23...h5 0.78/17 24.h4 Bc8]
24.Rbd2 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Nxd7

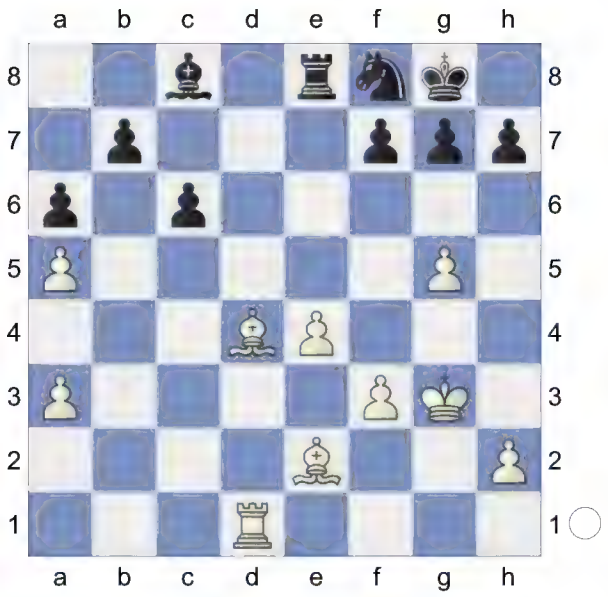


26.g4 Nc5 27.Be3 Nd7 28.g5 Ne5 29.Bd4

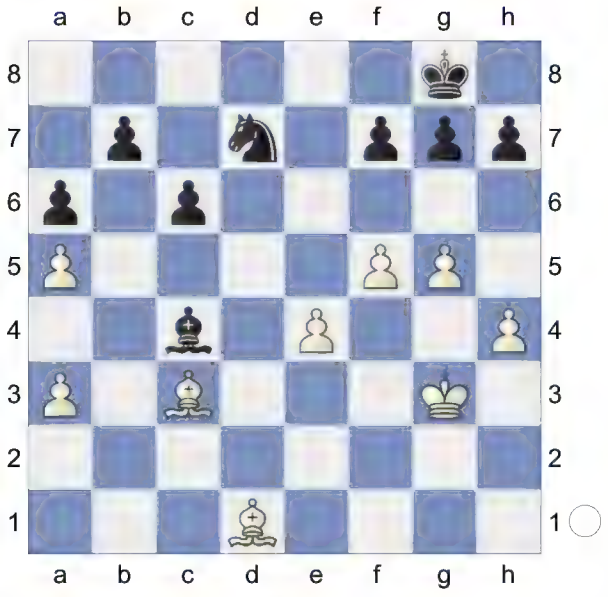


Bd4xe5 would now be deadly. **29...Ng6**
30.Kg3 Against Ng6-f4 **30...Nf8**

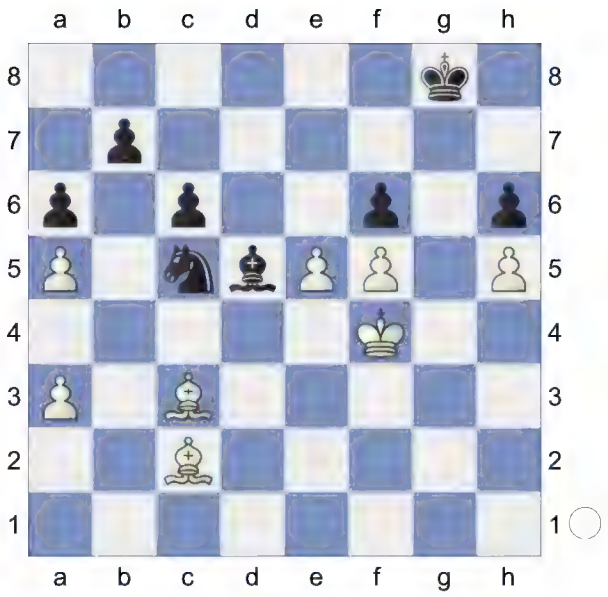
(Diagram)



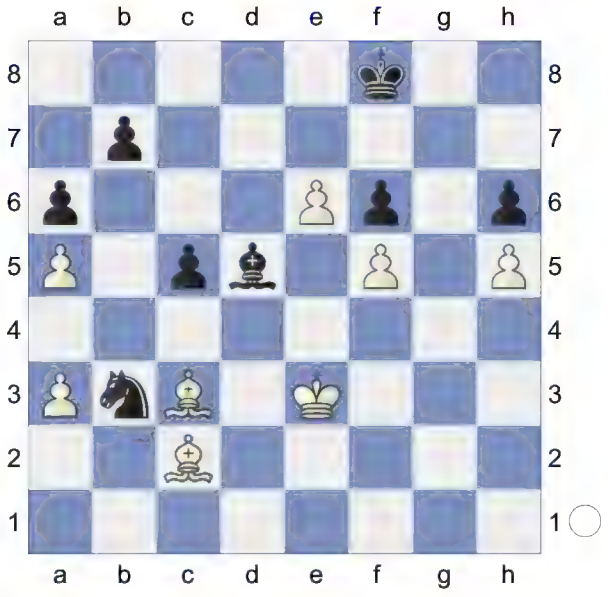
31.h4 Rd8 32.f4 Be6 33.Bc3 A strong pair of Bishops.
[33.f5 Bb3 34.Rd2 g6 35.fxg6 hxg6±]
33...Rxd1 34.Bxd1+- Endgame. KBB-KBN **34...Nd7 35.f5 Bc4**



36.h5 h6 37.gxh6 gxh6 38.e5 Nc5 39.Kf4 1.36/22 Dodges Nc5-e4
[Better is 39.Bb4 1.00/23 Nb3 40.Bf3]
39...Bd5 40.Bc2 f6? 4.54/27
[40...Bc4 1.66/22 41.Ke3 Nb3]



41.e6
[And not 41.exf6 Nd7=]
41...Kg7 42.Bb4 Nb3 43.Ke3 Repels Nb3-d4 **43...c5** 4.69/26
[⌓43...Bc4 3.07/25 44.Bd3 Bb5]
44.Bc3 Kf8



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80 **D52**
□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2729**
■ **Bruzon Batista,Lazaro** **2652**
(ol) 97/326 Torino 2006
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Bruzon Batista,Lazaro: 'Bruzon,L: 'Inf 97/303" Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508" **1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10.d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/(6) San Sebastian 2011 (5) Qd5 22.Qxd5 cxd5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rc6 Ra2 25.Rb6 f6 26.Bh2 Bxb4 27.g4 Ba5 28.Ra6 Ng7 29.Rxb5 Ra3 30.Kg2 Bb4 31.Rxa3 Bxa3 32.Rxd5 Be7 33.Ra5 Rd8 34.d5 Bb4 35.Rb5 Bc3 36.Kf1 1-0 (43) Radjabov,T (2728)-Bruzon Batista,L (2667) 97/303 Biel 2006]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0

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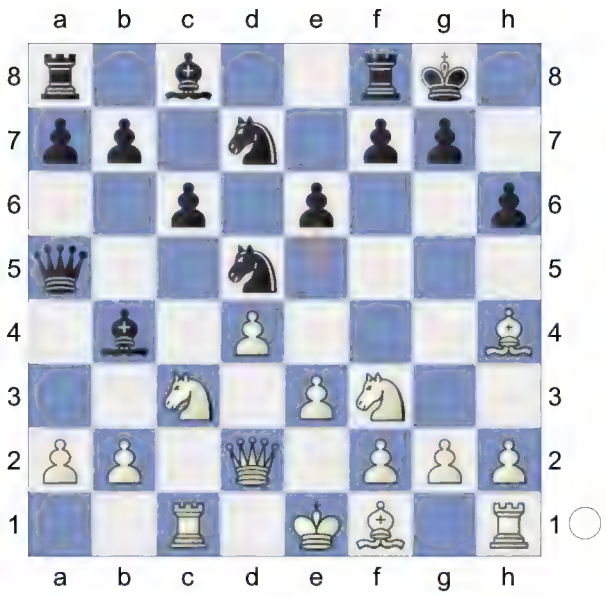
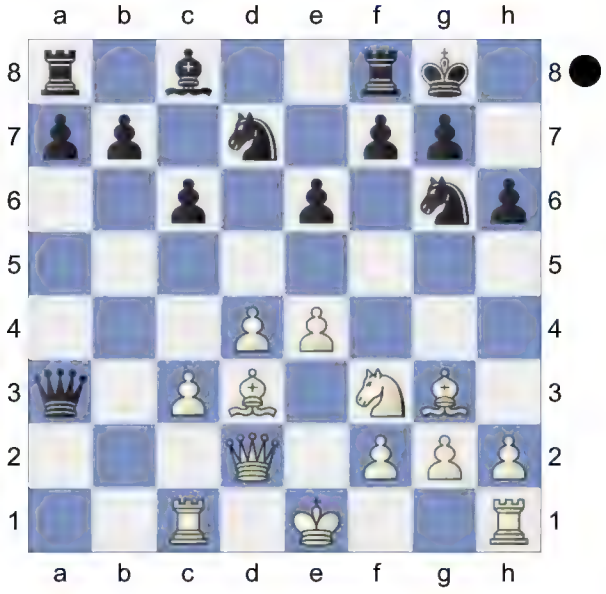


11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3
The position is equal. **13.e4 Ne7**
14.Bd3 Ng6 15.Bg3



e5!

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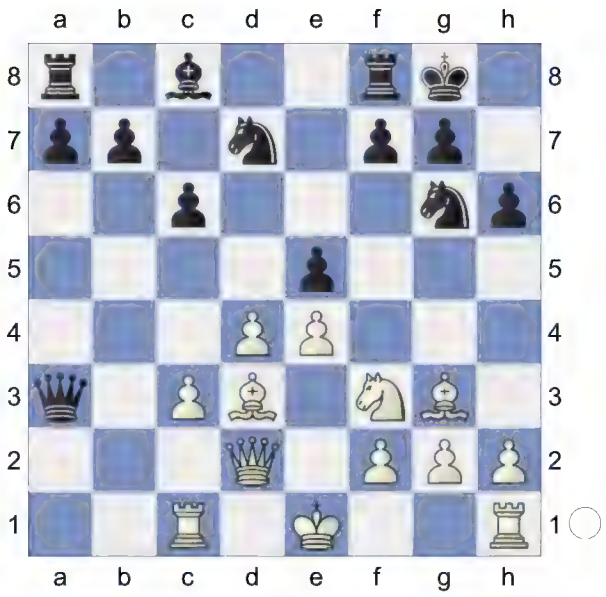
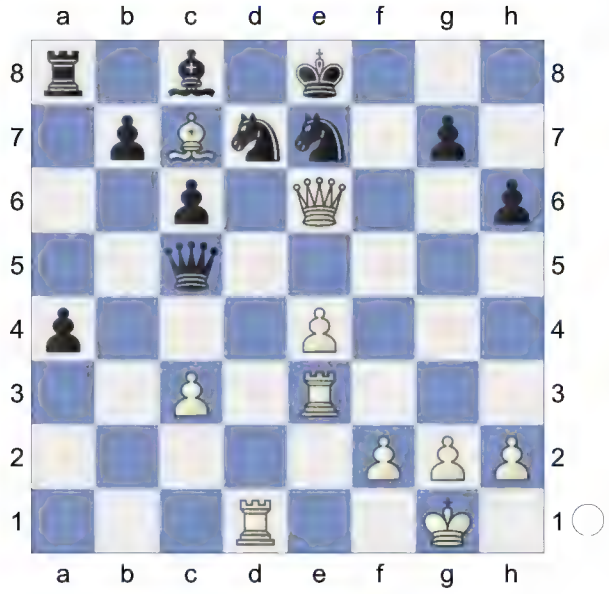


16.0-0
[16.h4 a5]
16...Re8 17.Rfe1 Qa5 18.Qb2 Qd8
19.Bb1 a5 20.Rcd1 a4

21.Ba2 Qe7 22.Qc1 Ra5 23.Qd2
exd4 0.36/22
[23...a3= -0.28/18]
24.Nxd4± Nd4-f5 would now be deadly.
24...Qc5
[24...Nc5 seems wilder. 25.Nf5 Qf6 26.Nd6 Rd8]
25.Bc7! Ra8? 4.63/21
[25...Ndf8± 0.53/19]

This move loses the game for Black.
26.Bxf7+!+- Decoy **26...Kxf7 27.Qa2+ Kf8** And now ...Nd7-e5! would win.
28.Ne6+ Rxe6 29.Qxe6 Ne7? 11.95/23
[29...Qg5 2.45/21]
30.Re3 Ke8



31.Rf3 Qh5 32.Bd6

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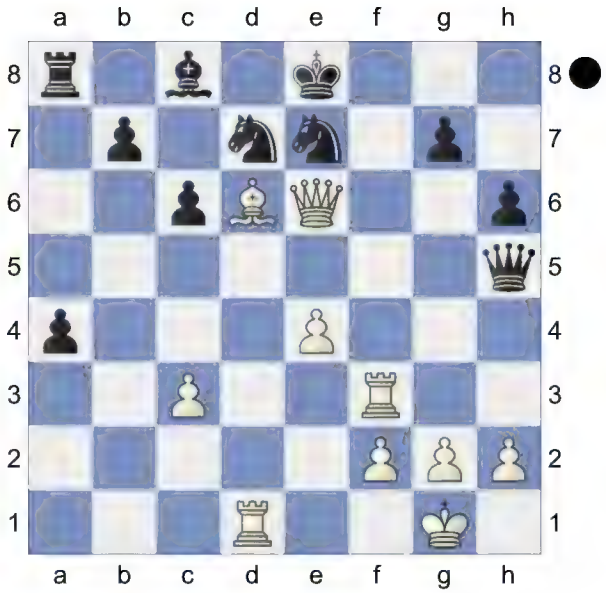

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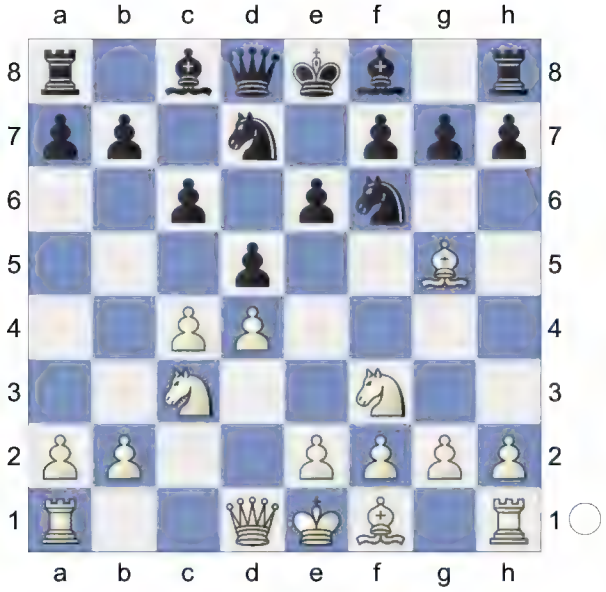
81 **D52**
□ **Nalkwsfa** **2727**
■ **Gefuehlter Fm** **2796**
Blitz 19.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto, R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2

0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.Bg5 c6



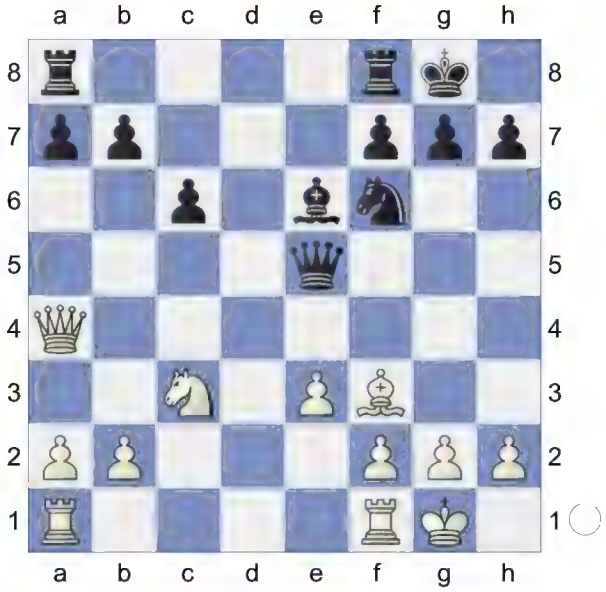
6.e3N

[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Be2 Bd6

(Diagram)

11.Nxd6+ Qxd6 12.0-0 0-0 White has an edge. **13.Bf3 e5 14.dxe5 Qxe5 15.Qa4 Be6**

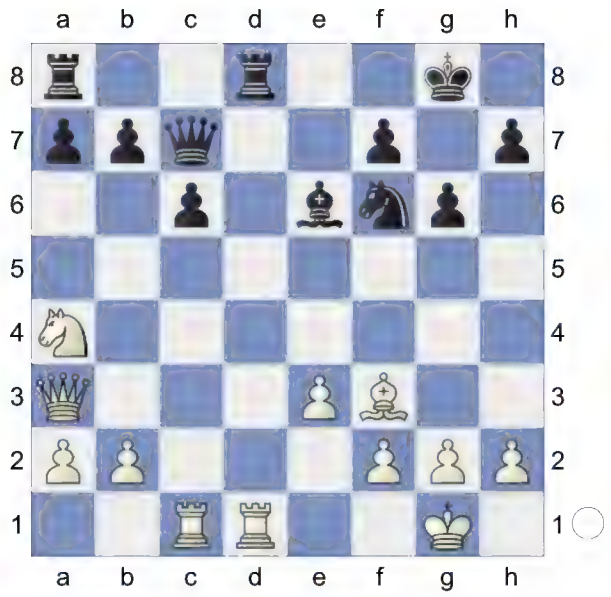


16.Qb4 Qc7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Rac1 Qb6 19.Qa3 g6 0.56/19

[19...a5= 0.18/18 deserves consideration.]

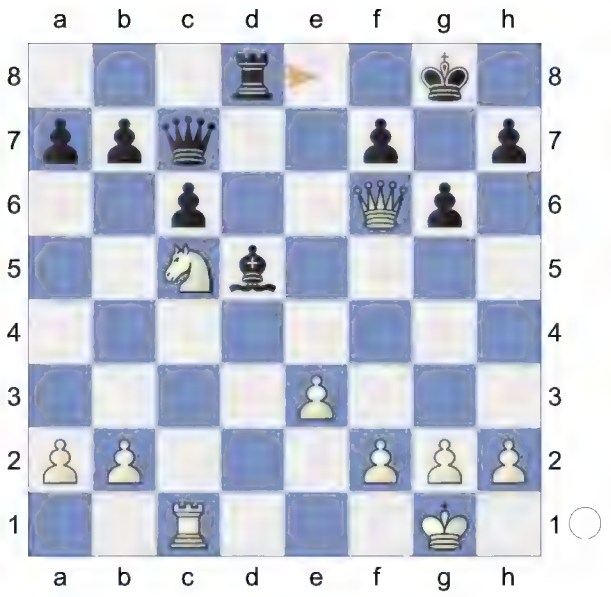
20.Na4 Qc7

(Diagram)

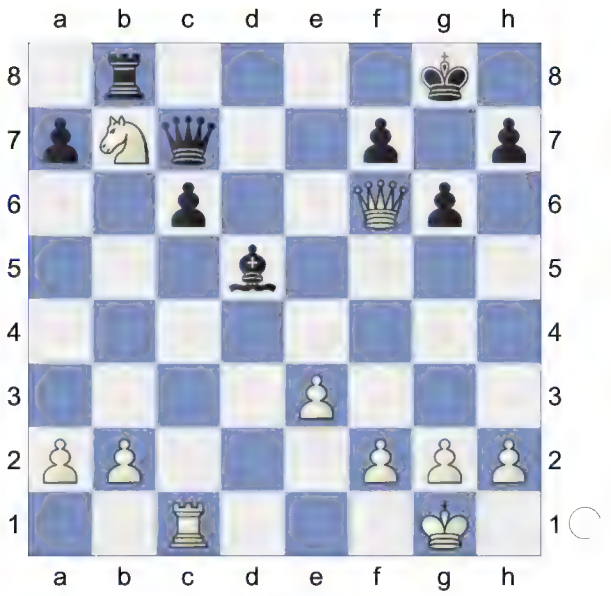


21.Nc5
[21.Rxd8+ simplifies Qxd8 22.Nc5 Qe7 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Qb4]
21...Bg4 0.99/20
[21...Rxd1+± 0.39/22 22.Rxd1 Bg4]
22.Qc3 0.04/21
[White should try 22.Rxd8+± 0.99/20 Rxd8 23.Qxa7]
22...Bxf3= 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1.10/21
[23...Qxd8= 0.01/24 remains equal. 24.Nxb7 *(24.gxf3 Rb8±)* 24...Qd5 25.Qxf6 Bxg2]
24.Qxf6±
[24.gxf3?! Rd6=]
24...Bd5

(Diagram)

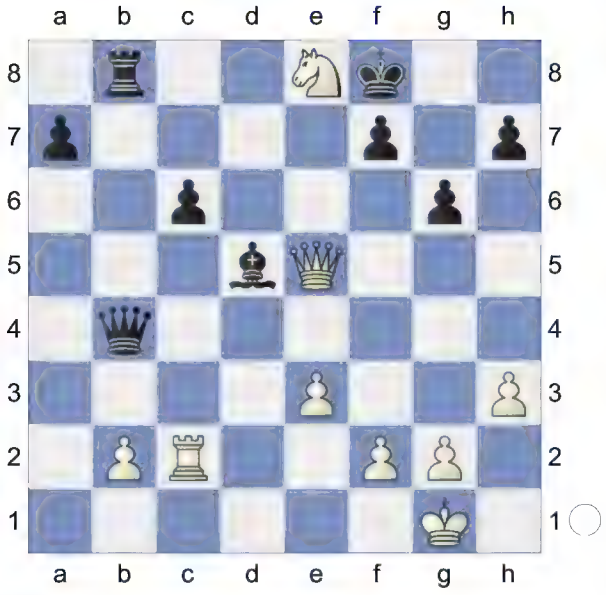


25.Nxb7! Deflection. Black is weak on the dark squares **25...Rb8**
[25...Re8 26.Nc5]



26.Nd6 0.82/21
[⌓26.Nc5 1.18/21]
26...Bxa2 27.h3 0.47/20
[Better is 27.h4± 0.91/20]
27...Qb6 0.94/18
[27...Bd5± 0.47/20]
28.Rc2 White is much more active.
28...Bd5 1.26/21
[⌓28...Qc7 0.74/18]

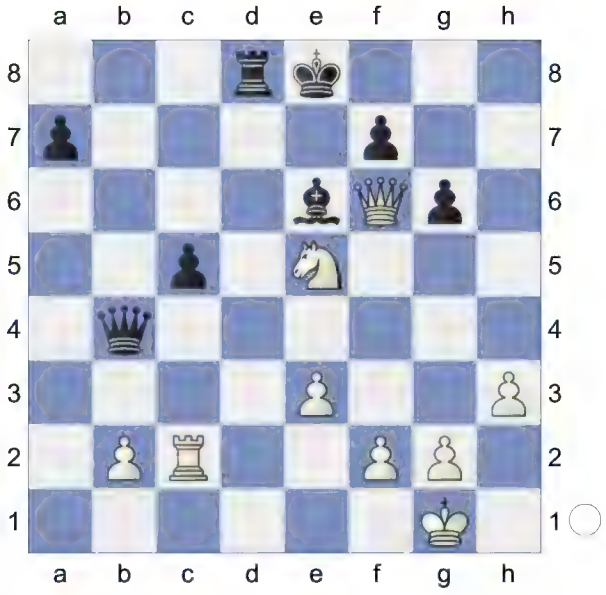
29.Qe5→ White is out for blood.
29...Qb4? 2.94/19
[29...Qd8± 1.24/21]
30.Ne8+- Kf8



31.Nf6 Rd8 3.80/21
[31...Be6 2.70/24 was called for. 32.Nxh7+ *(32.Rxc6 Rb5+-)* 32...Kg8]
32.Nxh7+ Kg8 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Ng4? 1.43/20
[34.Nxd5+- 3.89/20 has better winning chances. Rxd5 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Rxc6]
34...Be6? 7.28/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[34...Qe4± 1.43/20 35.Qxe4 *(35.Qh8+ Ke7=)* 35...Bxe4]
35.Qh8+ Ke7

(Diagram)

36.Qf6+ Ke8 37.Ne5 Qf6xd8+! is the strong threat.
[Don't play 37.Qh8+ Qf8 38.Nf6+ Ke7+-]
37...c5? 9.70/24
[37...Rd1+ 2.42/18 38.Kh2 Qe7 39.Qxe7+ Kxe7 40.Nxc6+ *(40.Rxc6 Rd2±)* 40...Kf8]



38.Qxd8+!! 4.21/5 **Kxd8 39.Nc6+ Kd7 40.Nxb4 cxb4**

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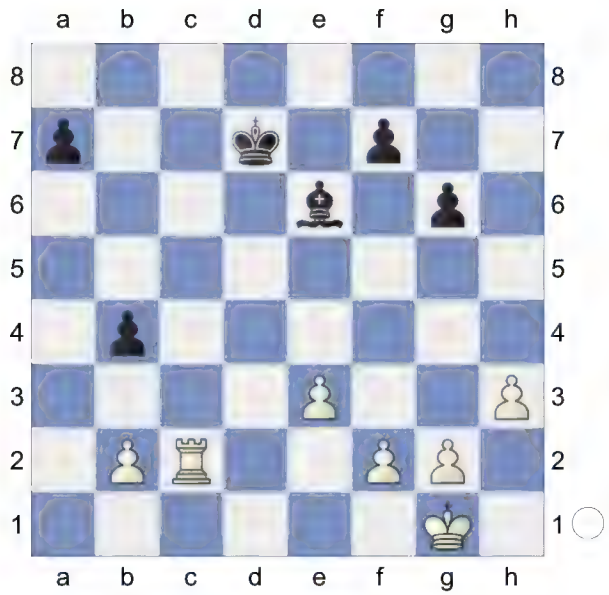
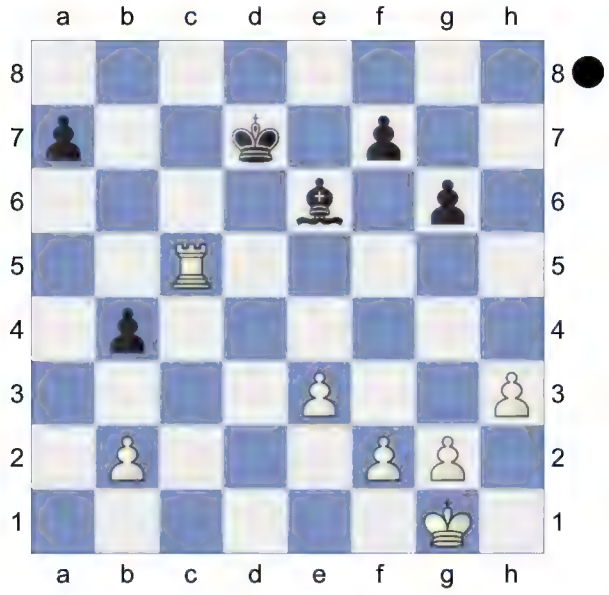


41.Rc5



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82 **D52**

□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2726**

■ **Korobov,Anton** **2658**

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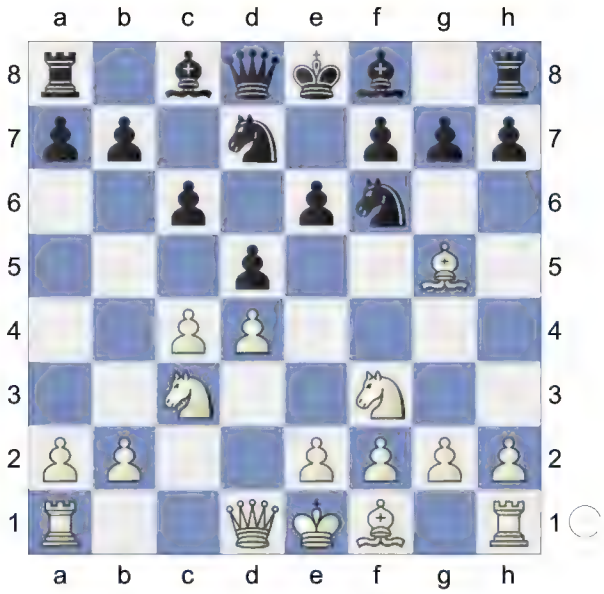
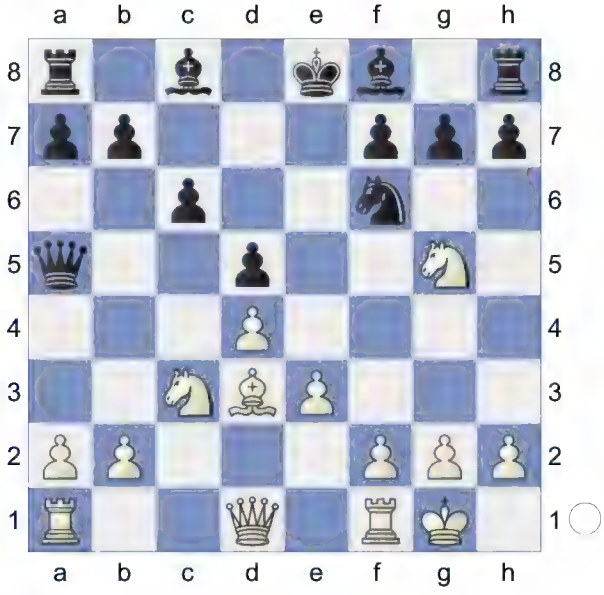
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

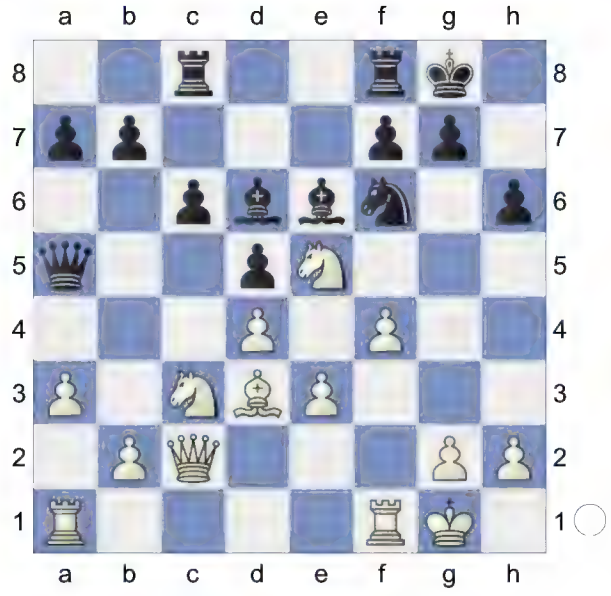
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



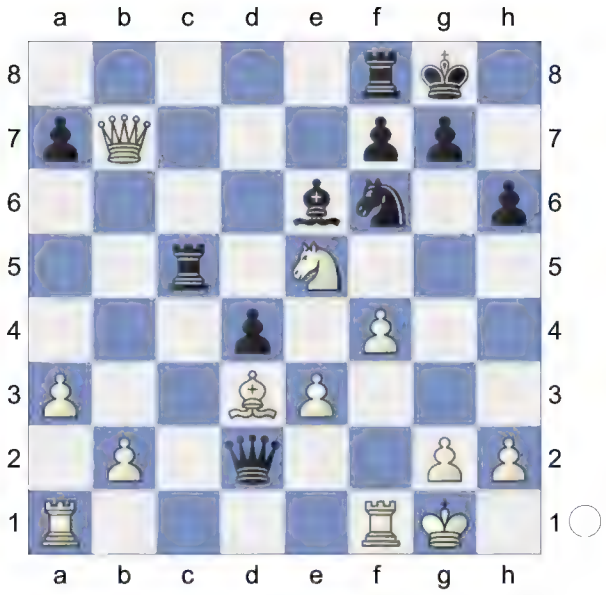
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Ne4 9.0-0 Nxg5 10.Nxg5 Nf6



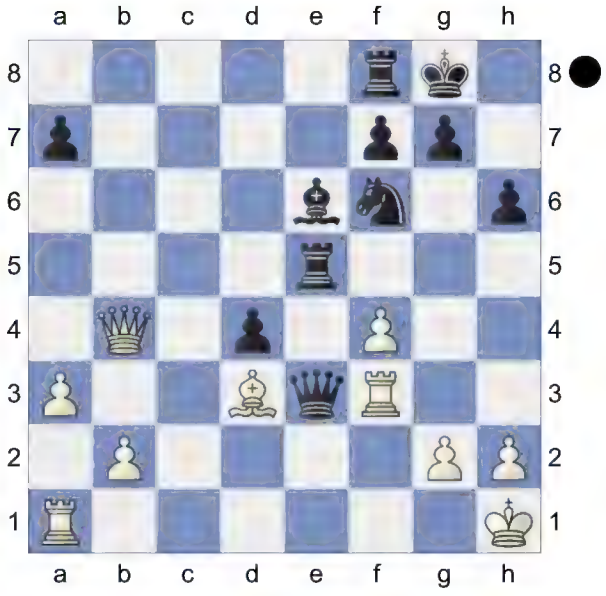
11.f4
[11.h3 Bb4 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 0-0 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 c5 16.Qb2 Qc7 17.a4 Be6 18.dxc5 Nd7 19.Rfd1 Nxc5 20.Nd4 Rac8 21.a5 Bd7 22.Bc2 Rfd8 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Ne6 25.Ra3 Qe7 1-0 (41) Ernst,H (2720)-8. ♘f3 c5 9. ♗g5 0-0 64798 (2522) Danmark 13/522 1972 (1.1)]
11...Bd6N
[11...h6 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bd6 15.a3 Qc7 16.Rae1 0-0 17.g4 g6 18.Qg2 Rae8 19.g5 hxg5 20.Qxg5 Qe7 21.f5 Nh7 22.Qxe7 Rxe7 23.e4 Bg3 24.Re2 dxe4 25.Nxe4 Bh4 26.Rf4 1-0 (48) 9. ♗g5 cd4 10. ♘d4 (2459)-Court,J (2567) 2. FS-Bundesliga (LC-22/1) 1999 (3)]
12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 The position is equal. **13...0-0 14.Ne5 Be6 15.a3 Rac8**



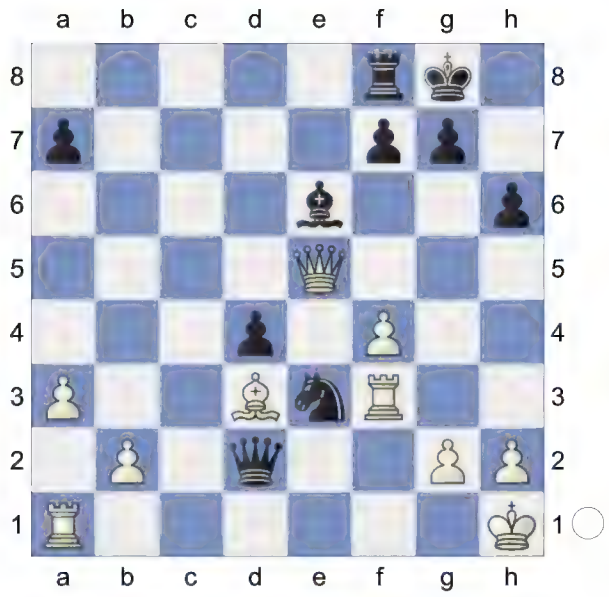
16.Na4 c5 17.Nxc5
[17.dxc5 is more complex. Bxe5 18.fxe5 Ng4 19.b4]
17...Bxc5 18.dxc5 Rxc5 19.Qb3 d4 Discovered Attack **20.Qxb7 Qd2**
(Diagram)



21.Qb4 Really sharp!
[21.exd4? Bd5-+]
21...Qxe3+ 22.Kh1 Rxe5 23.Rf3
[23.fxe5 Ng4 24.Rf3 Nf2+ *(24...Qxe5 25.Rg3=)* 25.Rxf2 Qxf2-+]



23...Nd5 0.51/23 **24.Qd6↑** White is on the roll. **24...Qd2 25.Qxe5** Threatens to win with Rf3-g3.
[25.fxe5 Ne3 *(25...Qxb2 26.Rb1±)* 26.Bf1 Bg4∓ *(26...Qxb2 27.Re1∓)*]
25...Ne3



26.Rg3 Bg4 27.Qe4 -0.01/21
[27.Qxd4± 0.46/21 is more appropriate. Nf5 28.Qe4 Qxb2 *(28...Nxg3+ 29.hxg3 g6 30.Bc4±)* 29.Rb1]
27...g6!= 28.h3 Bf5 29.Qxd4 Nc2 30.Qc4
[30.Qxa7? perishes. Bxd3 31.Rg1 Bf5-+ *(31...Qxf4? 32.Rxd3 Qf6 33.Qc5+-)*]
30...Nxa1? 2.61/23
[Better is 30...Rc8!± 0.66/23 31.Rxg6+ Kf8]

(Diagram)

31.Bxf5+- Kg7 5.93/23
[31...Kh8 2.37/22 is a better chance. 32.Be4 Qxb2]
32.Qc7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.27 (precise)
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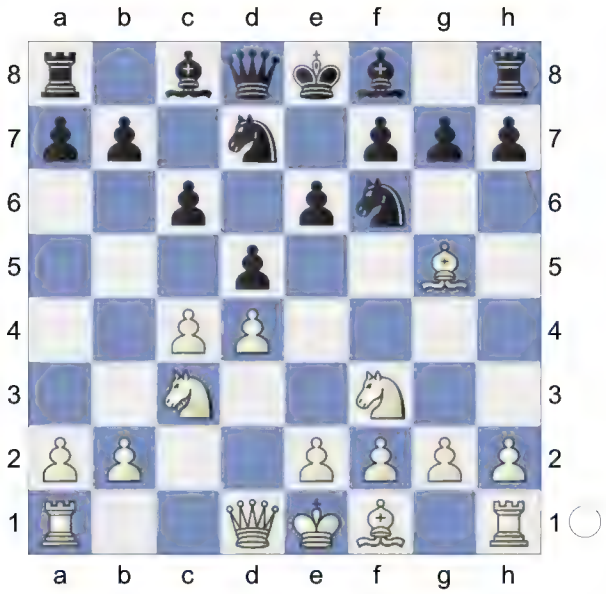
83 **D52**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2725**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2753**
Geneva Masters KO 2013 (1.1) 29.06.13
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 b6N

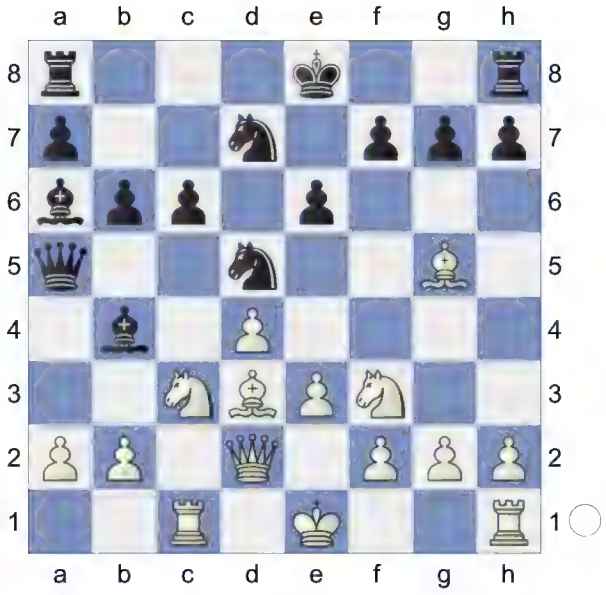
[9...h6 10.Bh4

A) 10...b6 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.c4 *(13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 g5 15.Bg3 Bb7 16.e4 Ne7 17.h4 Bxe4 18.hxg5 h5 19.Qb2 0-0-0 20.Qb4 Qxb4 21.cxb4 Bd3 22.bxc5 b5 23.Rh4 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Kb7 25.a4 a6 26.Rf4 Nf5 27.c6+ Kb6* (66) Chapter-Games 31. Chapter 14*)* 13...Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.f3 f5 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Bc6 19.Rb1 Ba4 20.Bg3 Rhd8 21.Bc7 Rdc8 22.Bg3 Kf6 23.Nc1 e5 24.d5 b5 25.e4 (33) Can,E (2471)-Laznicka, V (2679) 117/(150) Legnica 2013;

B) 10...0-0 11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 Re8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 17.Kh1 Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kh7 12.Nb5 0-0 13.Bc2-Oltean,G T-10/93 9395 1993;

C) 10...c5 11.Bc4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 a6 14.Be2 0-0 15.0-0 b5 16.c4 Bb4 17.Qc2 Bb7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.d5 exd5 20.cxd5 c4 21.a4 Nc5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Ne5 Na4 Cambridge-Springs Variation 2012]

10.Bd3 Ba6

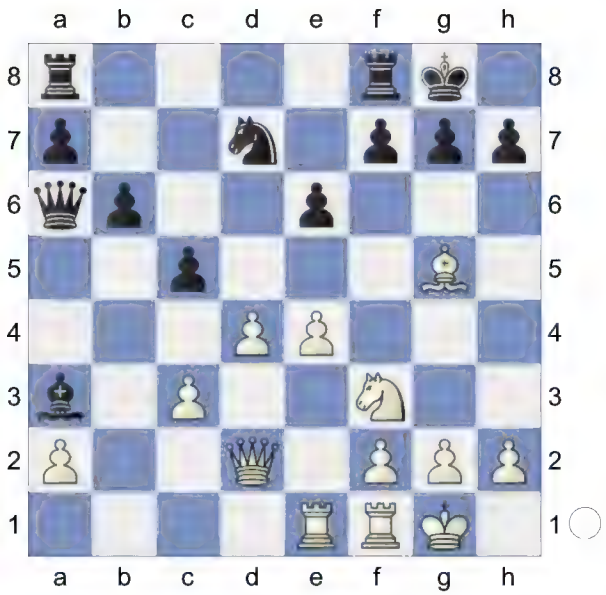


11.0-0 With the idea Bd3xa6. **11...0-0** The position is equal. **12.e4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Ba3 14.Rce1 c5** 0.54/19

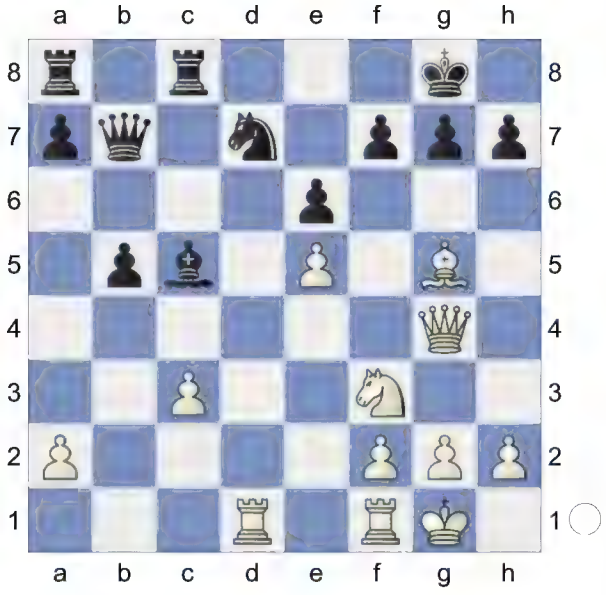
[Black should play 14...Bxd3= 0.01/19 15.Qxd3 b5]

15.Bxa6± Qxa6

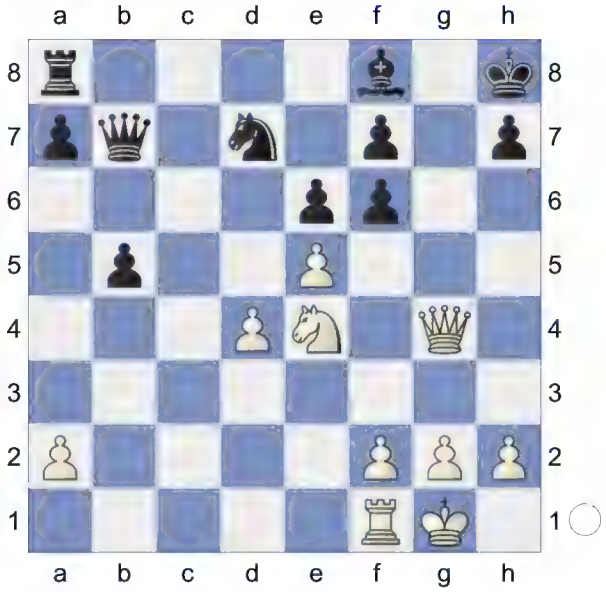
(Diagram)



16.e5 cxd4 17.Qxd4 Qb7 18.Qa4 -0.34/20
[Better is 18.Rd1= 0.16/19 Nb8 19.Qg4]
18...Bc5∓ 19.Rd1 b5 20.Qg4 Rfc8

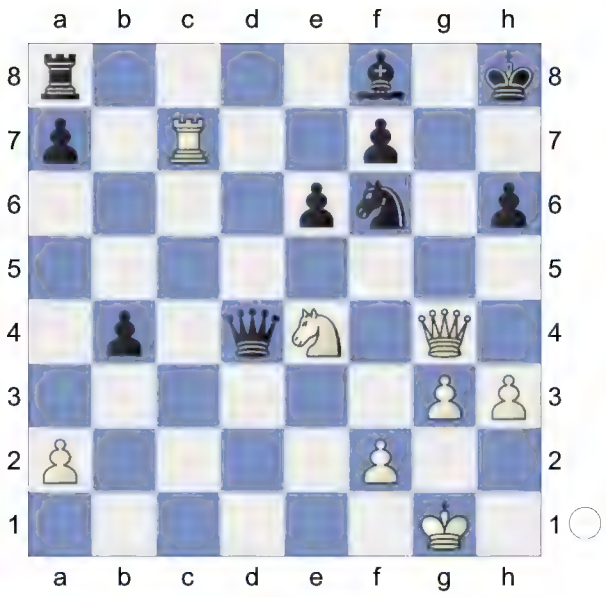


21.Bf6 -0.97/20
[21.h4∓ -0.43/19]
21...Bf8∓ 22.Ng5 Rc4 Wards off Rd1-d4
[22...gxf6? 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Ne4+ Kh8 25.Nxf6+- *(25.exf6? Rc4-+)*]
[22...Nxf6 23.exf6 Rc4 24.Rd4]
23.Rd4 -2.83/23 This move loses the game for White. **23...Rxd4-+**
[23...Rxc3? 24.Nxh7 Nxe5 *(24...Kxh7 25.Qh5+ Kg8 26.Rh4)* 25.Bxe5+-]
[23...Nxf6 24.exf6 Rxd4 25.Qxd4∓]
24.cxd4 gxf6 25.Ne4+ -3.42/21
[⌓25.Nxe6+ -2.42/21 Kh8 26.Nxf8 Rxf8 27.e6]
25...Kh8

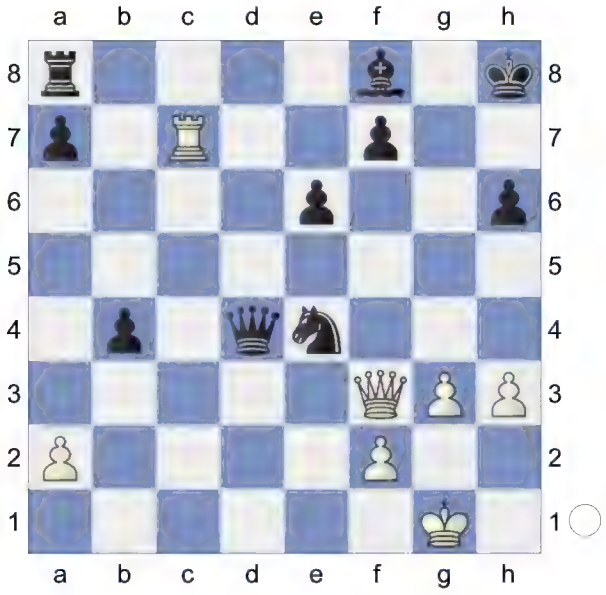


Hoping for ...f6-f5. **26.exf6 h6 27.h3 Qd5** Repels Ne4-d6 **28.Rc1 b4** Against Rc1-c3. Black is clearly winning.
[Worse is 28...Qxa2 29.Nd6 Nxf6 *(29...Bxd6 30.Qg7#)* 30.Nxf7+ Kh7 31.Qf3=]
[Weaker is 28...Qxd4 29.Rd1 Nxf6 30.Rxd4-+]
29.Rc7 Qxd4 30.g3 Nxf6

(Diagram)



31.Qf3 Nxe4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.05 (flawless)

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84 **D52**

Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi **2724**

Rodshtein,Maxim **2618**

13. World Teams Pool B (1.1) 20.11.2022

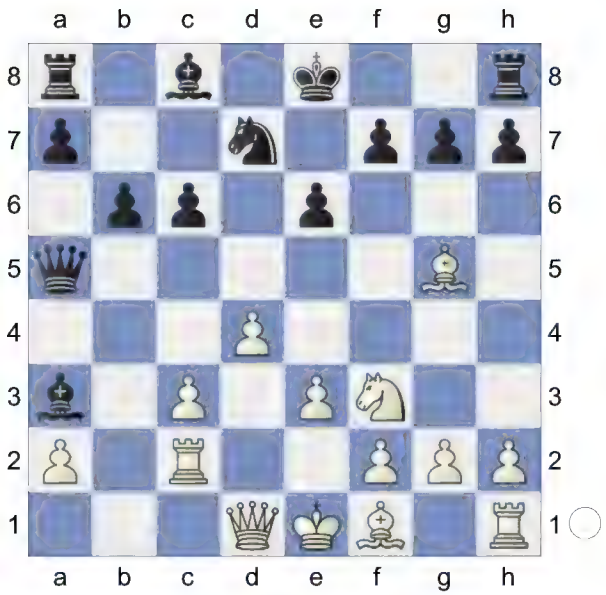
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 8...Bb4 is more fashionable.8...Lb4 ist modischer. **9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 b6**

(Diagram)



11.Be2

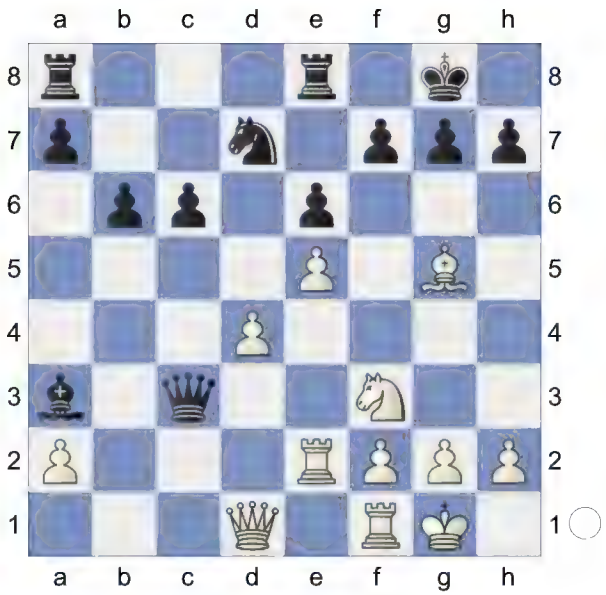
[11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 h6 14.Bh4 0-0 15.c4 Rfe8 16.Nd2 Bf8 17.f4 Qh5 18.Nf3 c5 19.Be1 Rad8 20.Qe2 Nf6 21.Bh4 cxd4 22.exd4 Qf5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Rd2 Rd6 25.Kh1 Red8 0-1 (83) Nomindalai,T (2189)-Rogic,D (2378) Split op 13th 2024 (8)]

11...Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 13.Rxe2N

[13.Qxe2 0-0 14.e4 *(14.Rd1 Rfe8 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.c4 c5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb4 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.h4 Qa4* Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan (blitz) 141/(11) 2019*)* 14...Rac8 15.e5 Qa4 16.c4 Rfe8 17.Rd1 c5 18.d5 Cambridge Springs]

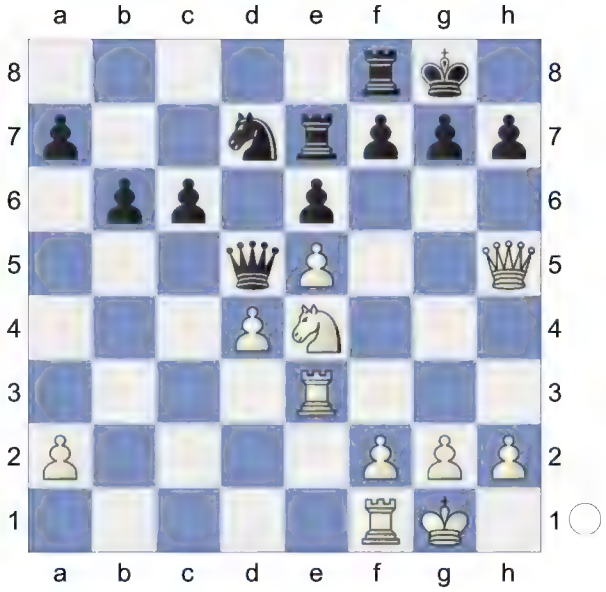
13...0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.e5 Qxc3N

[Vorgänger: 15...Bf8 16.Re3 -0.19/18 *(16.c4* 0.22/19 is more appropriate.*)* 16...Qxa2= 17.Nd2 f6 0.73/20 *(17...a5!∓* -0.74/19 *18.Rh3 Reb8)* 18.exf6± gxf6 19.Bh4 Re7 20.Ne4 Bg7 21.Rfe1 Qd5 ½-½ (52) Stocek,J (2577)-Jirovsky,M (2452) Czech Republic 2022]



16.Re3 Qa5 17.Nd2! Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd5

[20...Qxa2? 21.Nf6+ Nxf6 *(21...gxf6 22.Rg3+ Kh8 23.Qg4)* 22.exf6+-]



21.Rfe1 -0.61/20

[21.Qh4= -0.01/18 f6 22.a3]

21...f6 0.01/19

[21...Qxa2? 22.Nf6+ Nxf6 *(22...gxf6 23.Rg3+ Kh8 24.Qg4)* 23.exf6+-]

[21...Qxd4? 22.Qh4 c5 23.Qxe7+-]

[Black should try 21...Kh8!∓ -0.61/20]

22.Rh3= g6

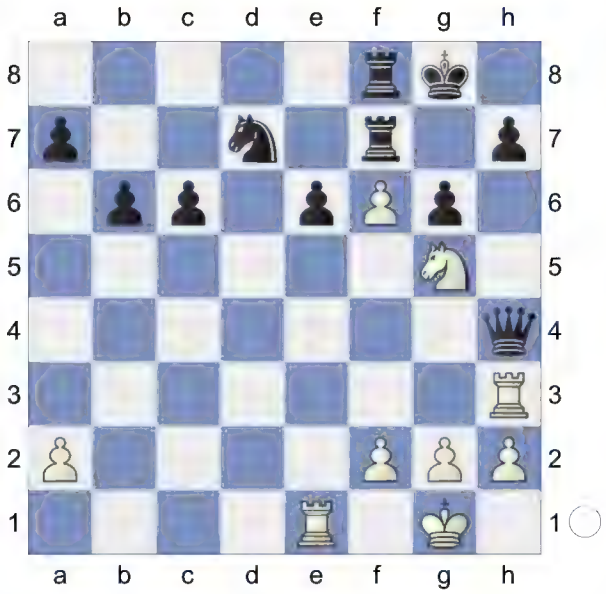
[22...fxe5? too greedy. 23.Qxh7+ Kf7 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Rf3+ Kg8 26.Rxf8+ *(26.Qxg6+ Rg7=)* 26...Nxf8 27.Nf6+ *(27.Qxe5 Qxe5 28.dxe5 Rf7±)* 27...Kf7 28.Nxd5+-]

23.Qh4 Ref7 24.exf6→ White mounts an attack.

[24.Nc3 keeps more tension. Qc4 25.Ne4 fxe5 26.dxe5 Qxa2 27.Ng5]

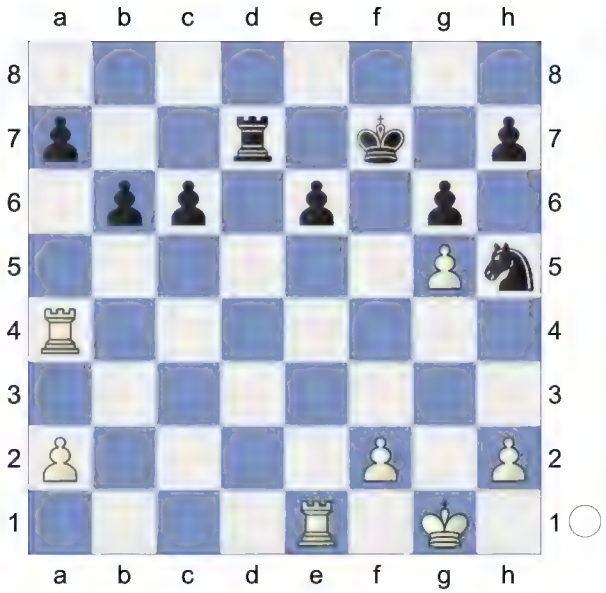
24...Qxd4 25.Ng5! Chess con chili.

25...Qxh4



26.Rxh4 Nxf6 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 Endgame. KRR-KRN **28.g4** And now g4-g5 would win. **28...Rd8 29.g5 Nh5** Prevents Rh4-f4+. **30.Ra4 Rd7**

(Diagram)

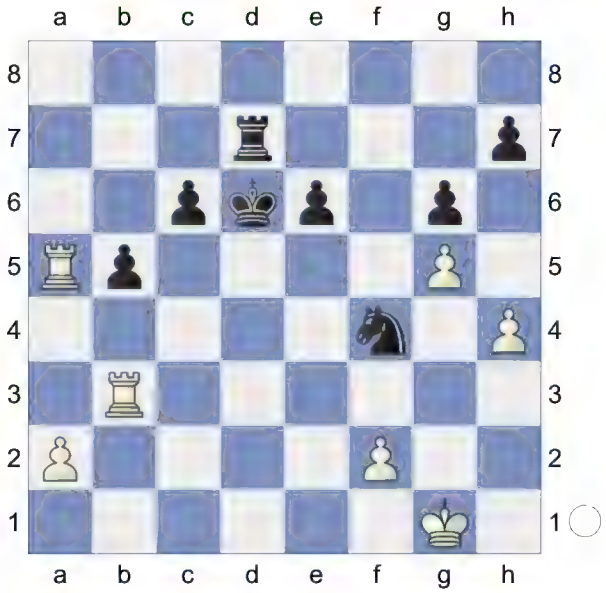


31.Re3 Ke7 0.69/21

[Black should play 31...c5= 0.16/22]

32.Rea3± a5 33.Rb3 Deflection **33...b5 34.Rxa5 Nf4 35.h4 Kd6**

[Don't blunder 35...Rd1+? 36.Kh2+-]

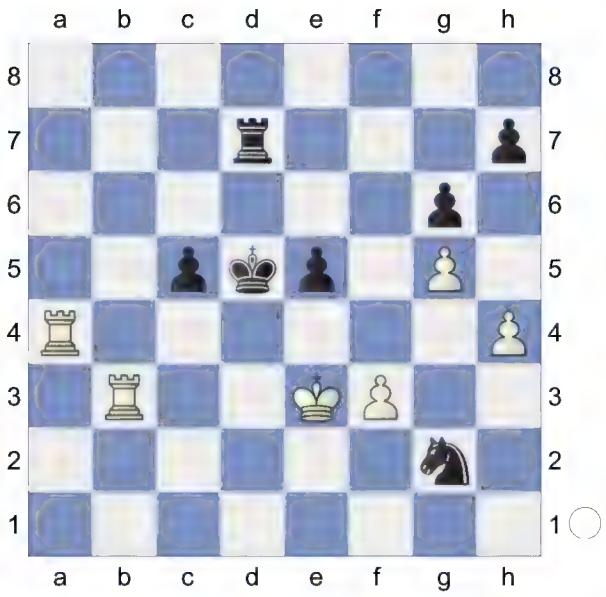


36.a4 bxa4 1.10/20

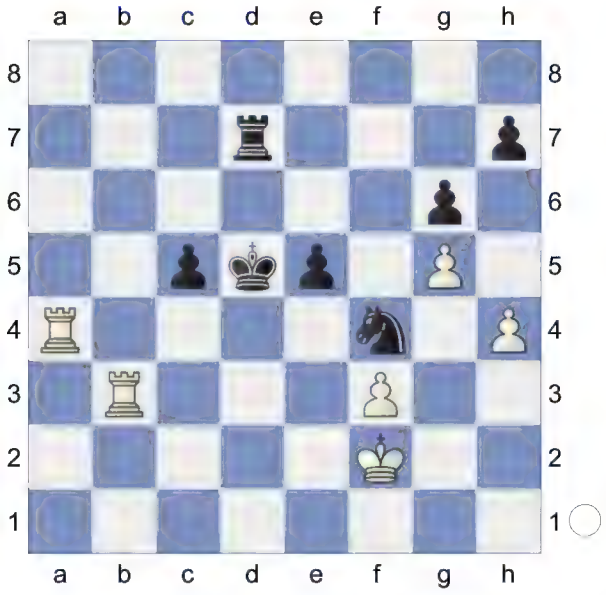
[36...Ne2+± 0.55/21 37.Kg2 Nd4]

37.Rxa4± e5 38.f3 Kd5 39.Kf2 c5 40.Ke3 0.36/23 **Ng2+±**

(Diagram)



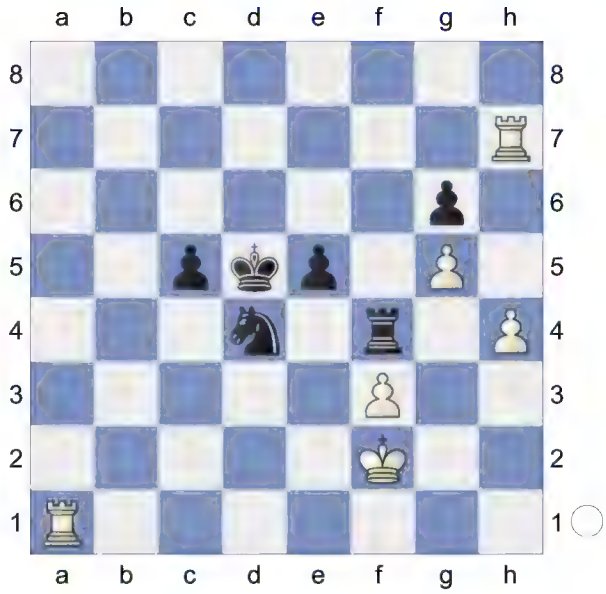
41.Kf2 0.01/21 **Nf4=**



42.Rb1!± 0.97/23 Rb1-d1+ is the strong threat. **42...Ne6 43.Rba1** White is more active. **43...Rf7** 1.32/21
[Better is 43...Rb7 0.73/20]

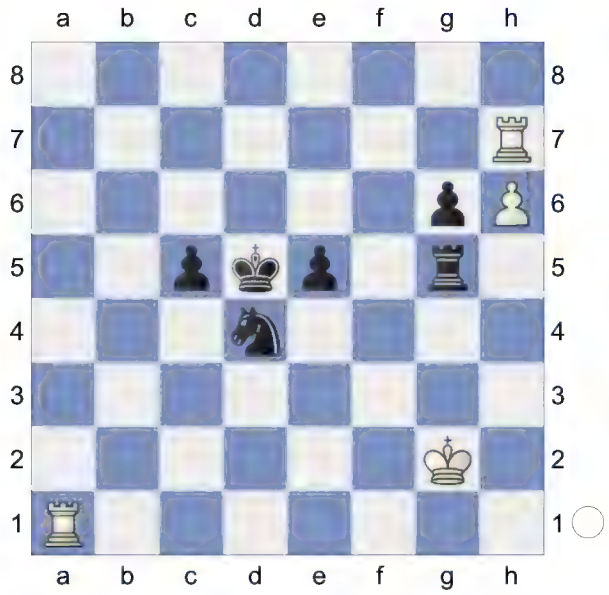
(Diagram)

44.Ra7!± Rf4 2.48/21
[44...Nc7± 1.37/20 45.Ke3 Ke6]
45.Rxh7 Nd4 2.26/19
[45...e4± 1.53/21]



46.h5? 0.01/19
[Only move: 46.Ra3+- 2.26/19]
46...Rxf3+= The position is equal. **47.Kg2 Rf5! 48.h6** Threatens to win with Ra1-a3. **48...Rxg5+ 49.Kf2** aiming for Rh7-f7. **49...Rf5+ 50.Kg2** Ra1-h1 would now be deadly. **50...Rg5+**
(Diagram)

51.Kf2 Black must now prevent Rh7-f7.
51...Rf5+ 52.Kg2 Rg5+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

85 **D52**
□ **Ponomariov,Ruslan** **2723**
■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2710**
TCh-CECLUB Div Honor 2011 (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

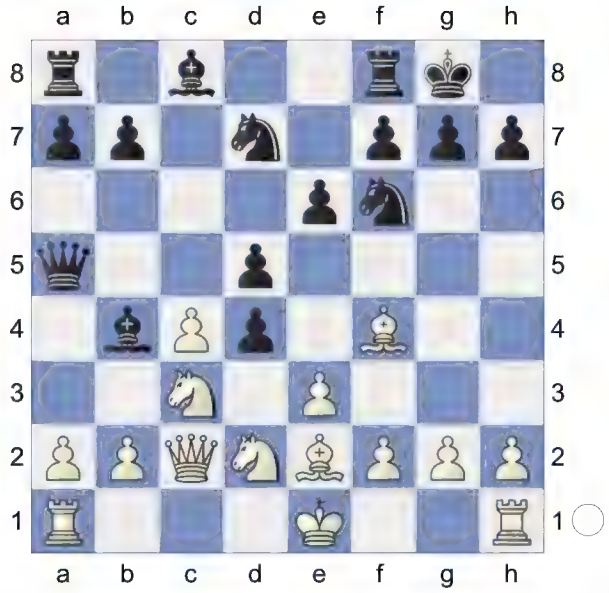
6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.Bf4

[10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Nxd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.Rac1 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rfd1 Qe5 20.Bf4 Qa5 21.b4 Qxb4 22.Bd6 Qa5 23.Bxf8 Nxf8 24.Bb3 Qh5+ (88) Grischuk,A (2771)-Shirov,A (2735) 110/242 Moscow 2010]

10...cxd4

[10...b6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ba6 13.a4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rfc8 15.Qa2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qd5 17.Rfc1 g5 18.Bg3 Ne4 19.Rc2 Rc6 20.Ne5 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Rc8 22.Qb2 Bxe2 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxe2 Rc3

25.Qb5 ½-½ (32) 21.Qc4 (2565)-Bancroft,H (2638) ESP-chT Lanzarote 2003 (4.1)]

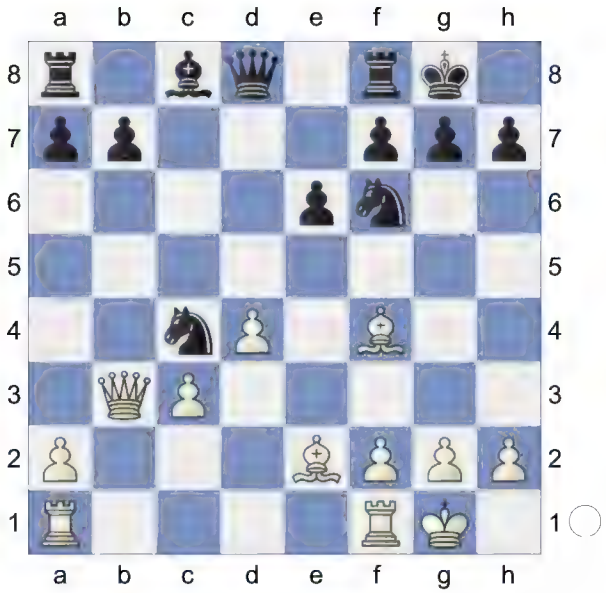


11.exd4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 White has an edge. **12...Qd8N**

[12...Qd5 13.0-0 Qxd4 14.Bg3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qe4 16.Qb2 Qc6 17.Nd6 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Rad1 Qf5 20.Bd6 Re8 21.c4 e5 22.c5 b6 23.c6 Nf6 24.Rfe1 e4 25.Qd4 Be6 26.Ba6 Qd5 27.Bb7 1-0 (30) Oskooei,M (2653)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2 (2701) 55/627 Cappelle la Grande 1992 (9)]

13.0-0 Nb6 14.Qb3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nxc4

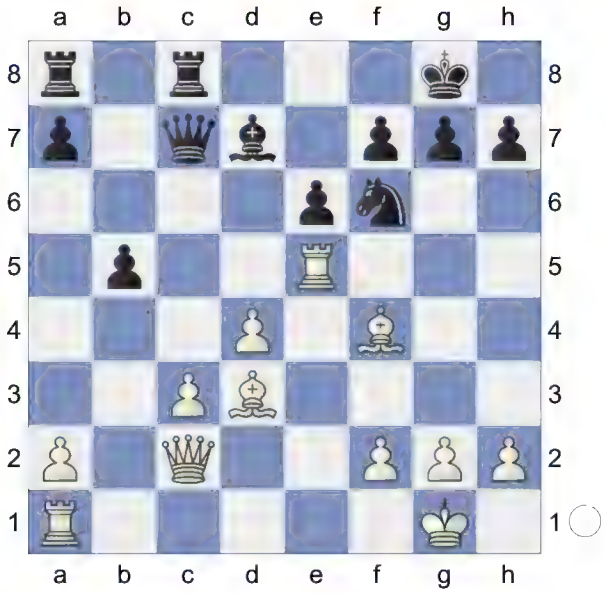
(Diagram)



16.Bxc4 Qa5 17.Rfe1 Bd7 18.Re5 Qc7 19.Bd3 b5 20.Qc2 Strongly threatening Bd3xh7+!

[Reject 20.Bxb5 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 Qxc3∓]

20...Rfc8



21.Rc1 Qb6 22.Qb1 0.11/18 White is more active.

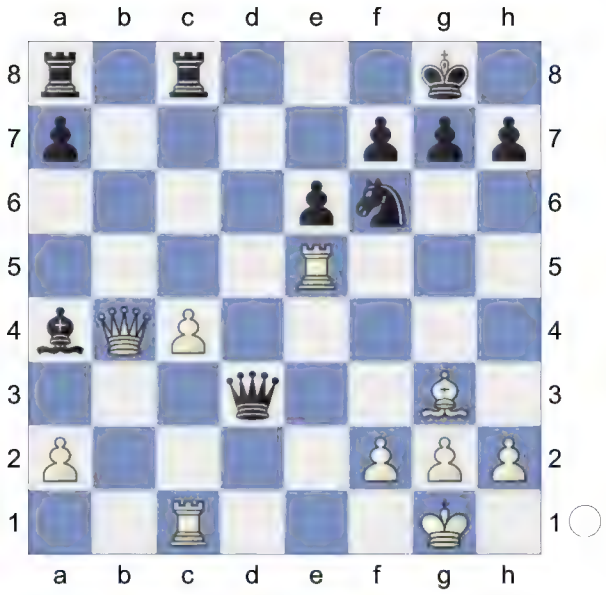
[22.Qd2± 0.90/18]

22...b4= 23.c4

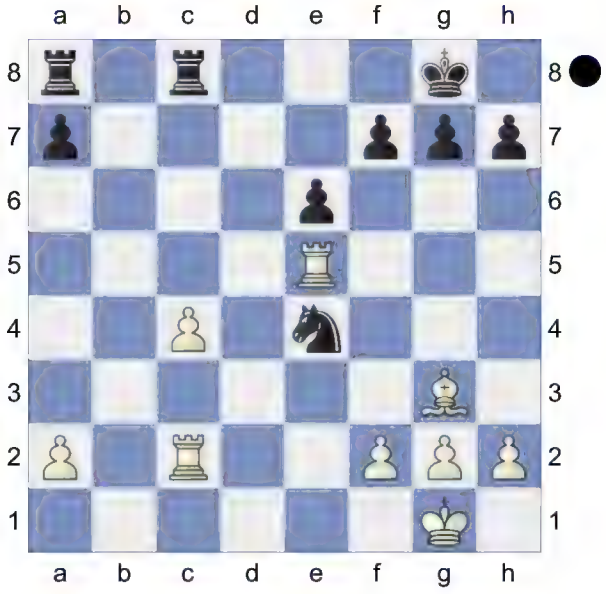
[23.Qxb4 Nd5 24.Qxb6 axb6]

23...Qxd4 24.Bg3 Ba4 25.Qxb4 Qxd3

(Diagram)

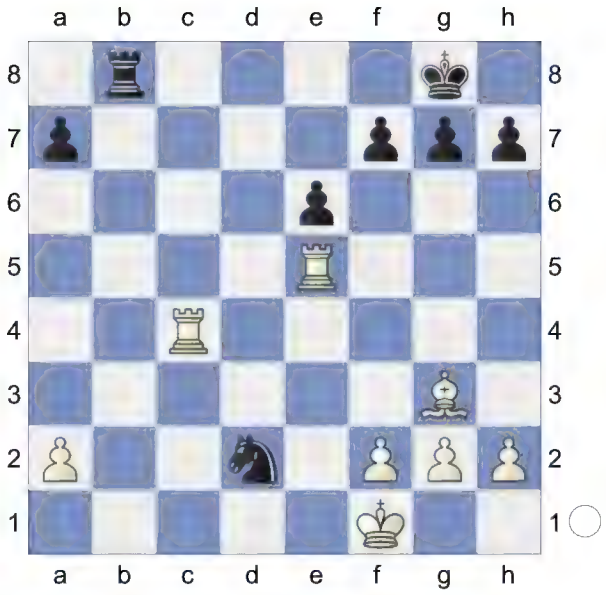


26.Qxa4 Ne4 ...f7-f6 would now be deadly. **27.Qc2 Qxc2** The position is equal. **28.Rxc2**

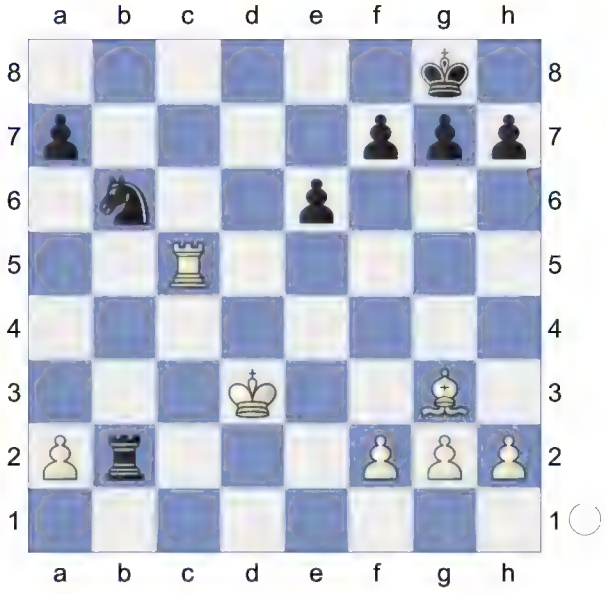


Rab8! (-> ...Rb8-b1+) **29.Kf1**
[29.h3 Nxg3]
29...Rxc4 Decoy **30.Rxc4 Nd2+**

(Diagram)

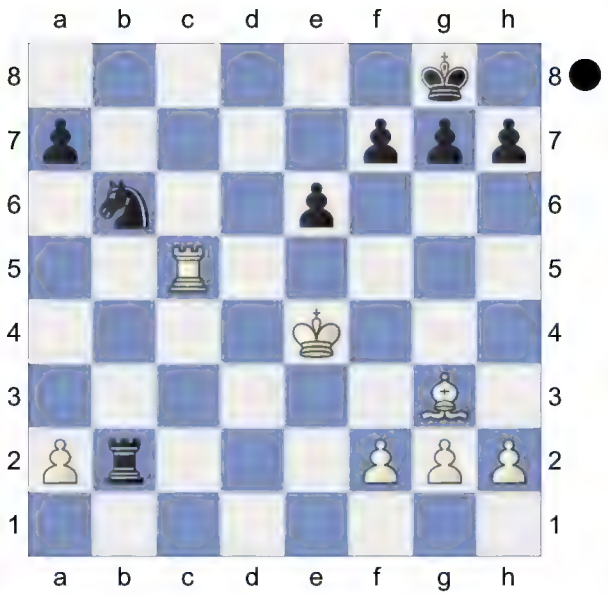


31.Ke2 Nxc4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **32.Rc5! Rb2+ 33.Kd3 Nb6** Prevents Rc5-c8+. **34.Ra5 Nc8 35.Rc5 Nb6**



36.Ra5 Nc8 37.Rc5 Nb6 38.Ke4? -2.12/21
[38.Ra5= 0.01/21 and White stays safe.]

(Diagram)



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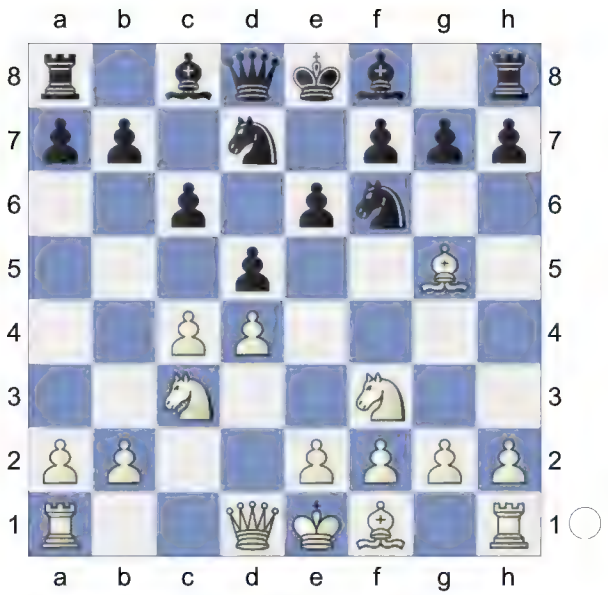
½-½

86 **D52**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2720**
■ **Godena,Michele** **2522**
EU-Cup 21st Saint Vincent (1.1) 18.09.05
[Babula,Vlastimil]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Babula,V Babula,V **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.cxd5 exd5?! Godena's speciality.
[Normal ⌓7...Nxd5 is surely better.]
8.Bd3 Ne4N
[8...Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6

26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

9.0-0 White finishes his development by natural and at the same time strong way.

9...Nxg5

[Black's ♕a5 has now nothing to do here, accepting the pawn sacrifice is almost losing: 9...Nxc3?! 10.bxc3 Qxc3 11.e4! dxe4 12.Re1 Nb6 13.Rxe4+ Be6 14.Rc1 Qa3 15.Rxe6+! fxe6 16.Ne5± 1-0 Kipper,J-Brethauer,S/Bad Zwesten 2004/CBM 098 ext (33)]

[An attempt to keep the outpost e4 is premature and also bad: 9...f5? 10.Bxe4! dxe4 *(10...fxe4?! 11.Nh4 g6 12.f3+-)* 11.Nh4 g6 12.Qb3 Qb4 13.Qe6+ Be7 14.Nxg6!± 1-0 Babula, V-Jirovsky,M/Czechia 2002/EXT 2004 (41)]

10.Nxg5 Nf6

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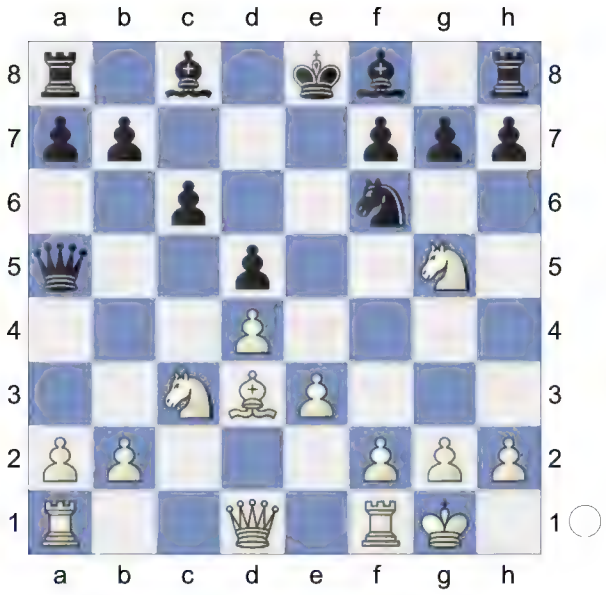

11.h3!? White takes the g4 square under control and limits the scope of Black's ♗c8. **11...Bb4**

[Other option is 11...Bd6 12.f4! Qc7 13.Qc2 h6 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Ne5± 1-0 Salov,V-Raicevic,V/Moscow 1986/MCL (25)]

12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 The position is equal. **13...0-0 14.a3!?** A novelty,

[14.Ne5 Be6 15.Na4 Rae8 16.a3 Bd6 17.f4 Ne4∞ 0-1 Estremera Panos,S-Godena,M/Taormina 2003/CBM 097 ext (47)]

14...Bxc3

[After 14...Bd6 White would continue 15.Ne5±]

15.bxc3± The queen swap would only ease Black's defence task.

White's advantage is that he has better minor pieces. **15...c5**

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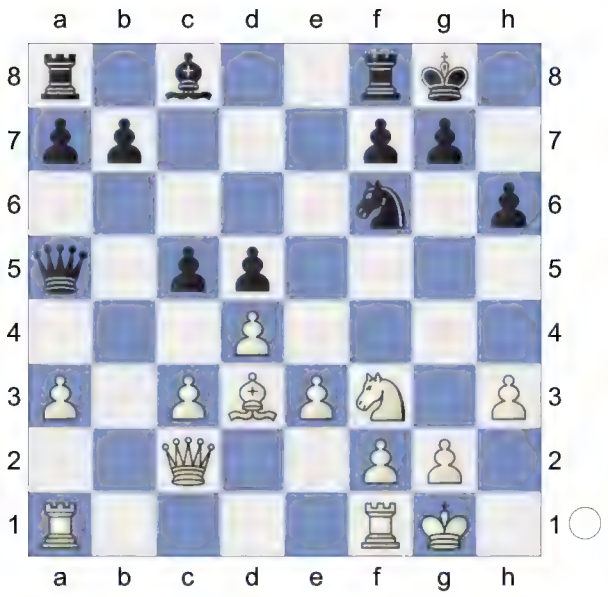
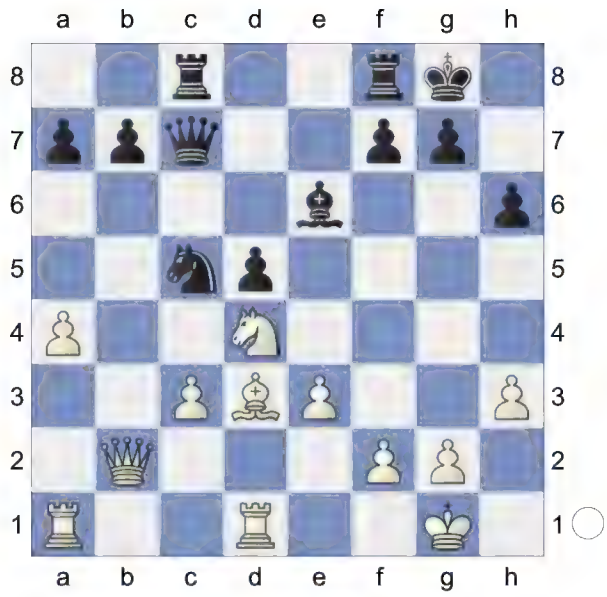


16.Qb2 White frees the c2 square for his ♗ in case of c5-c4. **16...Qc7** **17.a4** The aim of this typical pawn advance is to make Black's queenside pawn structure more vulnerable. **17...Be6** **18.dxc5!?** An interesting strategical approach, White significantly changes the pawn structure. He gets the d4 square for his ♘f3 and opens the d-file to attack the d5 weakness easier. By the further advance of his a-pawn he wants to create the second weakness and to combine attacks against them afterwards. The drawback is clear, White's c3 weakness. **18...Nd7** **19.Rfd1** **Nxc5** **20.Nd4** White is not afraid of exchange of his ♗ for Black's ♘. His ♘ would be better than Black's ♗. For Black it would be advantageous to exchange bishops or knights. **20...Rac8**

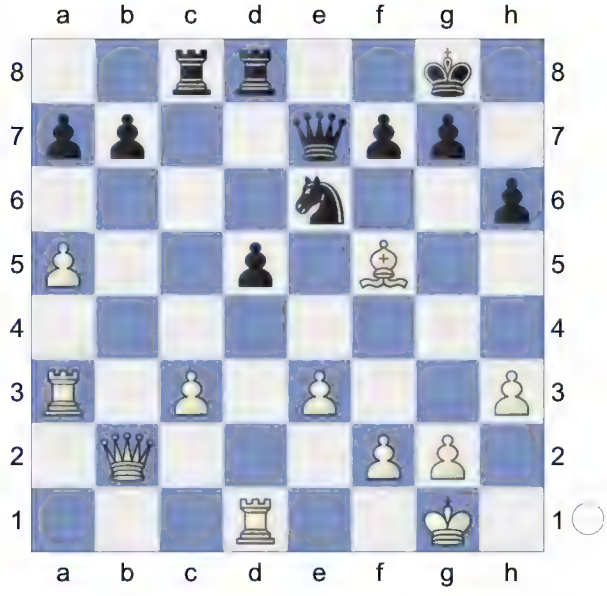
(Diagram)



21.a5 **Bd7** **22.Bc2** **Rfd8** **23.Nf5!** White forces Black to exchange his ♗ for White's ♘. Although White's ♘ looks to be a better piece than Black's ♗, it is more important, what pieces will remain on the board. After that exchange it will be more difficult for Black to defend the d5 weakness. **23...Bxf5**

[23...Be6?! 1.23/22 23...Bd7xf5 0.37 24.c4!]

24.Bxf5 **Ne6** **25.Ra3** **Qe7**



26.Bg4 **Rc7** **27.Ra4** **Qf6?!** It allows White to regroup his pieces as he needs.

[⌓27...Qc5 28.Rd3!?±]

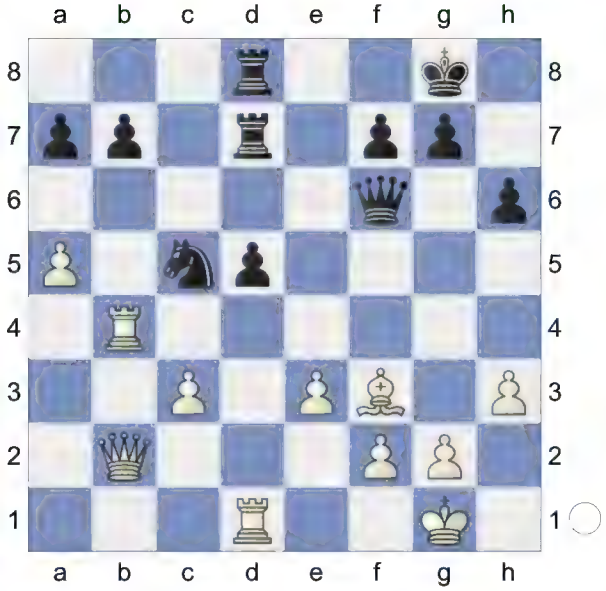
28.Rb4 The sufficient defence of weaknesses is now for Black more difficult. **28...Nc5** 1.25/22 It loses the pawn by force,

[better was ⌓28...Rdd7± with the tough defence.]

[28...Rdd7± 0.60/22]

29.Bf3± Rcd7?!

[After ⌓29...Ne4 White can play for example 30.Rxb7 Rxb7 31.Qxb7 Nxc3 32.Rd3 And now a5-a6! would win. a6 33.Bxd5±]



30.Rbd4!+- Black's position is definitely lost. **30...Qe5**

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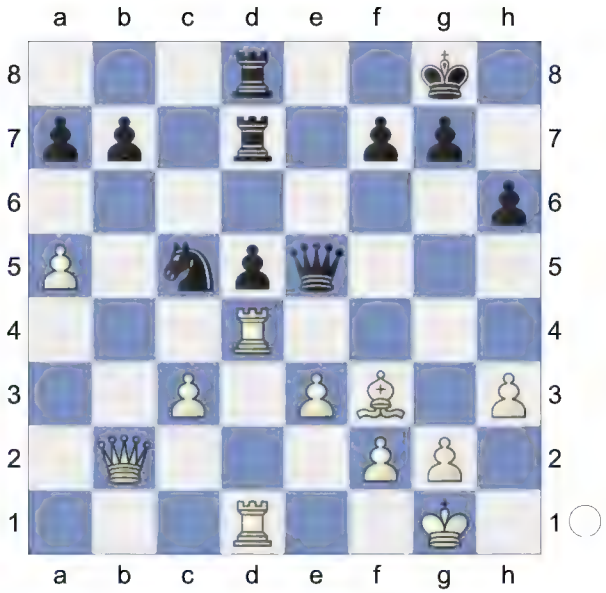


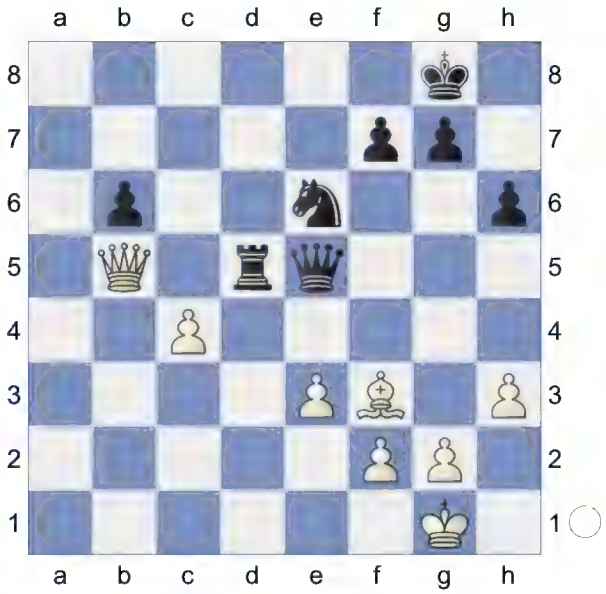
31.Qb5 b6 32.axb6 axb6 33.c4! White is more active. **33...Ne6** 1.88/20

[33...g6± 1.52/18 might work better. 34.Rxd5 *(34.cxd5 Rd6±)* 34...Rxd5 35.Bxd5 *(35.cxd5 Qf6±)* 35...Rd6]

34.Rxd5 Rxd5 35.Rxd5

[Much less strong is 35.cxd5 Ng5 36.Be2 *(36.Qxb6 Nxf3+ 37.gxf3 Rxd5±)* 36...Ne4±]

35...Rxd5



36.Bxd5 KQB-KQN **36...Qa1+ 37.Kh2** Hoping for Qb5-e8+. **37...Qe5+ 38.g3 Qf5** 3.11/24

[⌓38...Qf6 1.78/23]

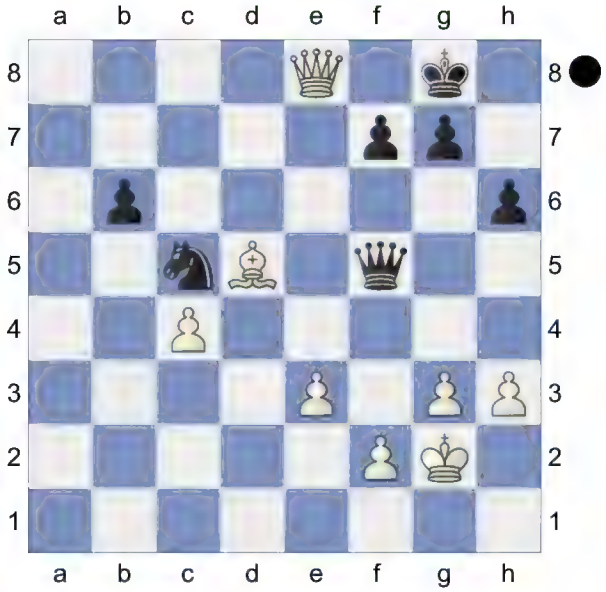
39.Kg2

[Worse is 39.Qxb6 Qxf2+ 40.Bg2 g6±]

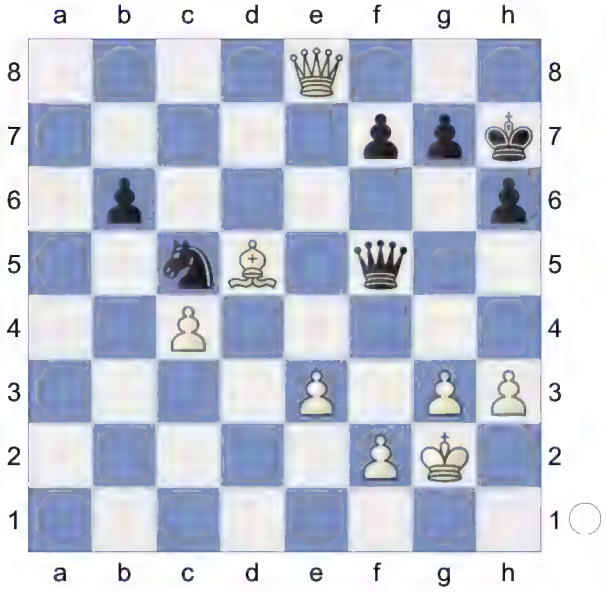
39...Nc5? 4.17/24

[39...Qf6 2.07/25 was worth a try. 40.Qe8+ *(40.Qxb6? loses. Nf4+* Discovered Attack *41.exf4 Qxb6-+)* 40...Nf8]

40.Qe8+



Deflection **40...Kh7**



41.Bxf7

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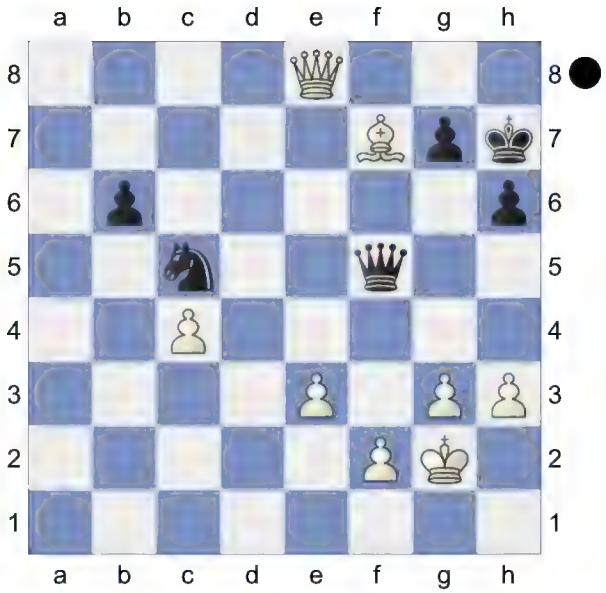

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87	**D52**
Kramnik,Vladimir	**2720**
Lobron,Eric	**2575**
FR m	1995

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3N

[3.g3

A) 3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2

A1) 7...0-0 8.Nc3 *(8.Qc2 d5 9.d4 Nc6 10.cxd5 Nb4 11.Qc1 Nbxd5 12.Ne5 Rc8 13.Nd3 Nd7* ½-½ Carniol,J-Langer,S Titled Tue 11th Aug 2020*)* 8...b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nd3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3

Qd6 21.Ra2 Qc6 22.Kg1 ½-½ (26) Habermann,A (2415)-Pravec,L (2460) Lake Sevan Martuni 2009 (3);

A2) 7...d6 8.d3 0-0 9.e4 Nbd7 10.Ne1 c5 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Qe2 Rfd8 13.f4 Nb6 14.Rc1 Nfd7 15.Nef3 Re8 16.g4 d5 17.e5 f6 18.exf6 1-0 (52) Kaldarova,A (1903)-Madi,A (1587) Asian Continental (Women) op 20th 2023 (8);

B) 3...b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 d6 8.d3 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 Ne8 10.e4 d5 11.Qe2 c5 12.exd5 exd5 13.Rae1 Bf6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Qd7 16.f4 dxc4 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 1-0 (31) Rokhlin,Y-Kosolapov,S RSFSR-ch01 Moscow 1928]

[3.b3 d5 4.Bb2 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.d4 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Ne5 c5 11.f4 cxd4 12.exd4 Ne4 13.Ndf3 f6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Nd2 f5 16.Qe2 Kh8 17.Qe3 a5 0-1 (63) Kozak,A (2422)-Klekowski,M (2477) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (13)]

3...d5 4.d4 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6

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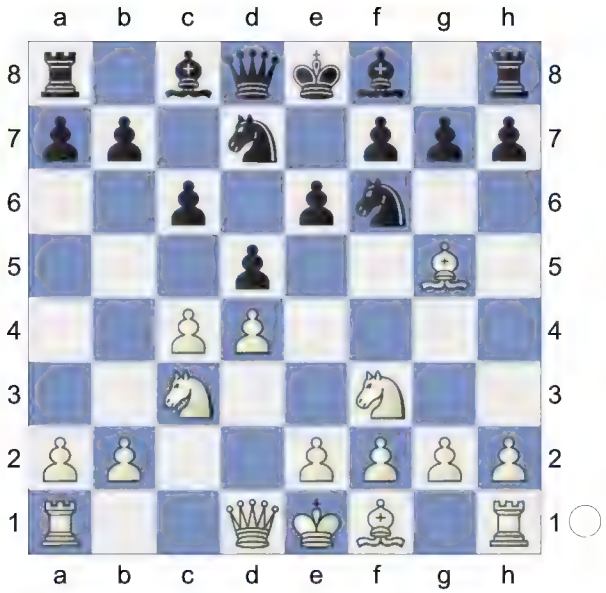
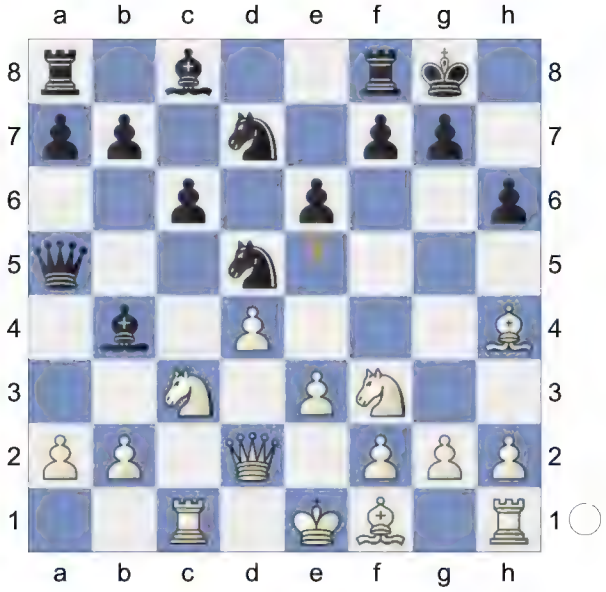


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 h6 9.Bh4 Bb4 10.Rc1 0-0

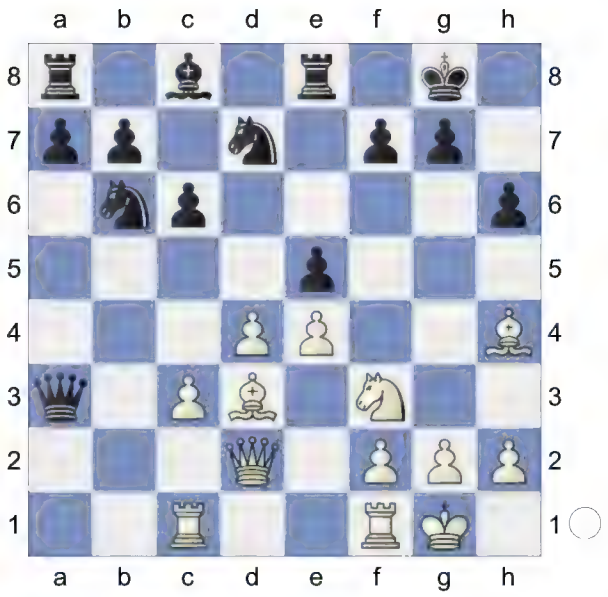


11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3
The position is equal. **13.e4 N5b6** 0.52/22

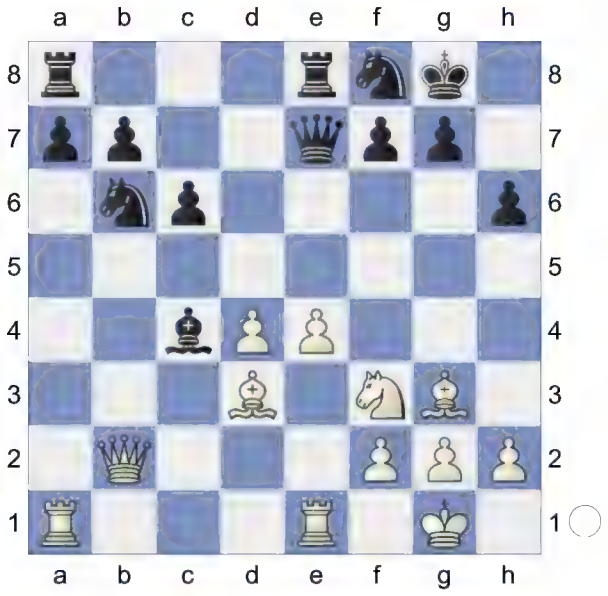
[13...Ne7= 0.01/21]

14.Bd3± Re8 15.0-0 e5

(Diagram)



16.Bg3 exd4 17.cxd4 Nf8 18.Rfe1 White has compensation. **18...Be6 19.Ra1 Qe7 20.Qb2 Bc4**



21.Bc2 Ba6 0.69/21
[⌓21...Be6 0.32/19]
22.Qc3 Bc4 23.Ra5 0.60/19
[23.Nh4± 0.98/20 Black must now prevent Nh4-f5. Be6 24.Rab1]
23...f6 24.Nh4 Threatens to win with Nh4-f5. **24...Be6 25.Nf5** White is much more active. **25...Bxf5**

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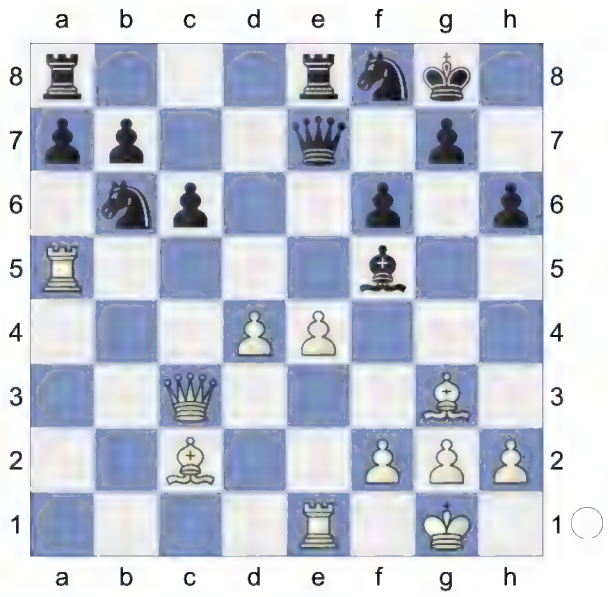
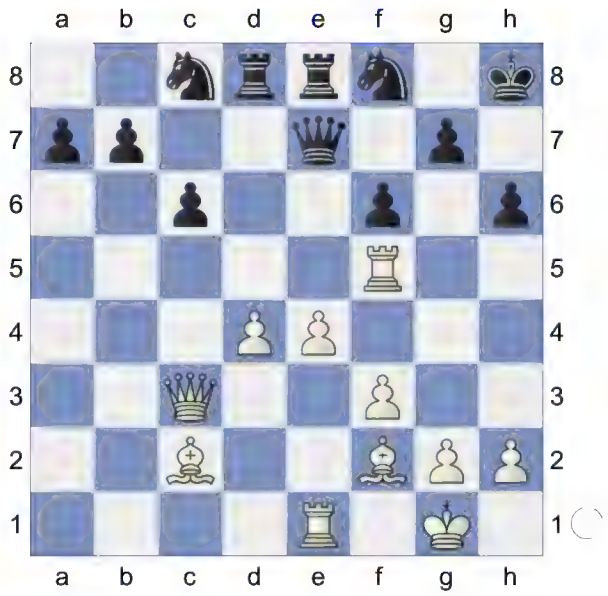


26.Rxf5 Rad8 27.f3 Kh8 28.Bf2 Nc8 1.77/21
[28...Qd7± 0.46/19]



Loses the game. **29.e5!+-** Strongly threatening e5xf6. **29...fxe5** 2.77/25
[29...Qf7 1.96/23 is a better defense.]

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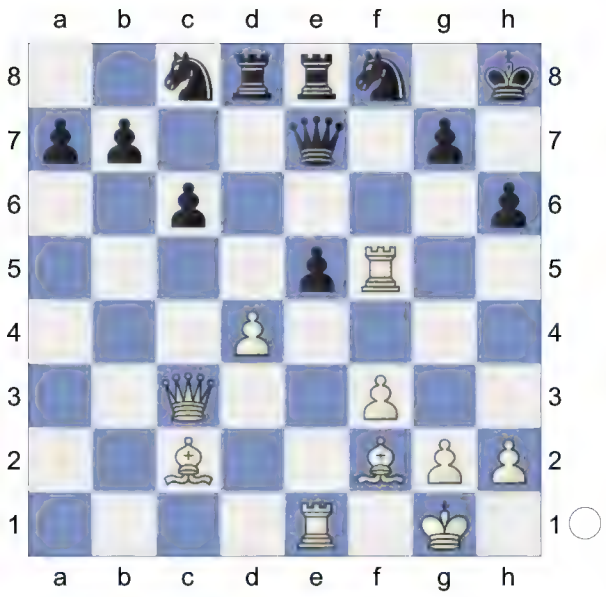


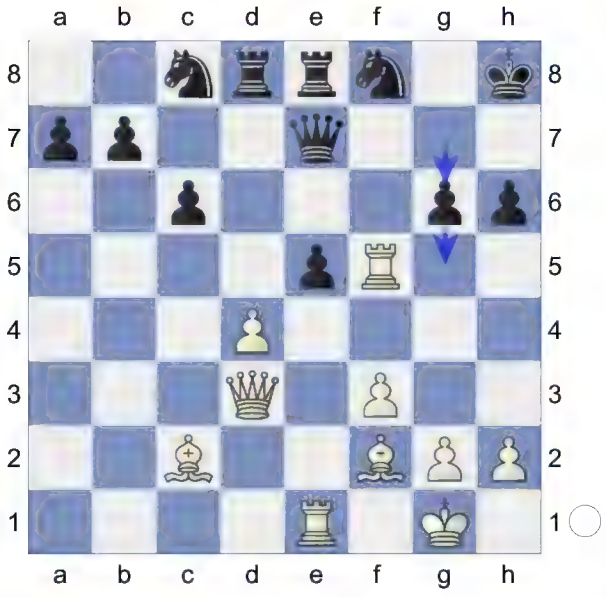
30.Qd3! White threatens Rf5xf8+! and mate.

[30.Rfxe5 Qf7±]

[30.Rexe5 Qd7±]

[30.dxe5 Nb6±]

30...g6



31.Rfxe5 Qxe5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.Bh4 g5 34.Bg3 Red5 35.Bb3 This pair of bishops is nice. **35...Ne7**

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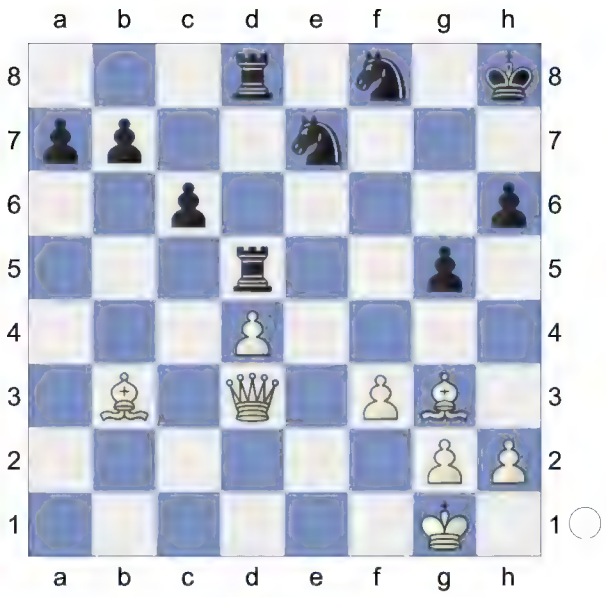

36.Qe4→ White has strong attack.

36...R8d7 3.51/26

[36...Neg6 2.29/25 was necessary. 37.Bxd5 Rxd5]

37.Be5+ Kg8 38.h4

[38.Bxd5+ Nxd5 39.f4 Nxf4 40.Bxf4 gxf4 41.Qxf4 Kg7 42.Qe5+ Kh7+-]

38...gxh4 39.Qxh4

[39.Bxd5+ Nxd5 40.Qxh4 a5 41.Qxh6 a4 42.Qg5+ Kf7 43.Qf5+ Ke7+-]

39...Kh7 10.92/22

[⌓39...Nf5 4.35/21 40.Qf6 *(40.Bxd5+ cxd5 41.Qf6 Ng7+-)* 40...Ng7 41.Qxh6 *(41.Bxd5+ cxd5 42.Qxh6 b5+-)* 41...Rf7]

40.Qf6 Neg6

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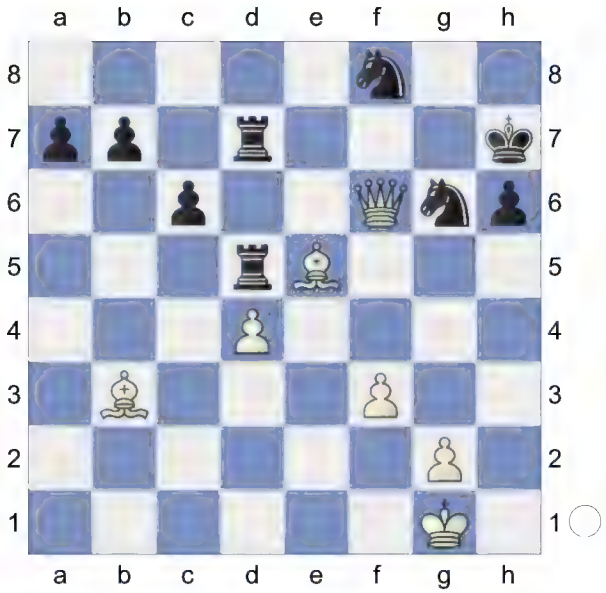
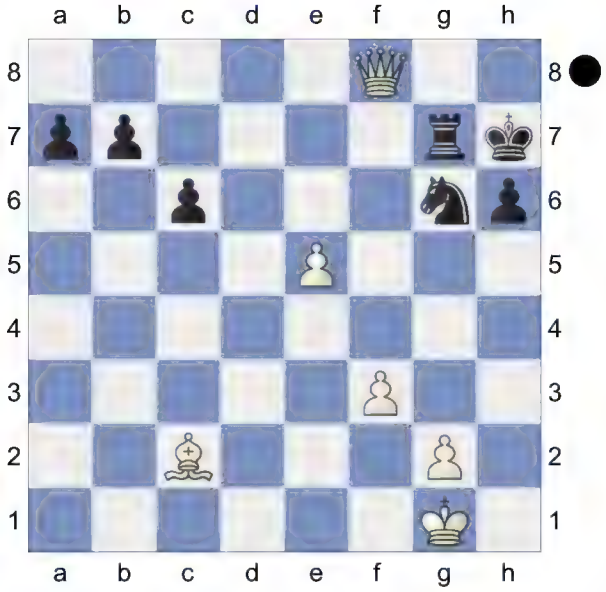


Dodges Qf6-g7+ **41.Bc2 Rxe5 42.dxe5 Rg7 43.Qxf8**



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88 **D52**

□ **Moiseenko,Alexander** **2715**

■ **Esen,Baris** **2543**

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[Grivas,Efstratios]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

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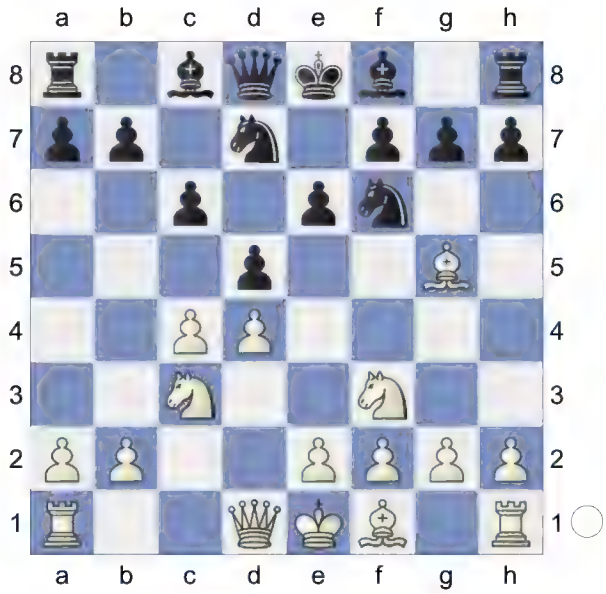
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA

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7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0

[Some previous games of Moiseenko went 9...c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 h6 12.Bh4 b6 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 N5f6 15.f3± Moiseenko, A-Krasenkow, M Mulhouse 2011]

[and 9...h6 10.Bh4 b6 11.Bd3 c5 12.0-0 0-0 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.e4 Nc7 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5= Moiseenko,A-Nadyrhanov,S Krasnodar 1999.]

10.Bd3 h6

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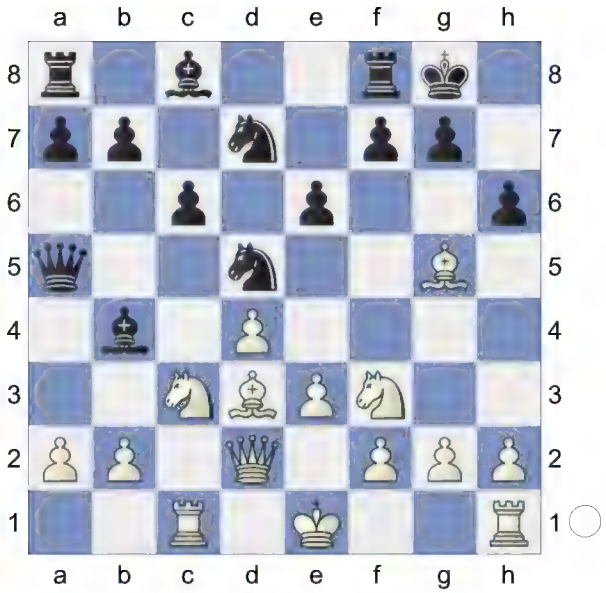


11.Bh4 e5 12.0-0

[White decided to go for an 'easy' line which could promise him almost no advantage, but he could get away from Black's pre-game preparations. A previous example is 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 exd4 14.cxd4 Qxa3 15.0-0! Re8 16.e4 Nf4 17.Bb1 Ng6 18.Bg3 a5∞ Salgado Lopez,I-Esen,B Aix-les-Bains 2011.]

12...Re8 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5

White has an edge.

[In an older game White chose 14.exd4 Nf8 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Bc4∞ Moiseenko,A-Ovetchkin,R Rotterdam 1998.]

14...Qxd5 15.Nxd4!

[White keeps it simple with this novelty. Known is 15.Rfd1 Ne5 0.54/24 *(15...Qxa2=* 0.01/21 *16.Bc4 d3 17.Qxd3 Qa5)* 16.Bh7+± Kh8 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rxd4 Be7 19.Rcd1 Be6 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Bd3 c5 22.Re4 Qh5 23.Be2 Qg6 Hoping for ...Be6-h3. 24.Qxc5 Bh3! 25.Bf3! Rxe4 26.Bxe4 Qxe4 27.gxh3 Qg6+= Jobava,B-Gurevich,M Batumi 2002 and]

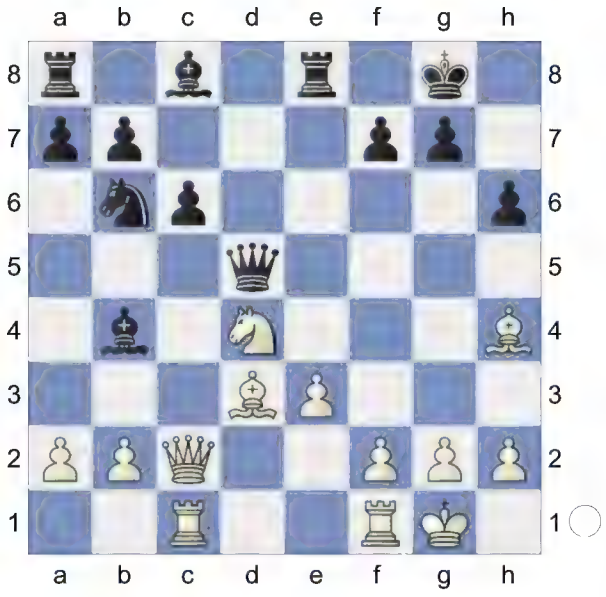
[15.exd4 Nb6 16.b3 -0.79/23 *(16.Bg3?! -0.77/22 16.a2-a3 0.01 Qxa2 17.Ne5 Be6∓* Shirov,A-Piket,J Aruba 1995*; 16.a3=* -0.01/23 *Bf8 17.Ne5)* 16...Qh5 -0.24/22 *(16...Bg4∓* -0.79/23 *17.Ne5 Qxd4 18.Bh7+ Kf8 19.Nxg4 Qxg4)* 17.Bg3!= Be6 18.Ne5 Nd5= Pekarek,A-Pinkas,K Myslowice 1985.]

15...Nb6?!

[15...Qxa2? 2.40/21 15...Bb4-f8 0.18 16.Nb3! is out of the question, but the black knight has nothing to do on b6.]

[Black should go for 15...Nf8!? 16.Bc4 Qh5 17.Bg3 Ne6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Rfd1±]

[or even better 15...Bf8 16.Rfd1 Nc5 17.Bh7+ Kh8 18.Bg3± .]



16.Rfd1? -0.01/22

[White did not need to sacrifice his a-pawn, so he should opt for 16.Nb3 Qh5 17.Bg3 Be7 18.Rfd1±]

[or for 16.a3 Be7 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Rfd1± .]

[16.a3± 0.44/22 Bd6 17.Be2]

16...Qh5? 0.50/20

[Black was obliged to take the challenge and grab the pawn by 16...Qxa2! Then maybe the best variation is 17.Bg3 *(17.Nb3 Be6 18.Nd4 Qa4 19.b3 Qa5∞)* 17...Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Ra1 Qd5 20.Nb5! Qc5 21.Bh7+! Kh8 22.Nd6! Qxc2 0.11/20 *(22...Rf8∓* -0.46/22 *23.Qxc5 Bxc5)* 23.Bxc2= Bxd6 24.Bxd6 Nd5 25.Bc5! b6 26.e4! bxc5 27.exd5 cxd5 28.Rxd5 Be6 29.Rxc5 Re7= .]

[16...Qxa2= -0.01/22 17.Qe2 Qa5]

17.Bg3± Now White stands clearly better, and his plan is to advance his centre pawn majority. On the other hand Black has little to do but to wait passivly, and usually this is not a good strategy against a strong opponent. **17...Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Qf2**

[19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Bf5 Bxf5 0.72/22 *(20...Rad8=* 0.30/21 *)* 21.Nxf5± g6 22.Qb3 Qxf5 23.Qxb4± was good as well, but White is not obliged to exchange pieces yet, an action which would help Black's position to improve a bit. As Black is missing an active plan, White can take his time as he pleases...]

19...Be7 20.Bb1?!

[This is losing time. 20.e4 was good and should be prefered.]

20...g6?! 0.54/18

[Passive. Black should go for activity with 20...Bg5!

A) 21.f4 Be7 22.e4 *(22.Qc2!? g6□ 23.e4=)* 22...Rad8∞;

B) 21.Re1 Rad8 22.Rc5 Nd5 23.e4 Be7 0.55/20 *(23...b6=* 0.10/22 was preferrable. *24.Rc4 c5 25.exd5 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 cxd4 27.Rxd4 Re8)* 24.Rcc1± Nb6 25.a3± .]

[20...Rad8= 0.07/18]

21.e4 c5?! 0.87/19

[The natural 21...Rad8 22.e5 Bc8 was clearly better, although White keeps an advantage after 23.a3 Bf8 24.Ba2 . The expansion on the queenside is false and just gives White more targets...]

[21...Rad8± 0.45/21]

22.Ne2± Bf8 23.e5 Rxe5? 3.24/22

[A mistake in an already difficult position. Black had to go for the previous line with 23...c4 1.40/20 23...Ra8-c8 0.99

A) 24.Be4 0.34/21 24.Ne2-f4 1.27 Rxe5!?

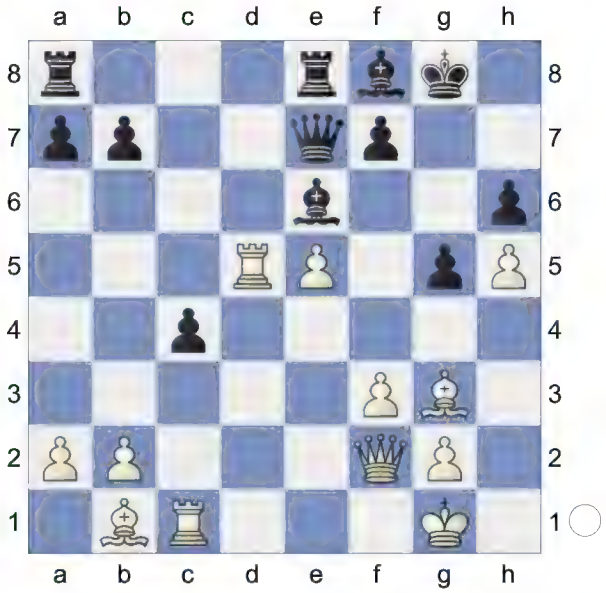
A1) 25.Bxe5? -0.70/21 25.Ne2-f4 0.32 Qxe5 26.Bxb7 -0.99/23 *(26.Kh1∓* -0.50/21 is more appropriate.) 26...Bc5∓ 27.Nd4 Rd8 -0.34/21 *(Better is 27...Rb8∓* -0.87/22 ...Bd7-a4! would now be deadly. *28.Be4 Ba4)* 28.b4!∓ cxb3 29.axb3 Bc8 30.Rxc5! Qxc5=;

A2) 25.Nf4!± 0.37/22 Qg5 26.h4;

A3) 25.Bxb7 -0.32/20 25...Rd8 0.78/20 *(25...Bc5∓* -0.32/20 stays ahead. *26.Nd4 Rae8 27.Bxe5 Qxe5)* 26.Nf4 0.37/22 *(*White should play *26.Kh1±* 0.78/20 *)* 26...Qf5± And now ... Bf8-c5 would win. 27.Be4 Qf6 White must now prevent ...Bf8-c5. 28.Nd5± looks fine for White, but Black can still put up a fight.;

B) 24.Nf4! Qg5 25.h4! Qe7 as was analysed in the above note. 26.h5 g5

B1) 27.Nd5 1.14/20 27.Qf2-c2 1.57 Nxd5 28.Rxd5 Be6

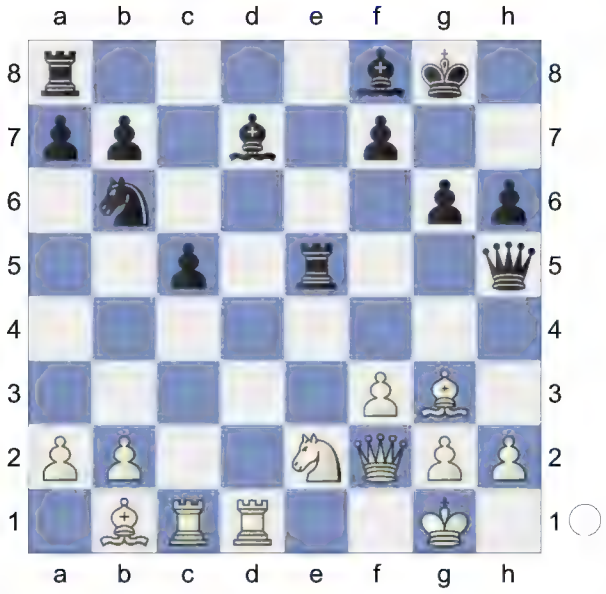


29.Qc2! Bg7 30.Rd6 Rad8 31.Rcd1 0.70/20 *(White should try 31.Qh7+±* 1.25/22 *Kf8 32.Rcd1)* 31...Rxd6 1.39/22 *(31...Kf8±* 0.70/20 *)* 32.exd6±;

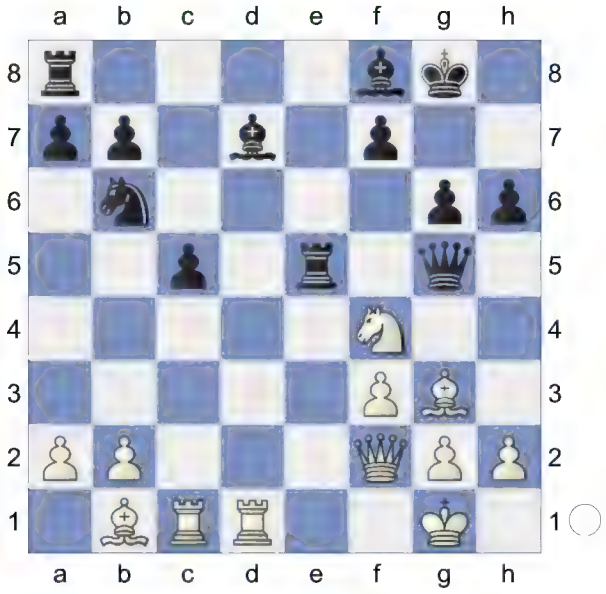
B2) 27.Qc2!± 1.41/23 Bg7 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Ne2;

B3) 27.e6 0.59/21 27...Bxe6± 28.Qc2 Qc5+ 29.Kh2 Bf5 30.Qxf5 Qxf5 31.Bxf5 gxf4 0.81/22 *(31...Re5!=* 0.14/22 remains equal. *32.Be4 gxf4 33.Bxf4 Rxh5+ 34.Kg3 Re8)* 32.Bxf4±]

[23...Rac8± 0.92/21]



A mistake that costs the game. **24.Nf4!+-**
[Of course 24.Bxe5? 0.32/20 24.Ne2-f4 3.25 Qxe5 would be fine for Black.]
24...Qg5



25.Nxg6! Discovered AttackThe point of White's combination. **25...Ree8**
[25...fxg6 26.f4! Qg4 27.fxe5 is just curtains.]

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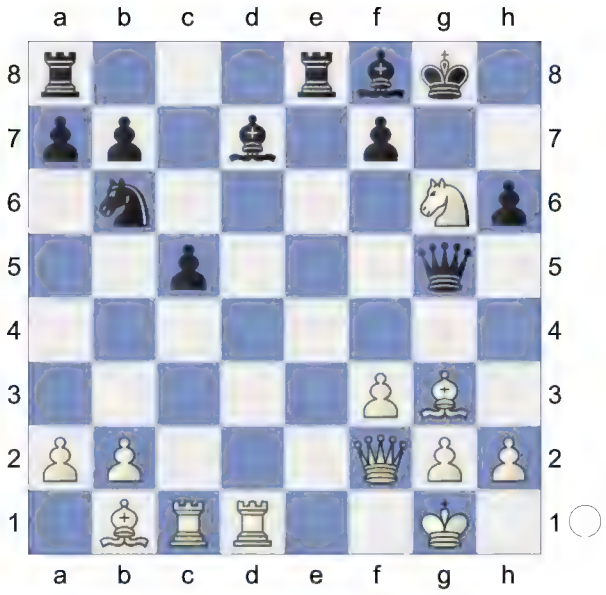
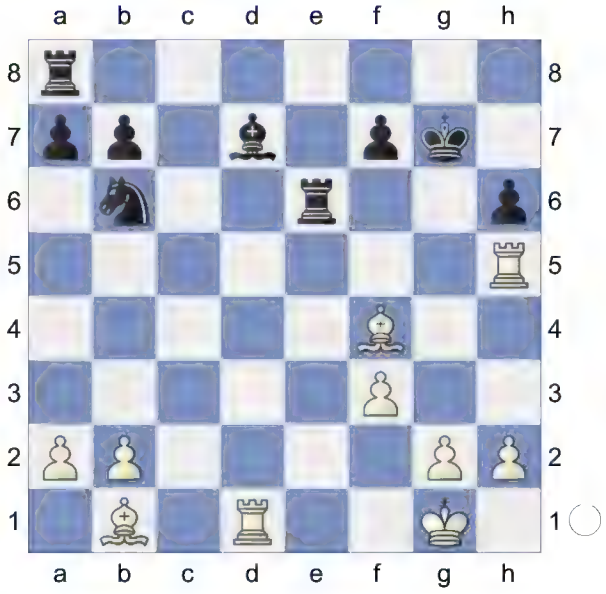


26.Nxf8 Kxf8 27.Rxc5 White won a good pawn and he has also increased his positional advantages (bishop pair, wrecked black pawn structure) . **27...Qe3 28.Qxe3 Rxe3** Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Bf4** A strong pair of Bishops. **29...Re6 30.Rh5** Black is losing more material after **30...Kg7**



31.Bf5

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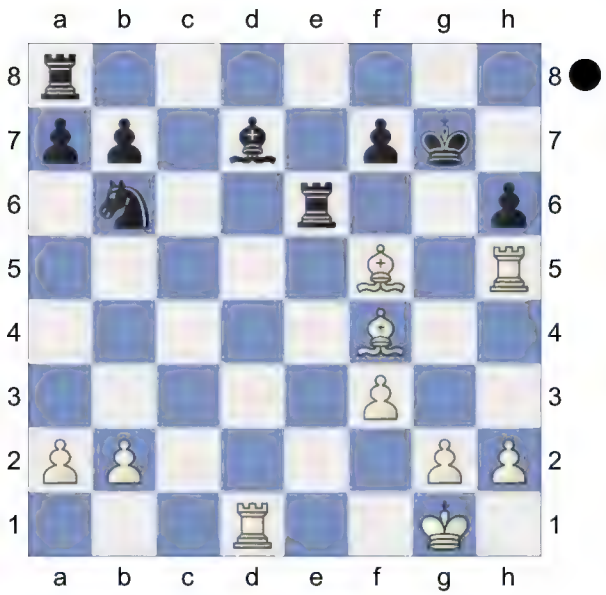

Skewer.
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89 **D52**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2710**
■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2704**
Poikovsky 93/386 2005
[Kitty Kat]

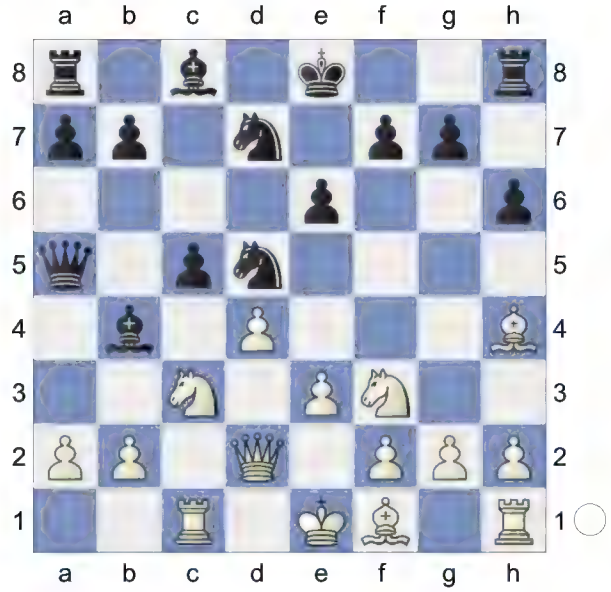
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

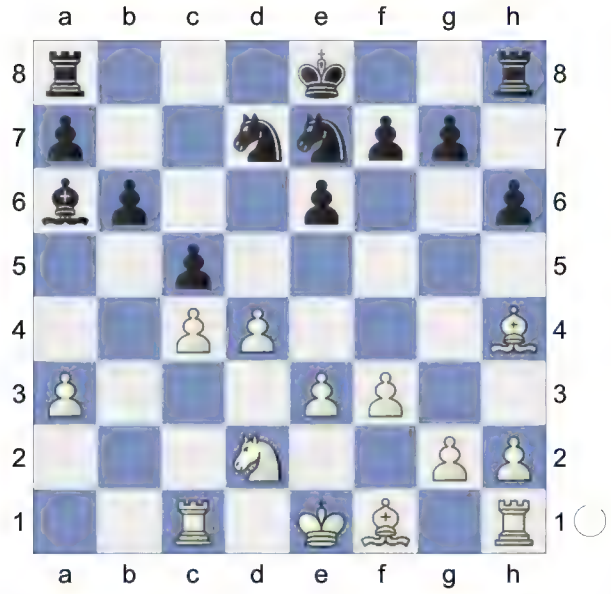
6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

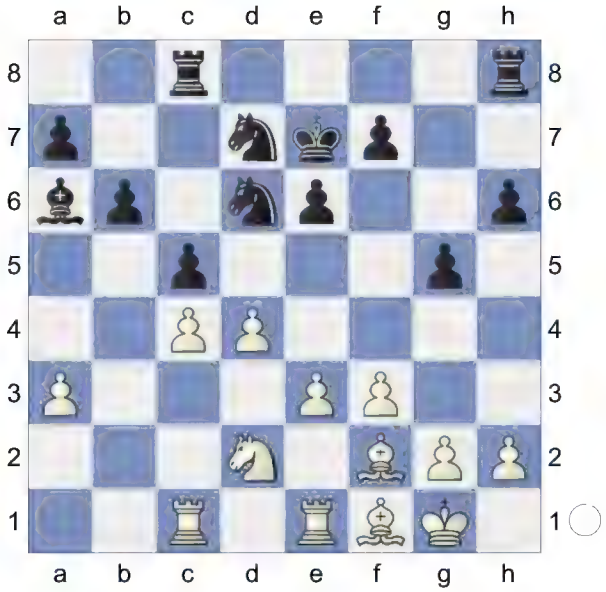
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5



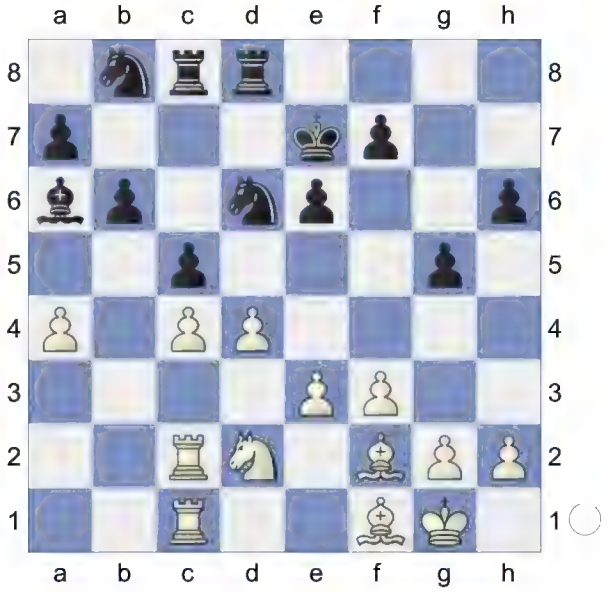
11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.c4 White is slightly better. **13...Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.f3 Ba6**



16.Be2 Rc8 17.0-0 Nf5 18.Bf2 Ke7 19.Rfe1 g5 20.Bf1 Nd6



21.a4 Rhd8 22.Rc3 Nf6 23.Rc2 Nd7 24.Rec1 Nb8



25.a5! cxd4

[25...bxa5 26.d5]

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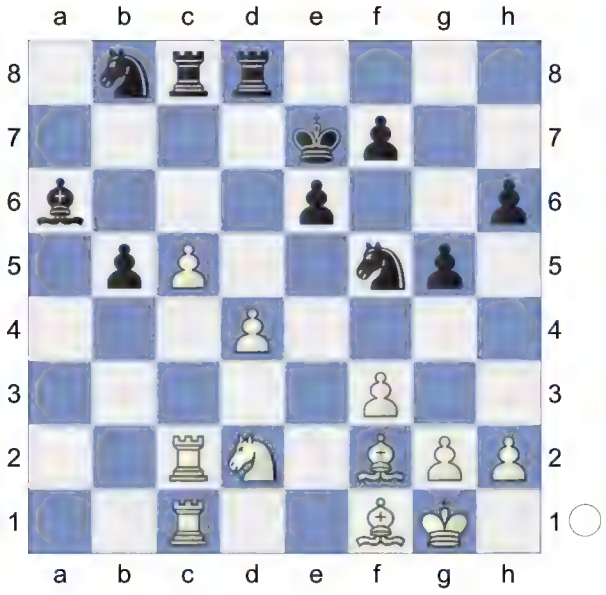
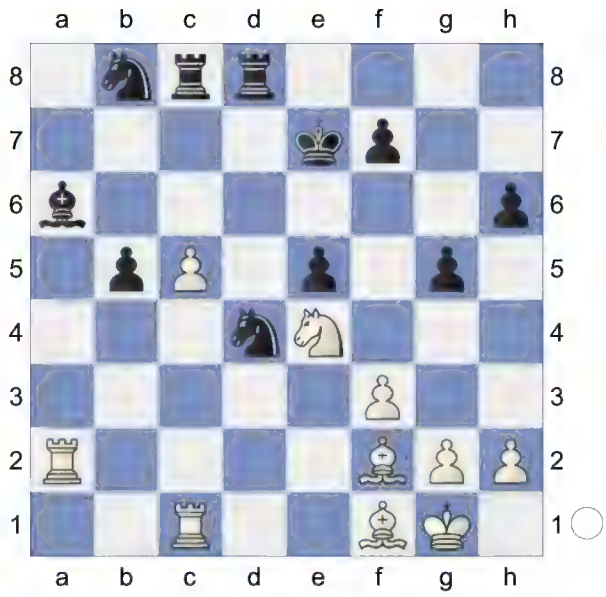
26.axb6 axb6 27.exd4 b5 28.c5 Nf5



29.Ra2 0.56/22
[29.c6!± 1.39/19 And now c6-c7 would win. Rc7 30.Nb3]
29...Nxd4± 30.Ne4 Black must now prevent Ne4-d6. **30...e5**

(Diagram)



31.f4 Deflection **31...gxf4** 1.00/21
[31...exf4± 0.46/21 32.Nd6 Rxc5 Remove Defender 33.Rxc5 Rxd6]
32.Bh4+± Ke6? 3.38/22
[32...Ke8± 0.73/21 was worth a try.]
33.Bxd8+-
[Don't do 33.c6?! Nb3+- *(33...Rxc6? is the wrong capture. 34.Rxc6+ Nbxc6 35.Bxd8+-)*]
33...Rxd8 34.c6 Wards off Ba6-b7
34...Rc8 6.12/22
[34...Ndxc6 3.53/20 35.Nc5+ Kf5 36.Nxa6 Nxa6 37.Rxa6 *(37.Rxc6 Nb4±)* 37...Nd4 38.Rxh6 Kg5]
35.c7

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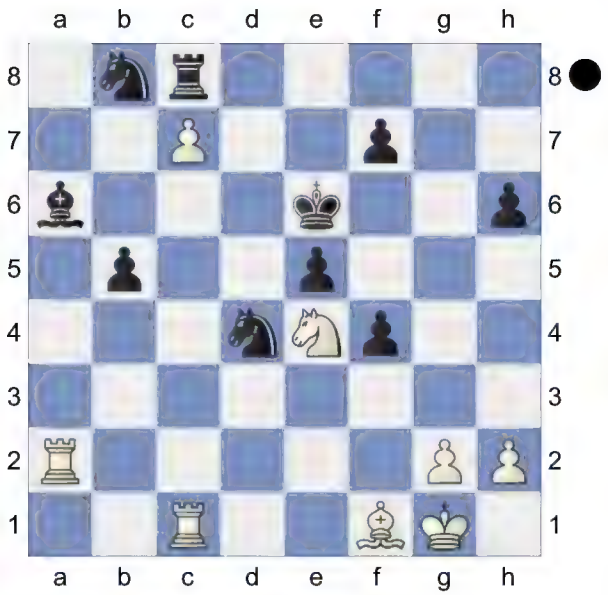

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90 **D52**
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2710**
■ **Izeta Txabarri,Felix** **2505**
Madrid_177291 (7) 1993
[Kitty Kat]

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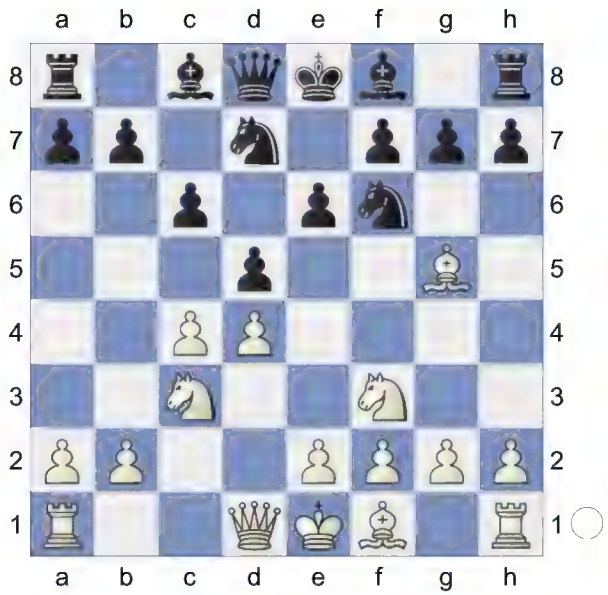

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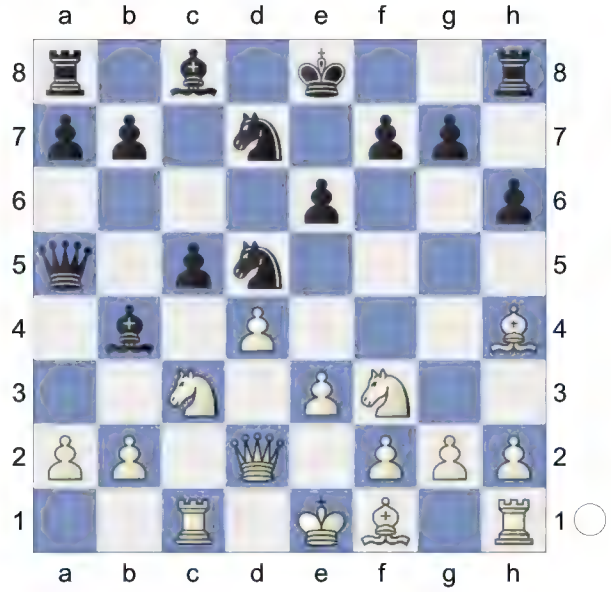
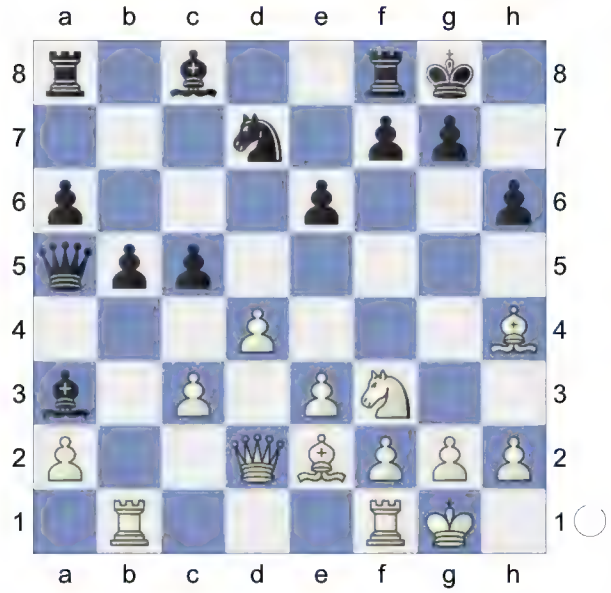
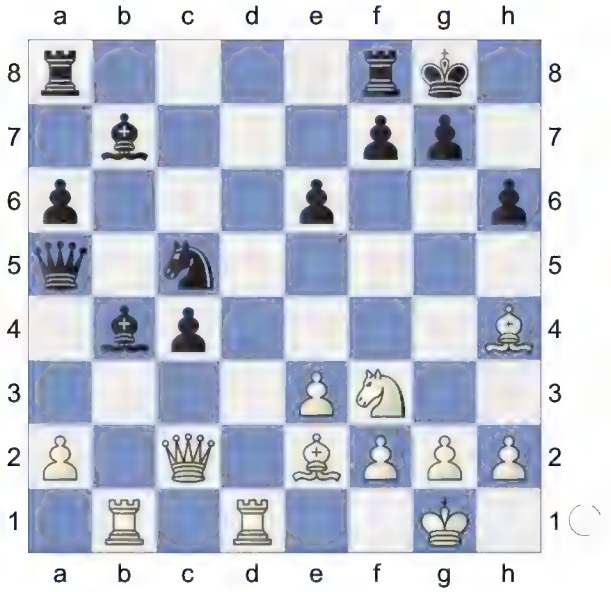


11.Bc4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 The position is equal. **13...a6 14.Be2 0-0 15.0-0 b5**



16.c4 Bb4 17.Qc2 Bb7 18.Rfd1 bxc4 19.dxc5 Nxc5 0.90/20

[19...Bd5= -0.01/21]



20.Rd4!± Rab8

21.Ne5 Repels Bb7-c6. White has strong compensation.

[21.Bxc4 Bc3 22.Rdd1 Be4 23.Rxb8 Rxb8∓ *(23...Bxc2 24.Rxf8+* Remove Defender *Kxf8 25.Rd8+∓)*]

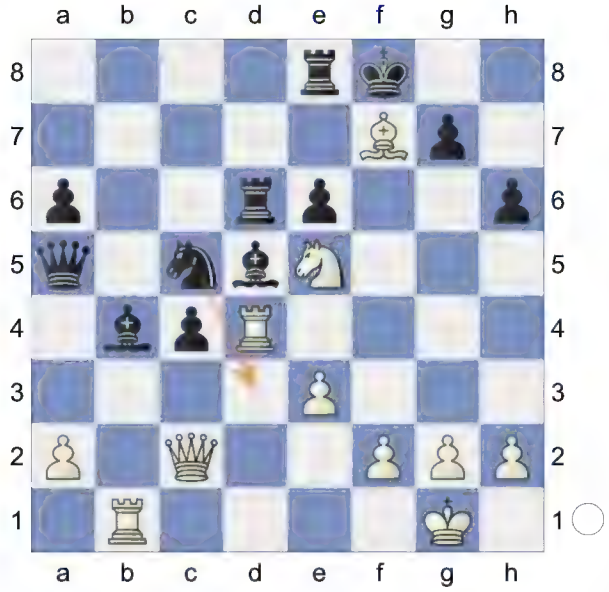
21...Bd5 1.43/22

[Better is 21...Ba8 0.78/20]

22.Be7

[Stronger than 22.Nxc4 Qa4 23.Rb2

Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Ne4=]
[22.Bxc4? perishes. Bc3 23.Rxb8 Rxb8 24.Rxd5 *(24.Bxd5? Bxd4 25.Nf3 exd5-+)* 24...Rb2 *(24...exd5? 25.Nc6-+)* 25.Rxc5 *(25.Rd8+? Qxd8 26.Qxc3 Rb1+ 27.Bf1 Qd1-+)* 25...Qxc5-+]
22...Rfe8 23.Bd6 Dancing on a razor blade. White is much more active.
23...Rbd8 4.81/23
[23...Rb7± 1.56/21 is a better chance.]
24.Bh5+-
[24.Nxc4 Bxc4 25.Qxc4 Ba3±]
24...Rxd6 7.27/19
[⌓24...Rf8 4.78/21]
25.Bxf7+ Kf8



...Nc5-d3! would now be deadly.
26.Bxe8 White is clearly winning.
26...Kxe8 8.12/22
[⌓26...Nd3 4.44/20]
27.Qg6+ Kd8 28.Nxc4 Bxc4 29.Rxd6+ Nd7 30.Rd4

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.37
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91	**D52**
□ **Shirov,Alexei**	**2710**
■ **Piket,Jeroen**	**2670**
m Aruba (6)	1995
[Kitty Kat]	

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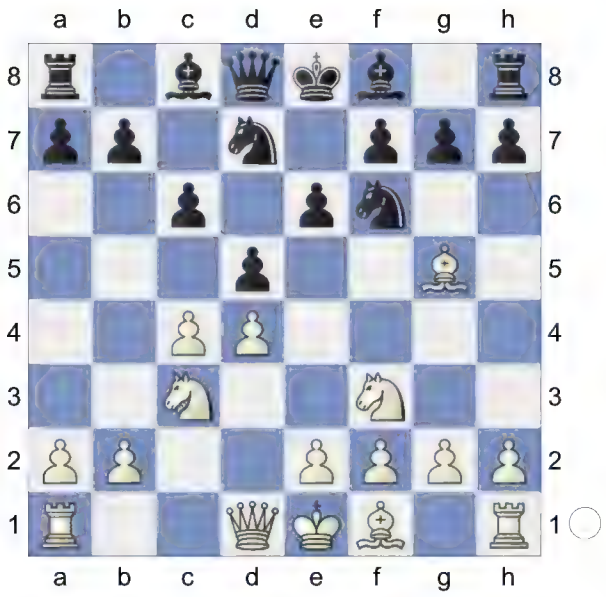


6.e3 Qa5

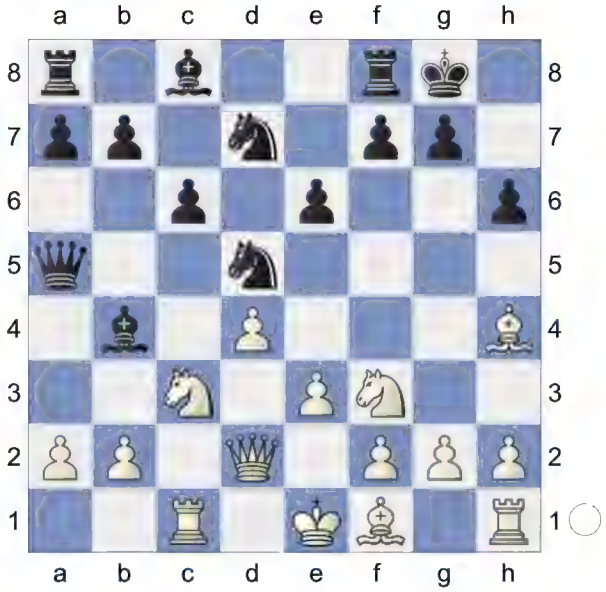
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

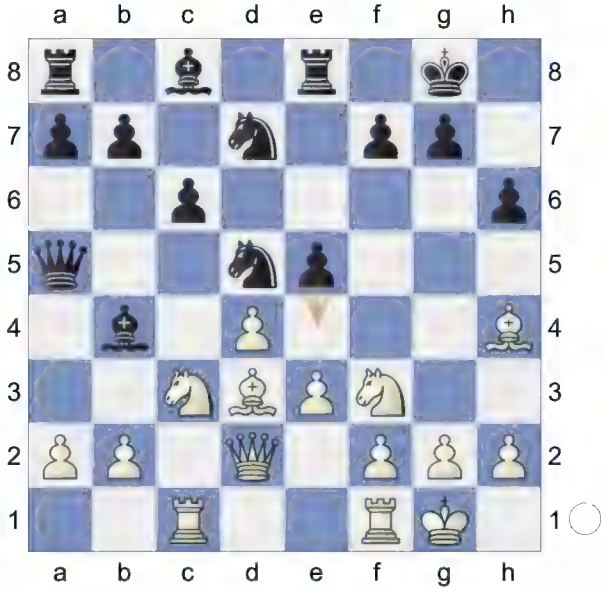
7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0



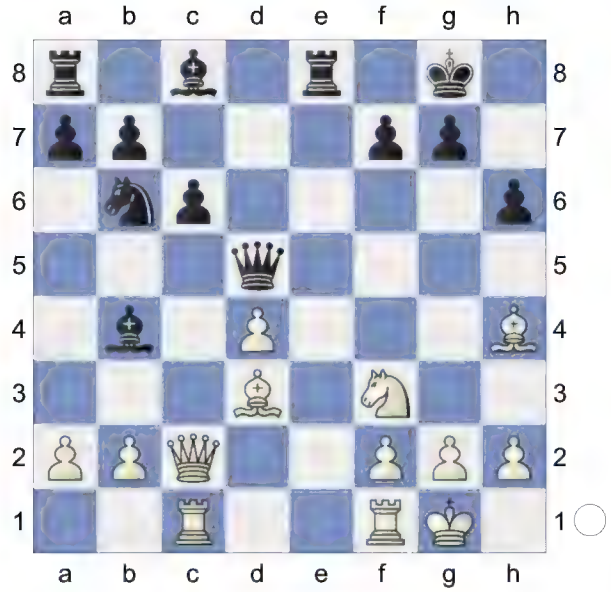
11.Bd3 e5 12.0-0 Re8



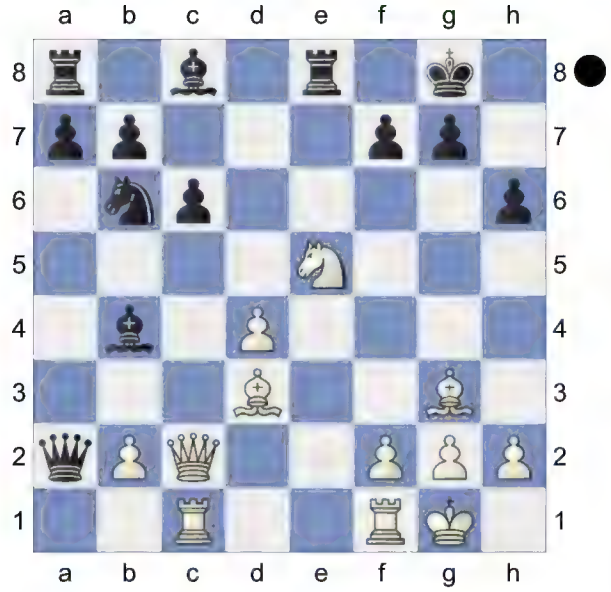
And now ...e5-e4! would win. **13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5** White is slightly better.

[14.Nxd4 Be7 15.Bxe7 Nxe7]

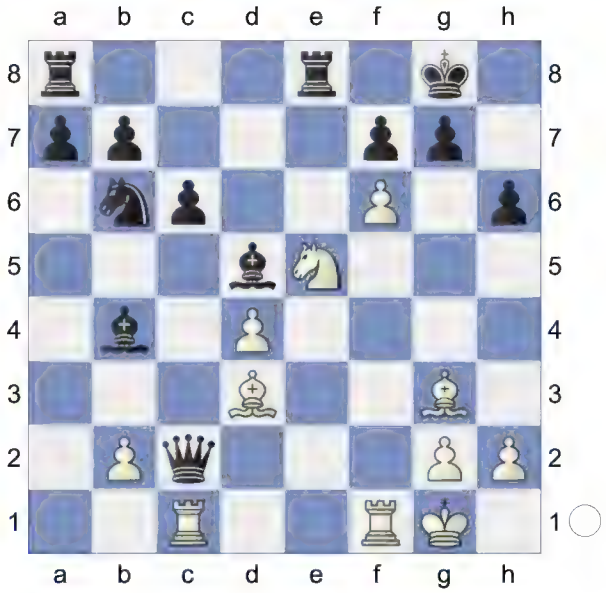
14...Qxd5 15.exd4 Nb6



16.Bg3 -0.69/22
[White should play 16.a3= 0.01/19 Bf8 17.Ne5]
16...Qxa2∓ 17.Ne5

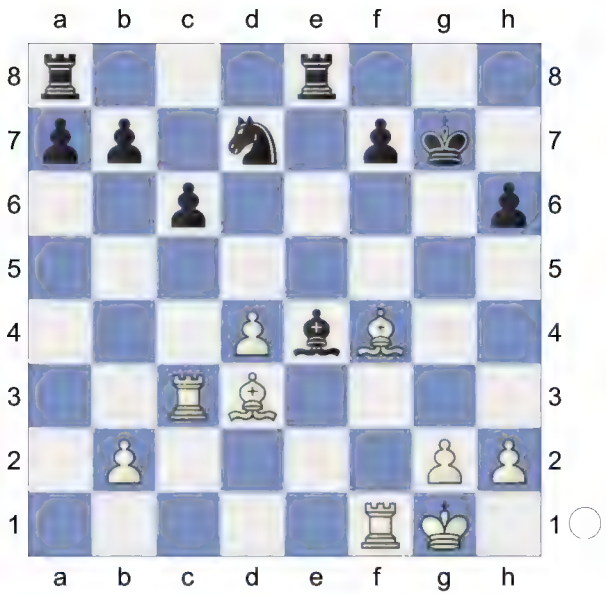


Be6! 18.f4 -1.34/20
[⌓18.Ra1 -0.86/18 Qd5 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Rfd1]
18...Qb3 -0.88/20
[⌓18...f6 -1.34/20 19.Qe2 Qd5 *(19...fxe5? 20.Qe4-+)*]
19.f5 Bd5
[19...Qxc2?! 20.fxe6 Qb3 *(20...Qxb2 21.exf7+ Kh8 22.Ng6+ Kh7 23.Nf4+ Kh8 24.Rce1=)* 21.exf7+ Kh8 22.Ng6+ Kh7 23.Rc3 Bxc3 24.Nf8+ Kh8 25.Ng6+ Kh7 26.Ne7+ *(26.Nf8+ Kh8=)* 26...Kh8 27.Ng6+ Kh7=]
20.f6 Qxc2



21.Rxc2 Bd6 -0.05/20
[21...g6∓ -1.03/19 22.Bf4 h5]
22.fxg7= Bxe5 23.Bxe5
[23.dxe5 simplifies Kxg7 24.Re2 Be6 25.Bh4]
23...Nd7 24.Bf4 Kxg7 25.Rc3 Be4 0.61/20
[25...h5= 0.25/20]

(Diagram)



26.Bc4± Rc3-g3+ would now be deadly. White has compensation. This pair of bishops is nice. Black is weak on the dark squares **26...Bg6 27.Rg3** aiming for Bf4-d6. **27...Kh7 28.Rh3 h5 29.g4** 0.17/20 White is more active.

[29.Bd6± 0.82/20 f5 30.Bd3]

29...b5 0.64/20

[29...h4= 0.17/20]

30.Bb3 Re2

31.gxh5 Be4 1.03/24

[31...Bf5± 0.67/21 32.Rc3 b4]

32.Rg3± Rg8? 2.84/23 This move loses the game for Black.

[32...f6± 0.95/20 keeps fighting.]

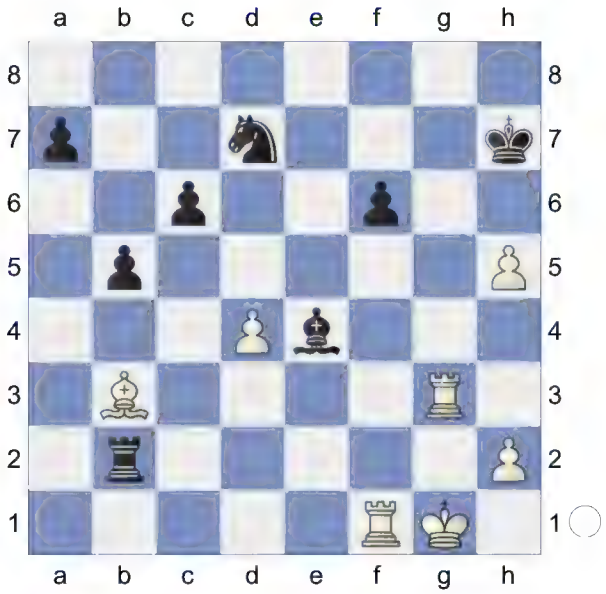
33.Bg5+-

[33.Bxf7 is a self mate. Rg2+ *(33...Rxg3+ 34.hxg3 Rg2+ 35.Kh1=)* 34.Rxg2 Rxg2+ 35.Kh1 Rg8+]

33...Rxg5 34.Rxg5 f6 35.Rg3 Black must now prevent Bb3-e6.

35...Rxb2? 6.20/24

[35...Rd2 2.57/21 36.Be6 Rxd4]



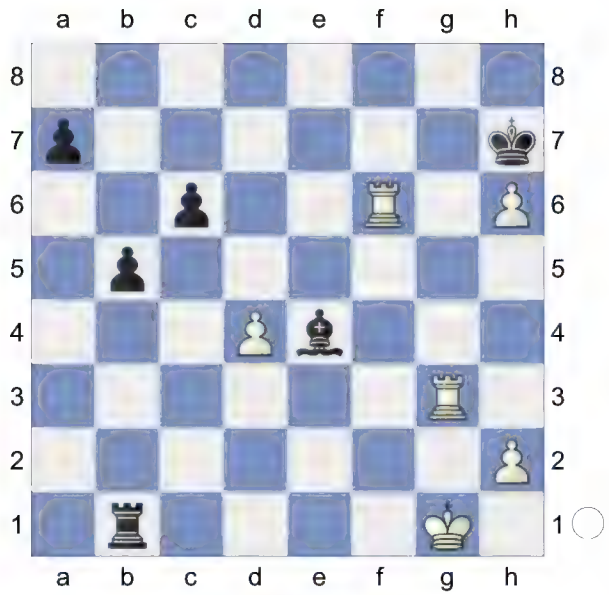
36.Be6 White is clearly winning. **36...Nf8** 9.20/19

[⌓36...Nb6 4.79/21 37.Bg8+ *(37.Rxf6 Rb1+ 38.Kf2 Rb2+ 39.Ke1 Rb1+ 40.Kd2 Rb2+ 41.Ke1 Rb1+ 42.Kd2 Rb2+ 43.Ke3 Nd5+ 44.Bxd5 cxd5+-)* 37...Kh8 38.Rxf6 Rb1+ 39.Kf2 Rb2+ 40.Ke3 Nd5+ 41.Bxd5 cxd5 42.Rh6+ Bh7]

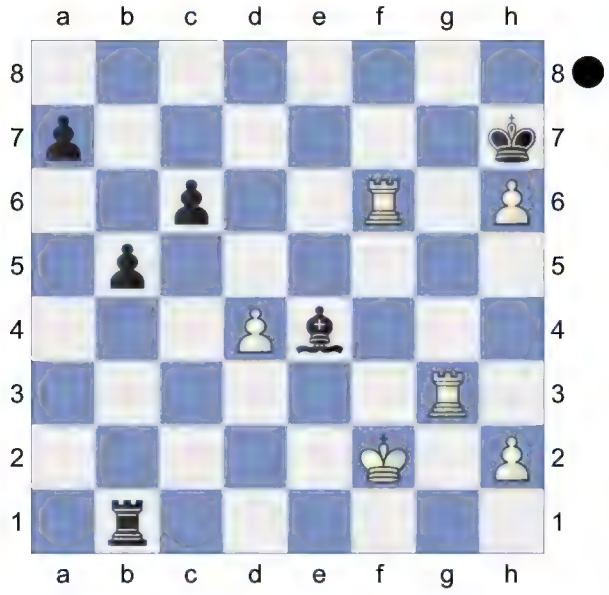
37.Bg8+ Kh8 38.Rxf6 Nh7 39.Bxh7 Kxh7 40.h6 Rg3-g7+ would kill now.

40...Rb1+

(Diagram)



41.Kf2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.41

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92 **D52**

□ **Kasparov,Garry** **2710**

■ **Smyslov,Vasily** **2600**

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[Kitty Kat]

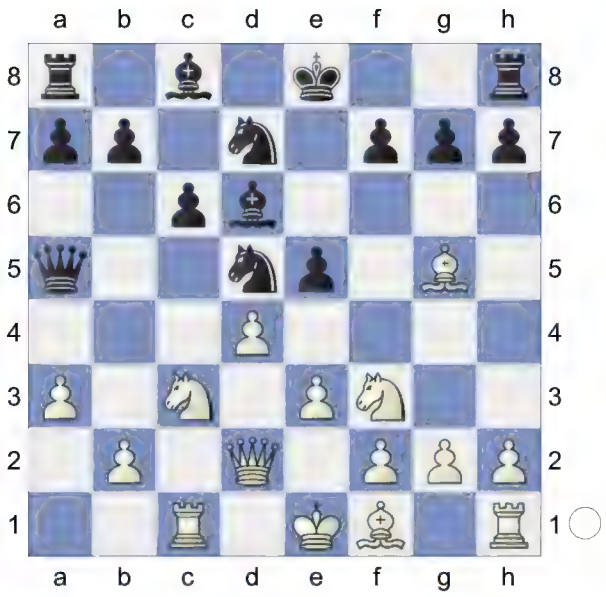
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 e5 10.a3 Bd6 0.95/21

[10...Bxc3= 0.23/20 11.bxc3 h6]

(Diagram)



11.dxe5± Nxe5 12.Nxe5 White is better. **12...Bxe5**

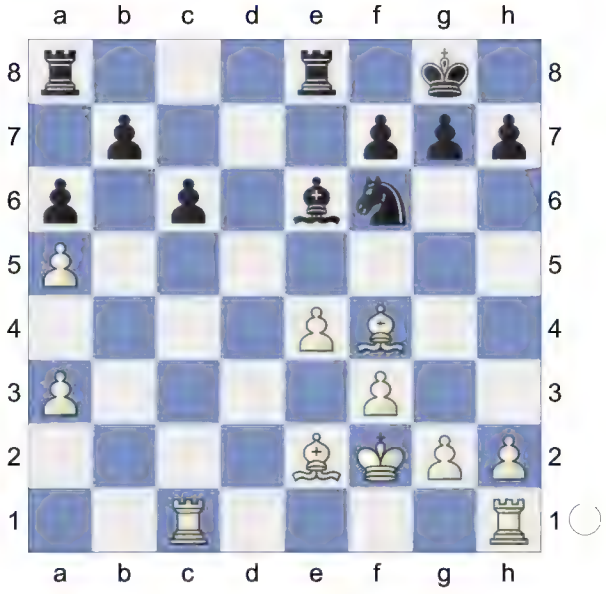
13.b4!

[But not 13.Nxd5?! Qxd5 14.Qxd5 cxd5=]

13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nxc3 15.bxa5 Ne4

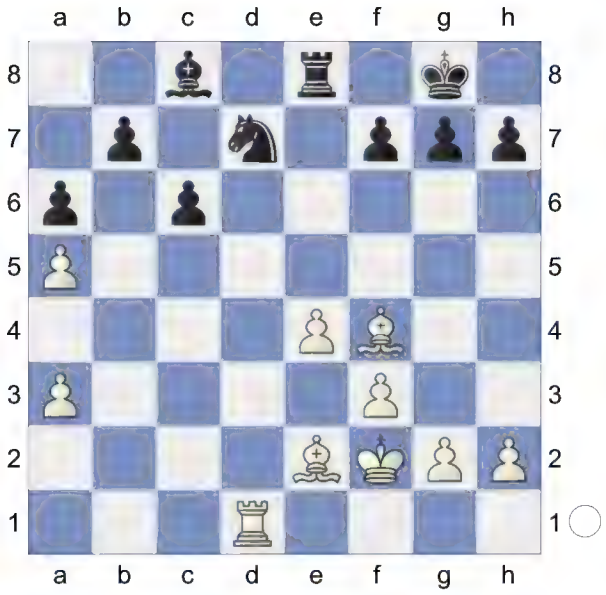
(Diagram)

16.Bf4 0-0 17.f3 Nf6 18.e4 Prevents Nf6-d5. **18...Re8 19.Kf2 a6 20.Be2 Be6**

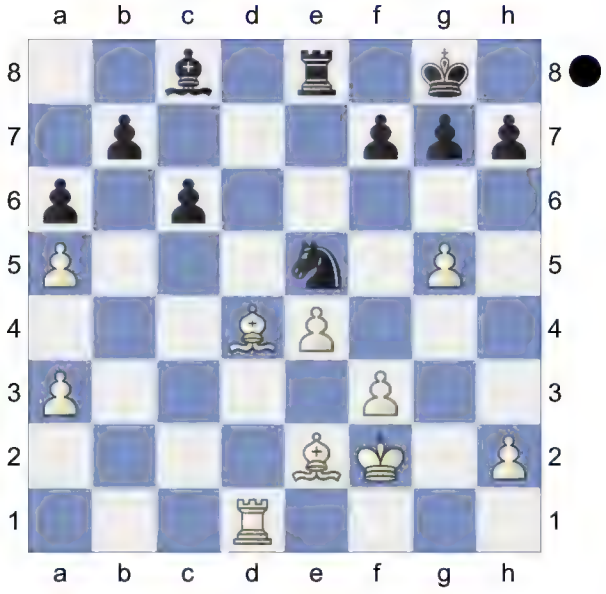


Black is weak on the dark squares **21.Rb1 Re7 22.Rhd1 Rae8 23.Rb2 Bc8 24.Rbd2 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Nxd7**

(Diagram)



26.g4 Nc5 27.Be3 Nd7 28.g5 White has more active pieces. **28...Ne5 29.Bd4**



And now Bd4xe5 would win. **29...Ng6 30.Kg3** Against Ng6-f4 **30...Nf8**

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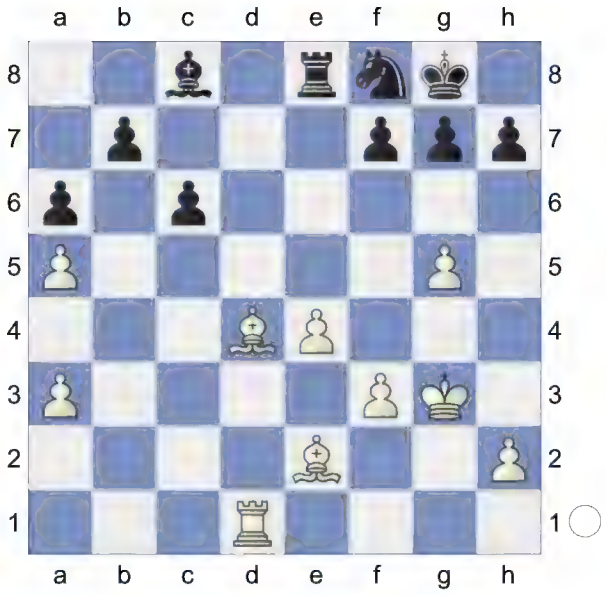
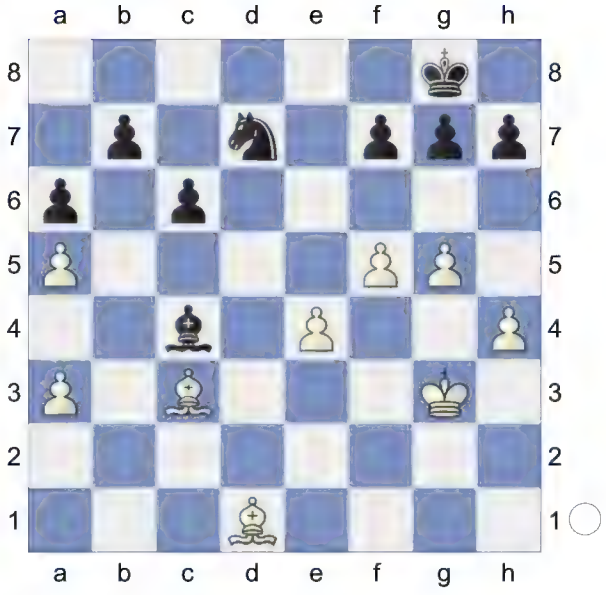


31.h4 Rd8 32.f4 Be6 33.Bc3 This pair of bishops is nice.

[Worse is 33.f5 Bb3 34.Rd2 Rd6=]

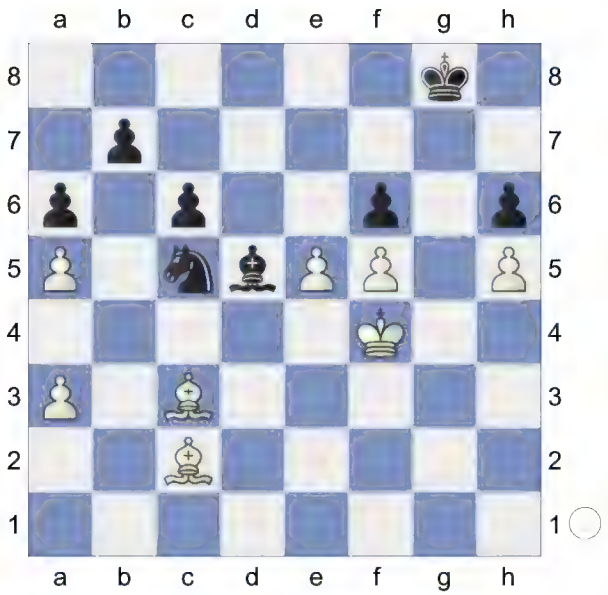
33...Rxd1 34.Bxd1+- Endgame. KBB-KBN **34...Nd7 35.f5 Bc4**



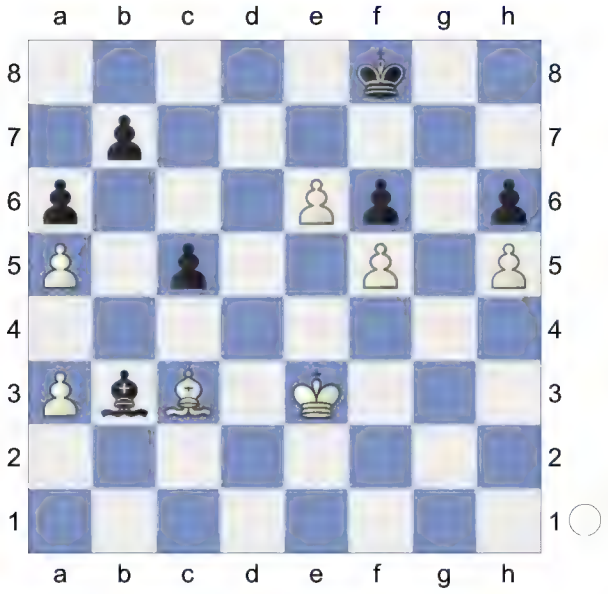
36.h5 h6 37.gxh6 gxh6 38.e5 Nc5 39.Kf4 Wards off Nc5-e4 **39...Bd5 40.Bc2 f6?** 4.10/25

[40...Nd7 2.04/24 41.Bd2 Nc5]

(Diagram)



41.e6
[Inferior is 41.exf6 Kf7=]
41...Kg7 42.Bb4 Nb3 43.Ke3
Wards off Nb3-d4 **43...c5** 5.75/24
[⌓43...Bc4 3.70/24 44.Bd3 Bd5]
44.Bc3 White is clearly winning. **44...Kf8**
45.Bxb3N Bxb3



46.Bxf6

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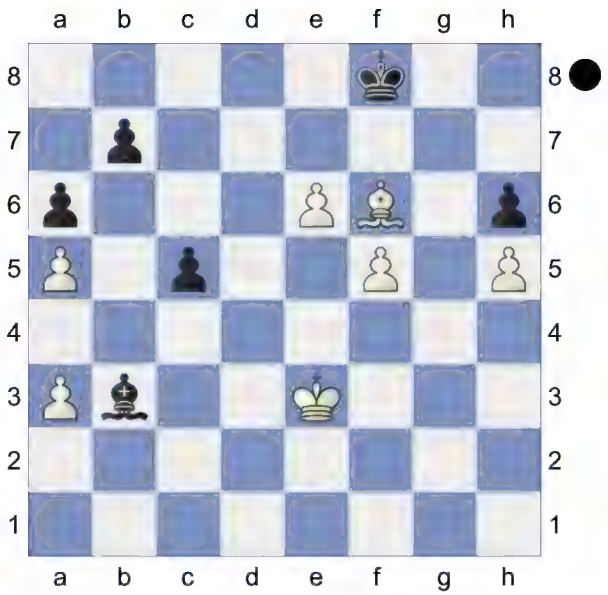

Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.21 (precise)
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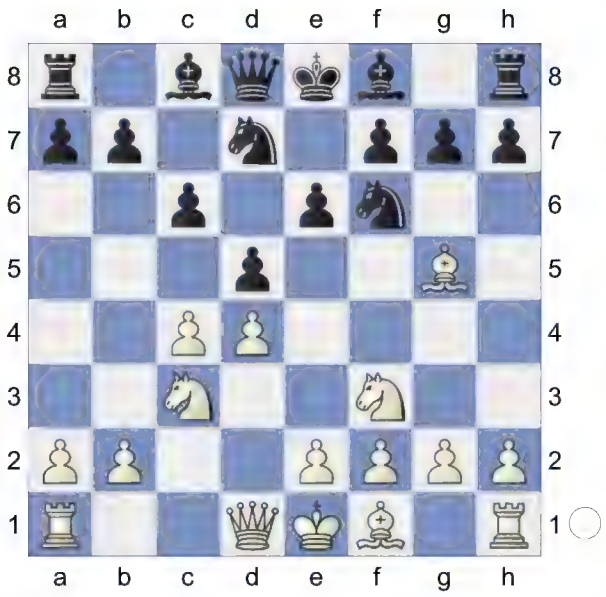
93 **D52**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2708**
■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2663**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (5)
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Be2

[9.Bh4 c5 10.dxc5 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 Qxa2 12.b4 a5 13.b5 a4 14.Qc1 a3 15.Rc2 Qxc2 16.Qxc2 a2 17.Nb3 a1Q+ 18.Nxa1 Rxa1+ 19.Ke2 Ne4 20.Be7 Re8 21.Bd6 Ndxc5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.cxd5 b6 5) Semi-Slav: Camb Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

9...Bxc3 10.Rxc3N The position is equal.

[10.bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.0-0 b6 14.Bf3 Rd8 15.Qb3 Ba6 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.Ne5 Bb7 18.c4 c5 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.a4 Qc7 21.h3 h6 22.a5 bxa5 23.Qa3 Ne4 24.Qd3 Nf6 (46) Chapter D75-Games Chapter D75 Game 4]

10...Qxa2

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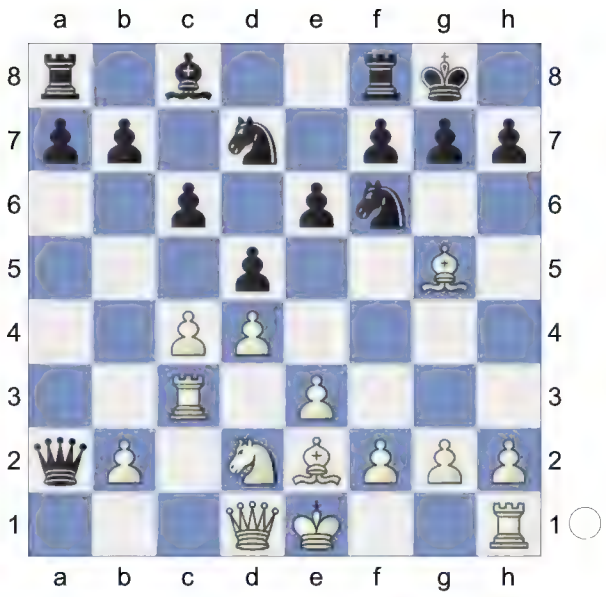


11.Qc1 Threatens to win with Rc3-a3.

11...Qa5 12.Ra3 White has compensation. **12...Qd8 13.e4 h6 14.h4** aiming for e4-e5! **14...Qe8** 0.88/22

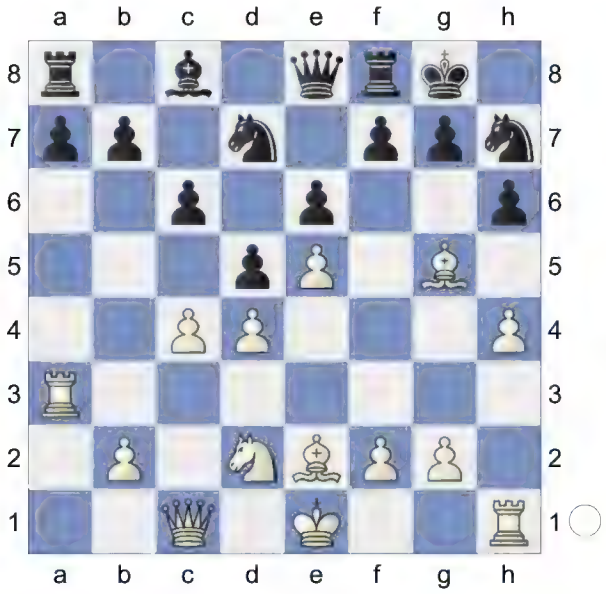
[14...hxg5 15.hxg5±]

[14...dxe4= -0.14/21 remains equal. 15.Bf4 c5 16.dxc5 e5 *(16...Nxc5 17.Be5∓)*]

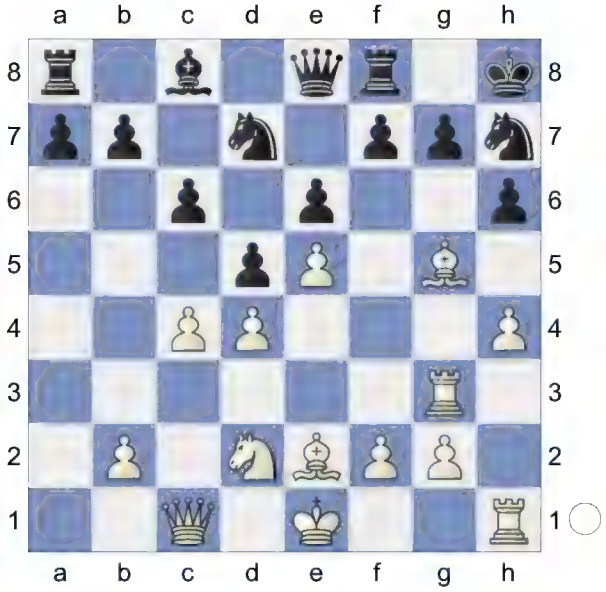
15.e5± Strongly threatening Ra3-g3!

15...Nh7!

[15...hxg5? 16.hxg5+- *(16.exf6 g4+-; 16.exf6 g4+-)*]



Black is weak on the dark squares
16.Rg3! White is much more active.
16...Kh8
[16...hxg5? 17.hxg5 g6 18.Rgh3 Nxg5 19.Rh6+-]



17.Nf3! Bg5xh6! would now be deadly.
17...f5
[17...hxg5? 18.hxg5 Kg8 19.Rgh3+-]
[17...Rg8 18.Bd3]
18.exf6 Deflection **18...Ndxf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6** 0.94/21
[19...Rxf6± 0.51/19 20.0-0 *(20.Ne5 dxc4 21.Bxc4 Qd8±)* 20...Bd7]
20.Ne5→ White goes for the king.
20...Ne4

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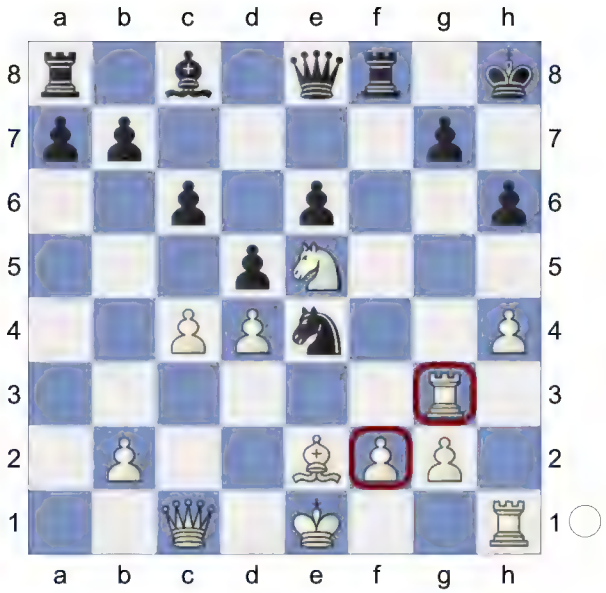
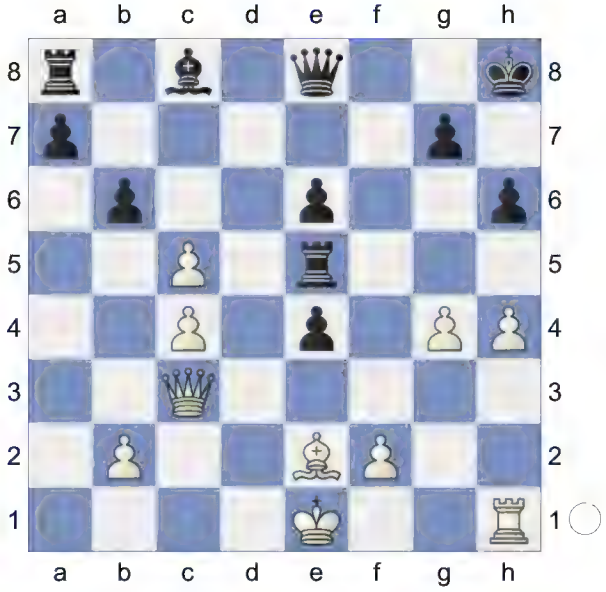


21.Re3 c5
[21...Nxf2? 22.0-0+-]
[21...Rxf2? 22.Rxe4 Rxg2 23.Rg4 Rxg4 24.Bxg4+-]
22.dxc5 Rf5!
[22...Rxf2? 23.Rxe4 *(23.Bf3 b5+-)* 23...Rxg2 24.Bf3+-]
23.Rxe4 dxe4 24.Qc3 b6 1.11/20
[24...Kg8= 0.26/20]
25.g4 Rxe5



26.Qxe5 Qc6 27.g5 h5 2.37/21
[27...e3± 1.23/21 might work better. 28.Rh3 exf2+ 29.Kxf2 Qxc5+

30.Qxc5 bxc5]

28.0-0 Black must now prevent b2-b4.

28...Qxc5 6.29/23 A mistake that costs the game.

[28...Bb7± 1.54/21 29.g6 *(29.Bxh5 e3+-)* 29...Qxc5 30.Qxc5 *(30.Qxh5+ Qxh5 31.Bxh5 Rd8±; 30.Qxe6 a5=)* 30...bxc5]

29.Qxe4+- **Rb8** **30.Qg6**

White threatens Qg6-e8+ and mate.

[Weaker is 30.Bxh5 Bb7 31.Qxe6 Rf8±]

30...Qf5 14.89/23

[⌓30...Kg8 5.19/23 31.Rd1 *(31.Qxh5 Bb7±; 31.Bxh5 Qe7+-)* 31...Qf8 32.Qxh5 *(32.Bxh5 Rb7+-)* 32...g6 33.Qxg6+ Kh8 34.Qh5+ Kg8]

31.Qe8+ **Kh7** **32.Rd1** Threatening mate with Rd1-d8!

[Less strong is 32.Qxh5+ Kg8 33.Rd1 Bb7+-]

32...Bb7 **33.Qxb8** **Qe4** **34.Bd3**

[34.Bxh5? Qh1#]

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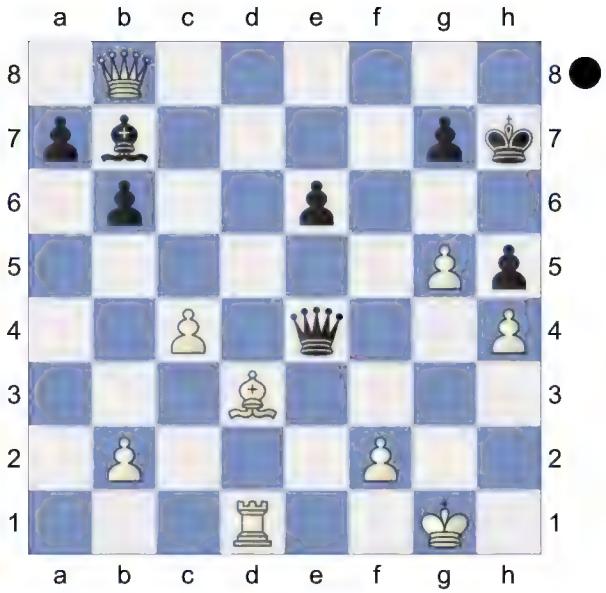

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.56. An unexpected result.

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94 **D52**

□ **Tomashevsky,Evgeny** **2706**

■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2662**

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[Flear,Glenn]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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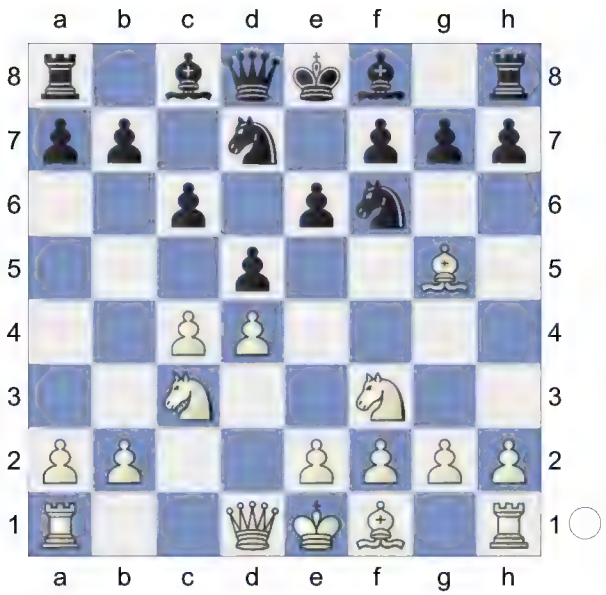


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 A move that only became popular in recent years.

[In older texts 8.Qd2 was 'de rigueur'.]

8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 A handy tempo gain. **10.Rc2 b6**

The most reliable way of solving the 'problem piece' issue. **11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 13.Rxe2**

[Tomashevsky also has some experience after the other main move 13.Qxe2 e.g. 0-0 14.Rd1 Rfe8

A) 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.c4 Bf8 (the latest twist is to drop the bishop back the whole way to f8, whereas *16...Be7 17.e4 Qa4 18.h3* occurred in Tomashevsky, E - Dreev, A Loo 2015, and now Max Illingworth suggests *Red8=* when ...c5 is coming soon; *16...c5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb4 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.h4 Qa4* Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan (blitz) 141/(11) 2019) 17.e4 c5 18.d5 exd5! (I don't like Black's set-up that much following *18...e5 19.Bc1 Qa4 20.Rd3 Nf6 21.Ne1 g6 22.Rb3* Tan Zhongyi - Zhukova, N Khanty-Mansiysk 2017, as White has all the interesting options) 19.cxd5 b5 20.e5 c4 21.Nd4 -0.01/19 (*21.d6±* 0.51/15) 21...Qa4∞ Tan Zhongyi - Nechaeva, M Riyadh Blitz 2017, and anything could happen!;

B) 15.c4!? Bf8 16.e4 Qa4 (*16...e5 17.d5*) 17.e5 c5 18.d5 exd5 19.Rxd5 Be7 0.53/21 (maybe *19...Nb8 20.Rcd2 Nc6=; 19...Nb8=* -0.06/21) 20.Rcd2± Nf8 21.h4 Tomashevsky, E - Artemiev, V Russian league 2016, with some gentle but nagging pressure.]

13...0-0

[No one has tried 13...Qxc3 0.73/21 13...b6-b5 0.10 and we can understand why because 14.Rc2 Qa5 15.Rxc6 just offers White an initiative based around his control of the c-file.]

14.e4 e5N This could be only the second time that this move has been played.

[For ChessPublishing, Max Illingworth

examined Tomashevsky, E - Ipatov, A Reykjavik 2015, where 14...Rfe8 was played and the game continued 15.Re3 *(15.e5 Qxc3 16.Re3 Qa5 17.Nd2 Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd5 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Rh3 g6 23.Qh4 Ref7 24.exf6 Qxd4 25.Ng5 Qxh4 26.Rxh4 Nxf6 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 28.g4 Rd8 29.g5 Nh5* F-F (52) 4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2724)-Semi-Slav 5.cxd5 (2618) WchT 3rd Luzern 1993 (1.1) *)* 15...Bf8 16.e5

A) maybe the best move order has been found: 16...Rac8 17.Nd2 f5! 0.89/20 *(17...Qxa2±* 0.50/19 *18.Ne4 c5)* 18.Rh3 0.25/20 *(*Better is *18.Qh5±* 0.89/20 Re3-h3 is the strong threat. *g6 19.Qh4 Qxa2 20.Rh3)* 18...g6 and Black survived in Admiraal, M - Agrest, E Porto Carras 2018;

B) 16...Qxa2?! 17.Nd2 c5 0.06/19 *(17...a5∓* -0.52/19 *18.Rh3 Reb8)* 18.Ne4 -0.30/19 *(⌓18.Rh3* 0.06/19 *)* 18...cxd4 19.cxd4 Threatening Qd1-h5. Rac8 1.23/22 (as did a later game Valerga, D - Salinas Herrera, P Buenos Aires 2016) but in both cases White tried 21.Qg4, but it seems that *(19...Qd5=* 0.01/19 remains equal.*)* 20.Rh3!!± (Illingworth) wins e.g. Qd5 2.17/21 *(20...g6±* 1.32/20 *)* 21.Qg4!+- Rc2? 6.43/19 *(21...g6* 2.10/20 *22.Qf4 Qc6)* 22.Bf6 and the attack is too strong.]

[After 14...Qxc3 15.Rc2 Qa5 16.Rxc6 Rfc8 Prevents Rc6-c7 17.Qc2 Qa6 18.Rd1!± White's control of the c-file along with the coming d4-d5 advance offers him chances of a durable advantage. *(* Illingworth opts for *18.d5* and prefers White slightly *)*]

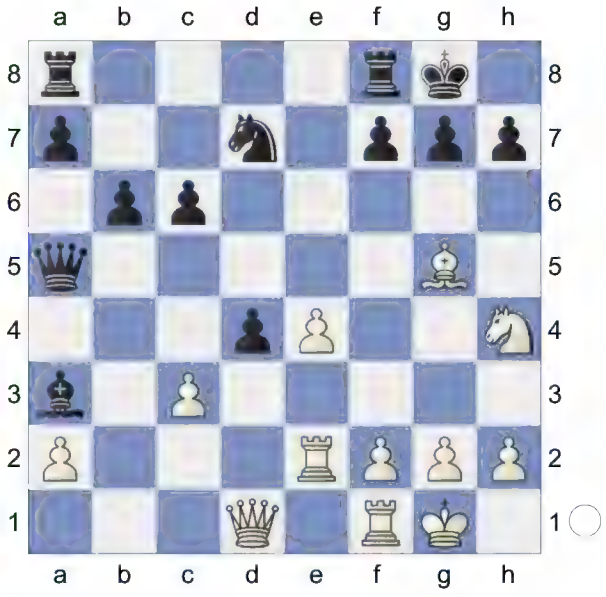
[If Black concentrates his attention on the queenside then 14...Rfc8 15.Re3 b5 0.44/19 *(15...Bf8=* -0.01/19 *)* 16.Nd2± Nb6 1.55/20 *(16...Bb2=* 0.14/18 *)* 17.Rg3 0.86/17 would offer white attacking chances (Illingworth). *(⌓17.Qh5!* 1.55/20 Threatens to win with Re3-h3. *b4 18.Nb3)*]

15.Nh4!N Heading for the newly undefended f5-square is quite sharp. If Black were to try ...g6 then he might regret weakening his king's defences.

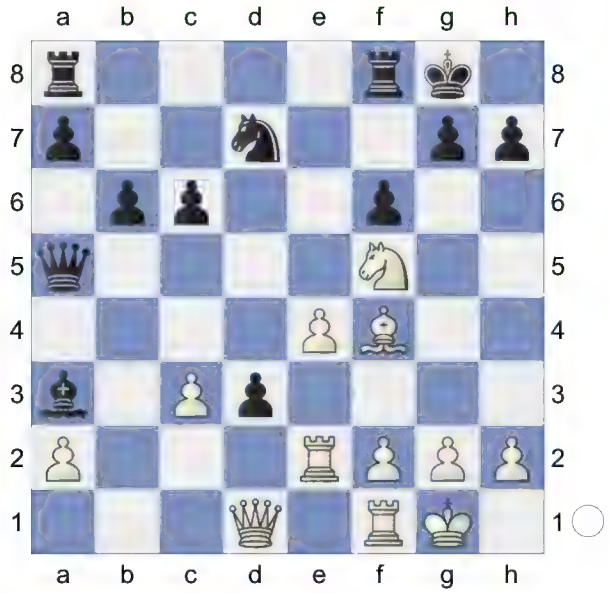
[The sequence 15.Re3 Rfe8 16.Qb3 Rac8 17.Bh4 Be7 0.38/18 *(*a solid choice, whereas *17...c5!?∞* with the idea of meeting *18.Nd2* Re3-f3 would now be deadly. *b5* looks more competitive*; 17...c5=* 0.01/20 feels stronger.*)* 18.Bxe7± Rxe7 19.Rd1 c5 Peek, Mar - Lacrosse, M Vlissingen 2017, gives White a few reasonable options, but nothing particularly dangerous for Black.]

15...exd4

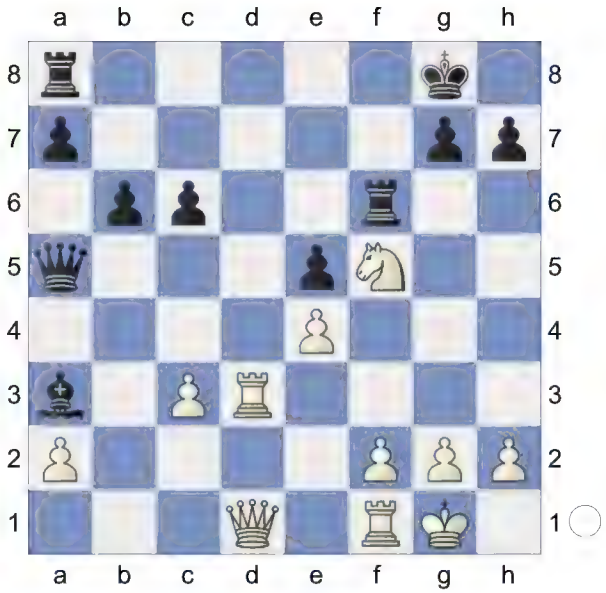
[15...Qxc3 16.Re3 Qa5 17.Rg3 exd4 18.Bh6+-]



16.Nf5 f6 1.09/20
[16...Qxc3? 17.Rc2 Qb4 18.Be7+-]
[16...Nc5!= 0.10/18 17.Bf6 *(17.Qxd4 Ne6∓; 17.Nxd4 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Qxg5∓)* 17...Ne6 *(17...gxf6 18.Qxd4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4+-; 17...Nxe4 18.Nh6+ Kh8 19.Rxe4+-)*]
17.Bf4!±
[17.Qxd4 Ne5 18.Bc1 Rad8 19.Bxa3 Rxd4 *(19...Qxa3 20.Qb4∓)* 20.cxd4 Qxa3=]
17...d3
[Another try is 17...Nc5!? 18.cxd4 Nxe4 19.Qb3+ Kh8 20.Nxg7 *(20.Rxe4?* -0.01/19 20.Nf5xg7 1.50 is well met by *Qxf5* hitting the rook*)* 20...Nc3 21.Rc2! Nd5 22.Bh6 Rg8± with a complex struggle in prospect, where Black's weaker king should ensure the easier game for White.]

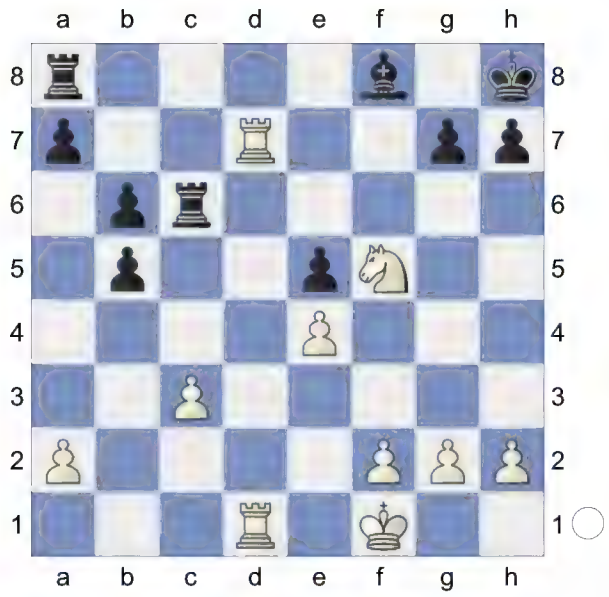


18.Re3
[Much less strong is 18.Qxd3 Ne5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5±]
18...Ne5 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Rxd3
White has achieved a great deal as he has the d-file, the more effective minor piece and a safer king. **20...Rf6**



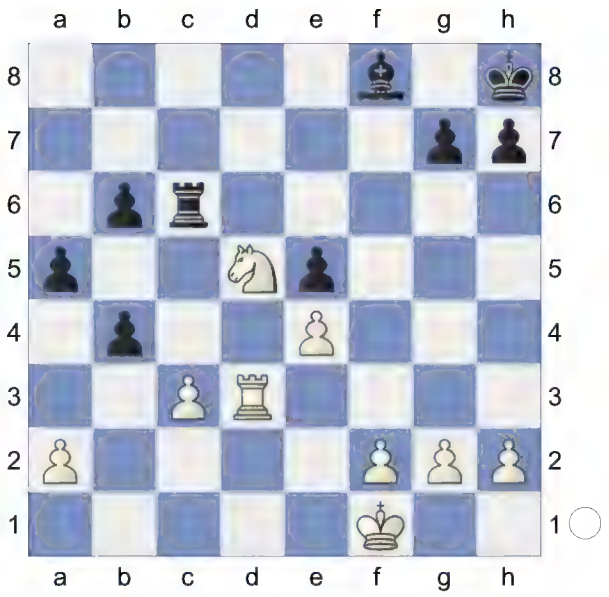
Dreev hurries to bolster his kingside with ...Bf8 coming. Black is weak on the light squares **21.Rd7 Bf8 22.Qb3+ Kh8 23.Rfd1** White is much more active. **23...Qb5!** A calculated gamble, as well as a good pragmatic move. Black either improves his queen or exchanges it for White's more active counterpart. **24.Qxb5**
[After 24.Qc2 Qc4! Black covers many key squares and can always recycle to e6.]
24...cxb5 25.Kf1
[White avoids any first rank problems and improves his king, but he could have tried 25.Rc7 to occupy the c-file. I think that Black could nevertheless obtain some queenside action with. Hoping for Rd1-d7. a5 etc.]
25...Rc6

(Diagram)

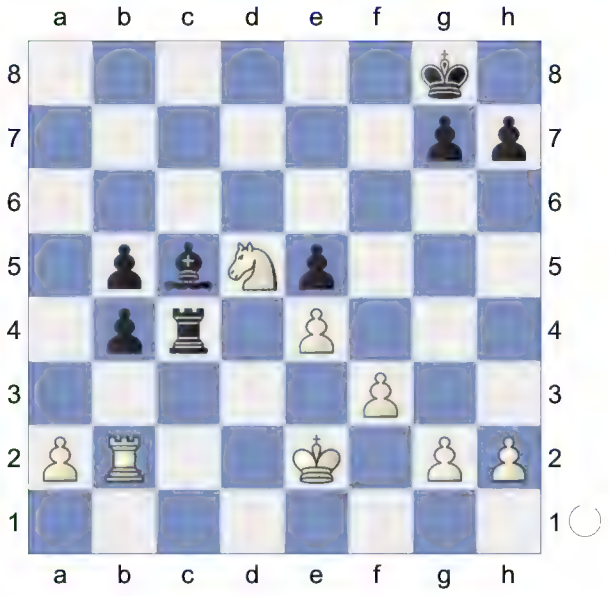


26.R1d3 a5 27.Rd8 0.34/20
This proves to be insufficient for any concrete advantage.
[Maybe a better try was 27.g3 (just waiting for...) b4 28.cxb4 axb4 29.Rd2 h5 30.Kg2 with the reasoning that White can take his time, as having the better pawns will yield some opportunities later.]
[27.g3± 0.90/23]
27...Rcc8± Forced, but sometimes having only one good move is enough!
28.Rxc8
[28.Nd6!? Rxd8 29.Nf7+ Kg8 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Nxd8±]
28...Rxc8 Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Ne3 b4 30.Nd5 Rc6** 1.21/23
[The compliant 30...bxc3?! 31.Rxc3 Rxc3 32.Nxc3 would be preferable for White as he has the more active king and less pawn islands.]
[Black should try 30...Bc5± 0.66/22]

(Diagram)

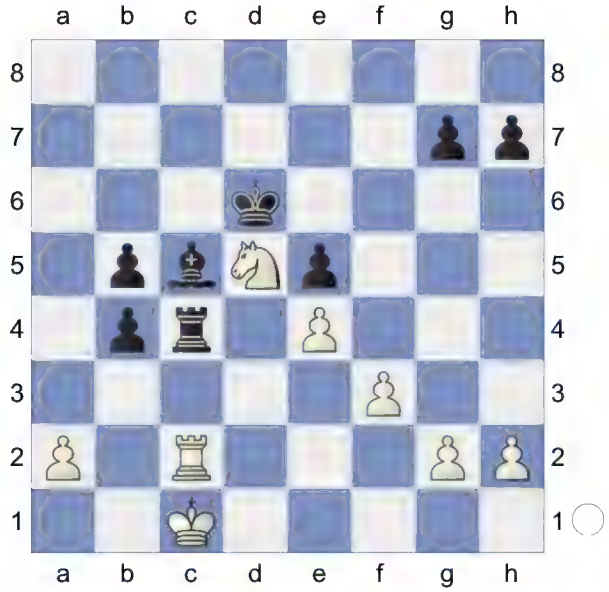


31.cxb4!± axb4 32.Ke2 0.23/19
[32.Nxb4± 1.13/22 Rc4 *(32...Rc1+ 33.Ke2=)* 33.Rd8]
32...Kg8= 33.Rd2 b5 Getting ready to improve his rook. White's superior structure is compensated by the fact that Black has some handy outposts available for his pieces. **34.Rb2 Rc4 35.f3 Bc5** 0.43/22
[35...Kf7= 0.01/21]

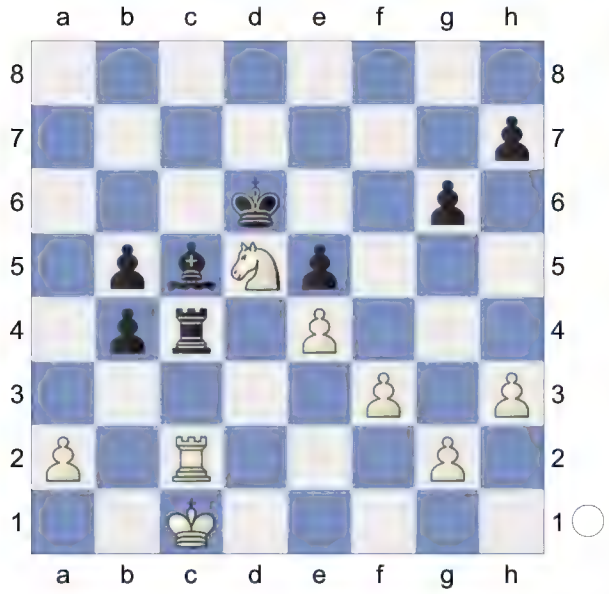


36.Kd2 0.01/25
[36.Rd2± 0.43/22]

36...Kf7 0.58/24
[36...Kf8!= 0.01/25]
37.Rc2 0.01/25
[37.Nc7!± 0.58/24]
37...Ke6 38.Kc1 Kd6 39.Kb2 Rd4
40.Kc1
[40.Nc7!? Kxc7 41.Rxc5+ Kd6 42.Rxb5 Rd2+ 43.Kb3 Rxg2 44.Rxb4=]
40...Rc4



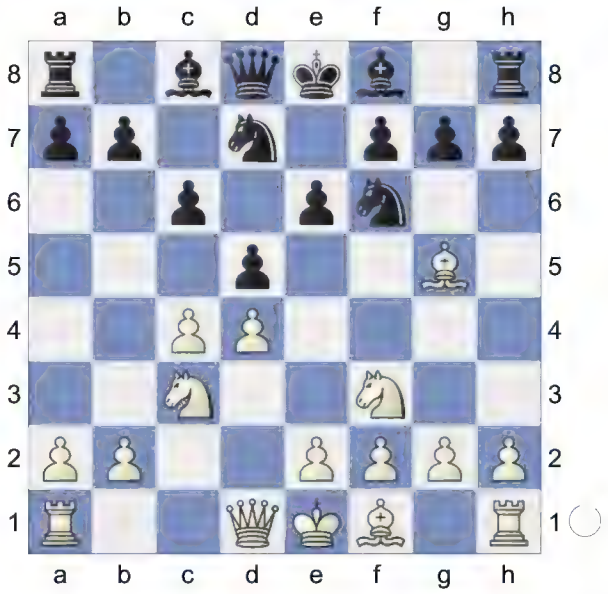
41.h3 g6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

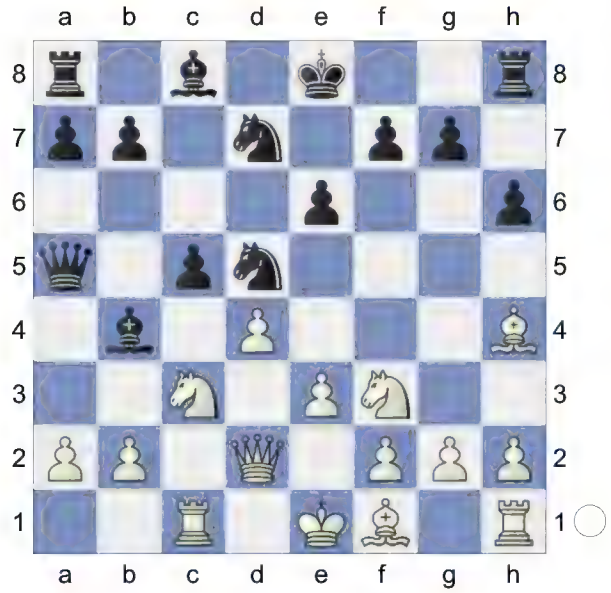
95 **D52**
□ **Bareev,Evgeny** **2700**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2745**
FIDE WCh KO, (5.1) 2000
[R.Scherbakov]

Recently the QGA endgame has become one of the most serious attempts to pressurize Black in this opening. In the game Kramnik - Kasparov, London (m/4) 2000 (RS305) Vladimir used an idea of his second Evgeny Bareev, and got a certain amount of pressure. This time Bareev introduced an interesting idea himself, but it was actually one of Kramnik's!
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Bojan Vuckovic: 'Current Reputation: Playable for both sides' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

[10...0-0 11.Bd3 Re8 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 e5 0.56/21 *(13...Qxa3=* 0.16/18 *14.c4 Nb4)* 14.c4± Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2]



11.a3

[11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4 0-0 13.0-0 b6 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Bb7]

11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 A new idea which looks promising. White uses the other Knight to push the Bishop away from c5, and then improves his pawn structure with f2-f3 and e3-e4, restricting Black's Bishop on b7 and Knight on f6. As Evgeny Bareev revealed after the game, the idea of 12. Nd4!? was suggested to him by Vladimir Kramnik. **12...b6 13.c4** White is slightly better.

[13.Bd3 0.07/18 13.c3-c4 0.46 Ba6 14.0-0 N5f6 15.e4]

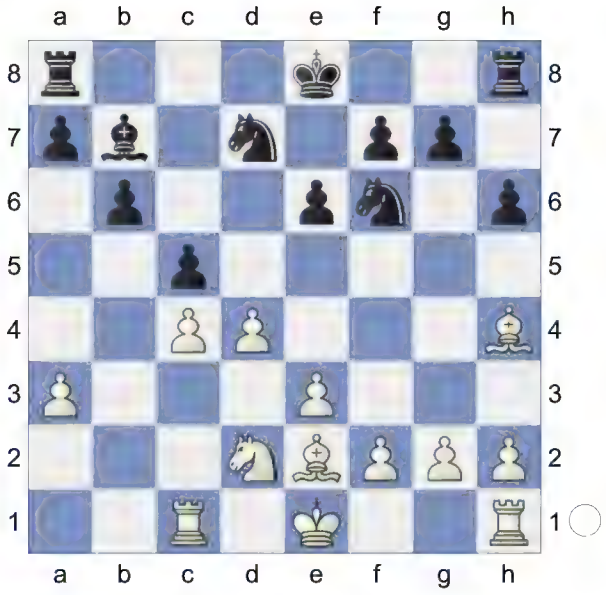
13...Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 N5f6 An interesting counter action - of course Black shouldn't just sit and wait for White to improve his position.

[14...Ne7 15.Bd3 *(15.f3 Ba6 16.Be2 cxd4 17.exd4 Rc8 18.0-0 Nf5 19.Bf2 0-0 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.g4 Ne7 22.Bf1* Queen'S Gambit Declined, C-Cambridge Springs,P 269 Linz 2014 *)* 15...f5 16.Bg3 Bb7 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.d5 Nf6 20.f3 exd5 21.cxd5 Bxd5 22.e4 fxe4 23.fxe4 c4 24.Nxc4 Nxe4 Kramnik,V (2780)-Shirov,A (2749) Shanghai 2010]

15.Be2N

[15.f3 Bb7 16.Be2 Rc8 17.0-0 0-0 18.a4 Rfd8 19.Nb3 g5 20.Bf2 a5 21.Rfd1 cxd4 22.exd4 Kf8 23.Be3 Ke7 24.Nd2 Bc6 25.Ra1 Nh5 26.Re1 Kf8 27.g3 Ng7 28.g4 f6 29.h4 Kf7 30.h5 (60) Chapter-Games Chapter 4-11]

15...Bb7



16.0-0 0-0 Thanks to his a-pawn advance, Black has gained the square c5 for his Bishop and some space on the Q-side, however he has also made the b5 square available for the White Knight. **17.f3**

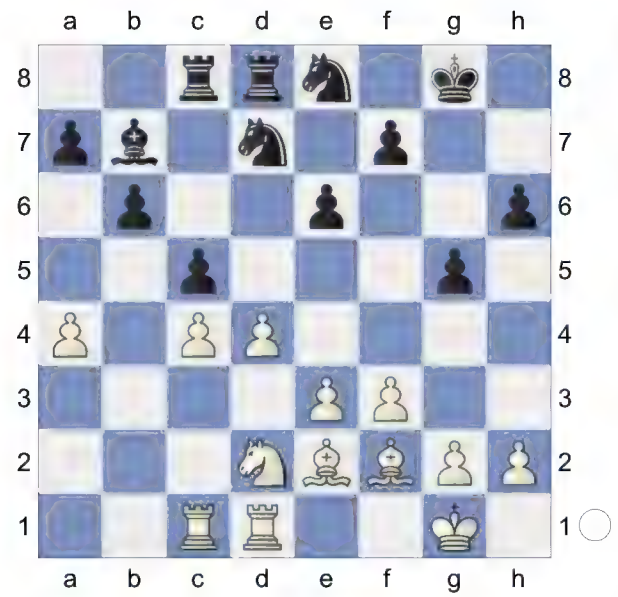
[17.Rfd1]

17...Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.a4 g5

[19...Bc6 20.a5 -0.04/18 *(20.Ra1!; 20.Ra1!±* 0.79/22 *)*]

20.Bf2 Ne8 1.10/20

[20...a5± 0.62/17 might be stronger.]



21.Nb3 White's chances look preferable thanks to his better pawn structure. However, the open b-file might give Black real counterplay, so his position looks quite acceptable.

[21.g4 Bc6 22.Ra1 Kf8 1.02/19 *(22...a5± 0.64/18* deserves consideration.*)* 23.Bg3 Ke7 1.11/18 *(23...a5± 0.70/19)*]

[21.a5 Nd6 1.14/19 *(21...Nc7= 0.30/18)* 22.Ra1]

21...cxd4 22.exd4 Nd6!? 0.87/21

[22...Ba6± 0.48/21]

23.Bf1 0.40/21

[23.c5 Nf5 *(23...Bd5 24.Nd2 Nf5)* 24.Bb5 Bc6 25.Nd2 0.43/19 *(25.Bxc6!± 1.14/20 Rxc6 26.d5)* 25...bxc5 26.dxc5 Nb8! 27.Ne4]

[23.Bd3 Bc6 24.Ra1!]

[23.a5 -0.01/20 23.c4-c5 0.80 Ba6! 24.Nd2 bxa5 25.Kf1 Rc6]

[23.Kf1 Ba6 24.c5 Bxe2+ 25.Kxe2 Nf5 26.a5 bxc5 27.dxc5 Ne7 28.Rd6 0.64/21 *(28.c6!± 1.01/20 Rxc6 29.Rxc6 Nxc6 30.Rd6)* 28...Ne5 29.Bd4 0.01/20 (White should play *29.a6±* 0.78/20)

29...N5c6!= 30.Bf6 Kf8]

[Better is 23.c5± 0.87/21 Nf5 24.Bb5]

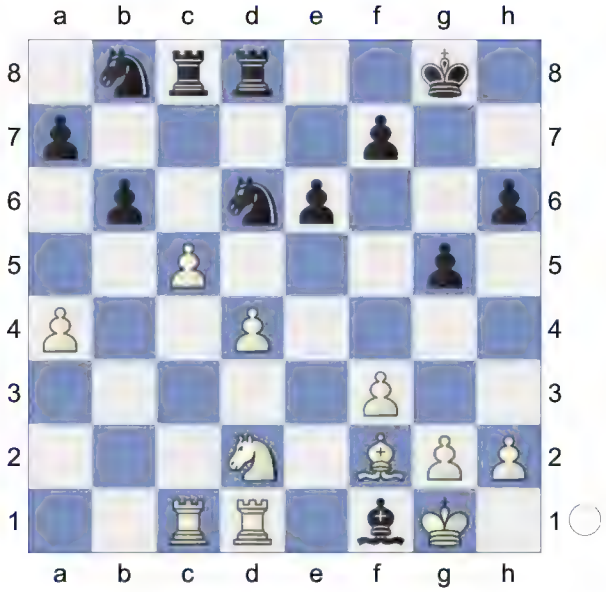
23...Ba6± 24.Nd2

[24.c5 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 Nf5 26.a5 Ne7 27.cxb6 -0.55/22 *(27.Nd2± 0.35/18)* 27...axb6]

24...Nb8 0.84/18

[24...Nf6= 0.28/19]

25.c5 Bxf1



26.Kxf1 Nf5 Even in the ending Alexey Shirov is true to his active style. **27.Nc4**

[27.Ne4 Kg7 28.g4 Ne7 29.h4 Kg6 30.h5+ Kg7 31.Nd6]

[27.cxb6 axb6 28.d5 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Black must now prevent Nd2-e4! Rxd5 30.Rc8+ 0.01/22 *(30.Nc4± 0.37/23)* 30...Kg7= 31.Nc4 Nd7 32.Nxb6 Nxb6 33.Bxb6 Rd2 0.79/22 *(33...Rd3!= 0.22/22* remains equal.*)* 34.a5± Ra2 0.01/20 *(34...Ne7± 0.83/21 35.Ra8 Nc6)* 35.Ra8]

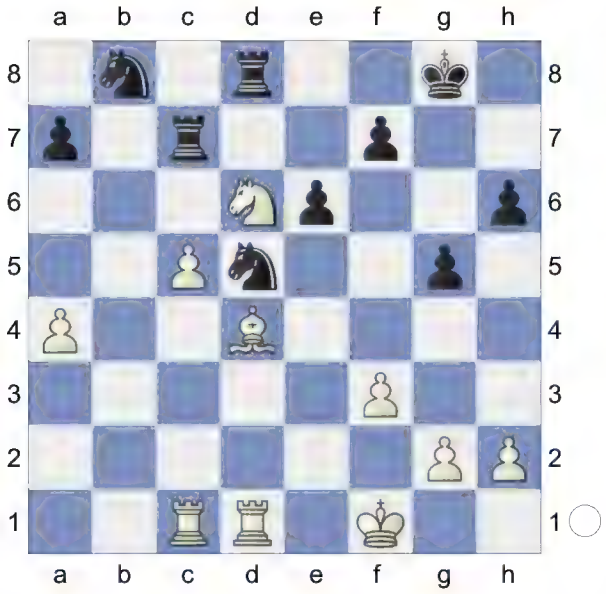
27...bxc5

[27...Nd7 28.a5 *(28.g4* 0.01/21 28.c5xb6 0.66 *Ne7 29.a5 Nd5)* 28...bxa5 *(28...bxc5?* 2.08/22 28...b6xa5 0.46 *29.dxc5)* 29.Nxa5 Na5-b7 would now be deadly. Nf6

30.g4 Ne7 31.Rb1 Rd7 32.Nc4]

28.dxc5 Ne7 29.Nd6 Rc7 30.Bd4 Nd5

[30...Nbc6 31.Bf6 Kf8 32.h4]

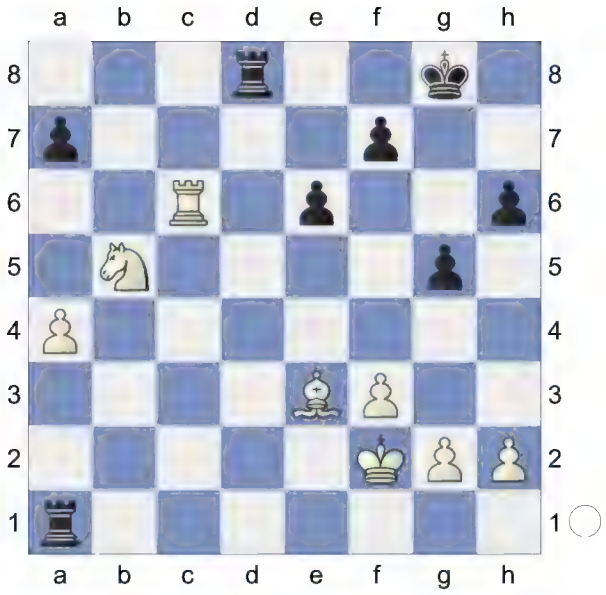


31.Nb5!? A rather useful check - White would like to see Black's reaction before choosing his King placement. **31...Rcd7 32.c6↑** White is pushing.

[32.Kf2 Nc6]

32...Nxc6 A terrible mistake in time trouble. **33.Rxc6 Ne3+ 34.Bxe3 Rxd1+** It is difficult to say what Black missed. Perhaps Alexey overestimated this exchange sacrifice. **35.Kf2** White is more active. **35...Ra1**

(Diagram)



36.Nc3

[36.Nxa7 Ra2+ 37.Kg3 Rd3-+]

[36.Bxa7?! Rd2+ 37.Ke3 Rxg2=]

36...Ra3

[36...Rd7 37.Ne4 0.38/23 *(37.h4± 1.19/20)* 37...Kg7 38.Nc5 -0.18/23 *(38.Kg3± 0.50/21)* 38...Rdd1 39.g4]

[36...a5 37.Kg3 Ra8 1.79/22 *(37...Rd3± 0.41/23 38.Bb6 Rc1 39.Bxa5 Rc2)* 38.h4 gxh4+ 39.Kxh4 Rh1+ 1.85/23 *(39...Kh7± 1.43/21)* 40.Kg3+- h5 41.Ne4 1.42/20 *(41.Bg5+- 1.95/20)*]

37.Ke2 Against Rd8-d3

[37.Bxa7 0.47/22 37.Kf2-e2 1.02 Rd3 38.Ne4 Rxa4 0.58/21 *(* Black should try *38...f5=* 0.01/23 *39.Ng3 Ra2+ 40.Ne2 Kf7 41.Rc7+ Ke8)*]

[37.Bxa7 Rd2+ 38.Kg3 Rd3=]

37...Rb3!

[37...Rd7 1.31/20 37...Ra3-b3 0.78 38.Bc1 Rb3 39.Ne4]

38.Bxa7 Rb2+ 39.Kf1 -0.01/25 Everything is clear now.

[39.Ke3 Rxg2 40.Bb6 Ra8 with equality was Kramnik - Anand, Monte Carlo 1997. 41.Bc7! Rc2 *(* As you may remember, we

considered *41...Rg1 42.a5 Ra1 43.Nb5!* in the game Kiriakov - R. Scherbakov, Isle of Man 2000 (RS306). *)* 42.a5= was Kramnik - Lautier, Monte Carlo 1997]

[39.Ke3!± 1.03/24]

39...Rdd2=

[39...Rc2 ...Rd8-d2 is the strong threat. 40.Bf2 Rdd2 is probably drawn. or 41.Bg3 f5 with a slight edge for WhiteThe alternatives don't promise much: 42.a5 f4 43.Be1 Rxg2 44.Ne4 Rxh2 45.Rxc2 Rxc2 46.Nc3 Prevents Rc2-a2. Rc1 47.Ke2 Kf7= was Malaniuk - Volzhin, Koszalin 1998 48.Bd2 -1.14/22 *(48.Ne4=* 0.01/25 was the only way to keep the balance.*)* 48...Ra1∓ 49.Ne4 Kg6]

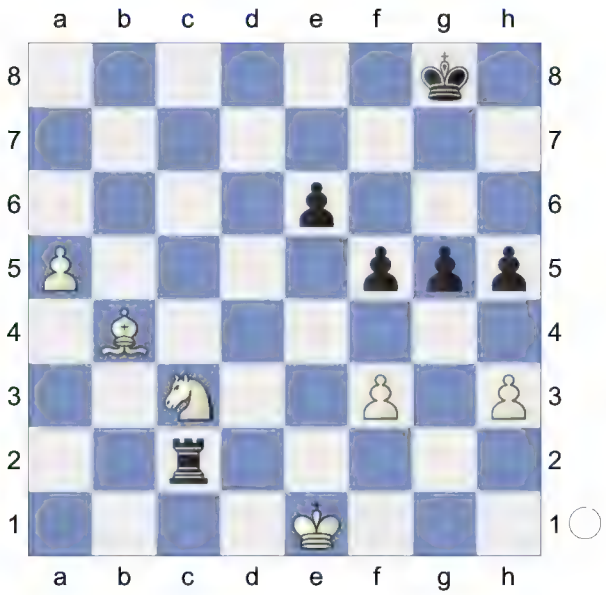
40.a5? -3.33/23

[40.Be3

A) 40...Rxg2? 3.20/25 40...Rd2-d3 0.42 White is slightly better. 41.a5 comes to mind but the position after Rxh2!? 3.70/24 *(⌓41...Rgc2* 2.35/22 *42.a6 Rb8)* 42.a6!+- Rh3 43.a7! Rxf3+ 44.Ke1! Rxe3+ 45.Kd1 Rd3+? 4.86/21 *(45...Rf3* 3.03/22 *46.a8Q+ Kg7)* 46.Kc1;

B) 40...Rd3! 41.Bf2! Rdd2!

B1) 42.Be1!? The preliminary 42...Rxg2 deserves attention, as after 43.Nd1 Ra2 White maintains a small advantage. 44.h3!? Rgc2 *(44...Rh2* 1.10/21 44...Rg2-c2 0.33 *45.Nf2)* 45.Rxc2 is interesting but Black could probably obtain sufficient counterplay by Rxc2!? 46.a5 Ra2 47.Bb4 f5 48.Nc3 Rc2 1.09/22 *(48...Ra1+=* 0.01/24 *49.Kf2 h5)* If 49.Ke1!± h5 1.33/22 *(⌓49...Kh7* 0.90/22 *)*



50.Ne2 0.00/21 *(50.Kd1!±* 1.33/22 *Rf2 51.Be7)*;

B2) 42.Bg3 Rxg2 43.Rc8+ but it's still not a draw - White can win the pawn on h7 by *(43.Ne4* the White a-pawn would cause trouble for Black The immediate *43...Rgc2* looks a bit premature, as after *44.Rxc2 Rxc2 45.Bd6 f5 46.Nc5! Ra2 47.Bc7* Black achieves very good counterplay. By the way, the pawn on c4 cannot be taken for free: *Rc2 48.Bb6 Kf7 49.h3! Ke7)* 43...Kh7! or immediately advance his passed pawn by 44.Ne4!? Hoping for Ne4-f2. Rgc2! 45.Rxc2 Rxc2 46.a5 after 46...f5 47.Nd6 Ra2 48.Nb7 f4 49.Be1 Kg6 50.h3 h5 51.Nc5 Kf5 52.a6 e5]

[40.Be3= -0.01/27 Rd3 *(40...Rxg2? 41.a5+-)* 41.Bf2]

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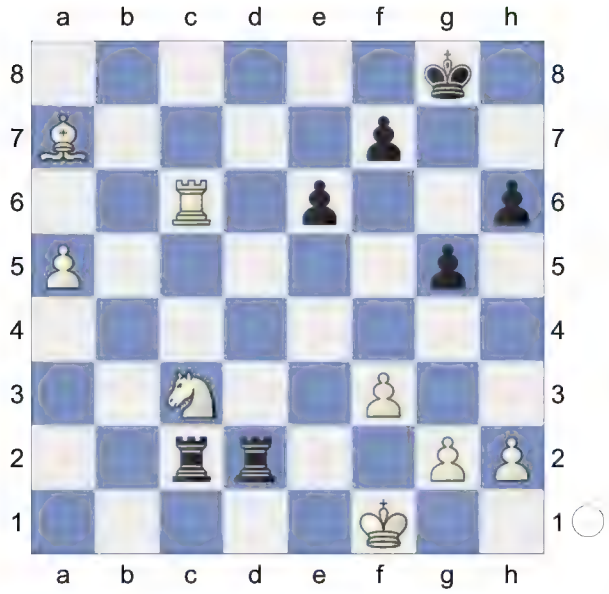
40...Rbc2!-+

[40...Rxg2? is the wrong capture. 41.Be3 Rxh2 42.a6+-]



41.Ke1 Black resigned. **41...Rxg2 42.Kf1**

[42.Be3 Rxh2 43.Kd1 Rcg2 44.Kc1 Rh1+ 45.Nd1 Ra2 and it looks difficult for White to keep his K-side pawns. if 46.a6 Ra1+ 47.Kb2 Rhxd1 Black has to work hard to hold the position: 48.Rc8+ Kh7 49.a7 Rdb1+! 50.Kc2 Re1]

[Much worse is 42.Rc8+ Kh7 43.Be3 Rxh2-+]

42...Rgd2

[42...Rgd2 43.Ke1 Rxh2 (-> ...Rh2-h1+) 44.Bg1 Rh1 *(44...Rc1+ 45.Nd1 Rxc6 46.Bxh2! Rc5 47.a6* White could have captured the Knight but Black still keeps good drawing chances after *Ra5!)* 45.Kd1

A) 45...Rxc3 46.Rxc3 Black is simply a pawn down, but this would have promised better drawing chances. Or 46...Rxg1+ 47.Kc2 Ra1 Dodges Rc3-a3 48.Rc5 Kg7 Threatens to win with ...Ra1-a3. 49.Kb2 Rd1 50.a6 Rd7 Black forgets to push the Rook away from the 7th rank by 51.Ra5 aiming for a6-a7. Ra7 and here after 52.Kc3 f5 Strongly threatening ...Kg7-f6. 53.Kc4 -2.98/24 *(⌓53.Kd4* -1.83/23 *)* 53...h5-+ Black could even play. And now ...Kg7-h6 would win. 54.Kb5!? -5.15/25 and the pawn is untouchable - after *(⌓54.Kd4* -2.59/23 *)* 54...h4?-+ 55.Kb6 White cannot prevent Kb4. White was probably afraid to go with his King to the centre, where it might be checked by Black's Knights but 55...Ra8!? is interesting. A possible follow-up is 56.Kb7 Rf8 and here Black has a choice. Strangely enough, the best continuation may lead to a piece sacrifice: 57.a7!? h3 58.Ra2 Kf6;

B) 45...Rg2 46.Ne2 Rgxg1+ 47.Nxg1 Rxg1+ After 48.Kc2 Ra1]

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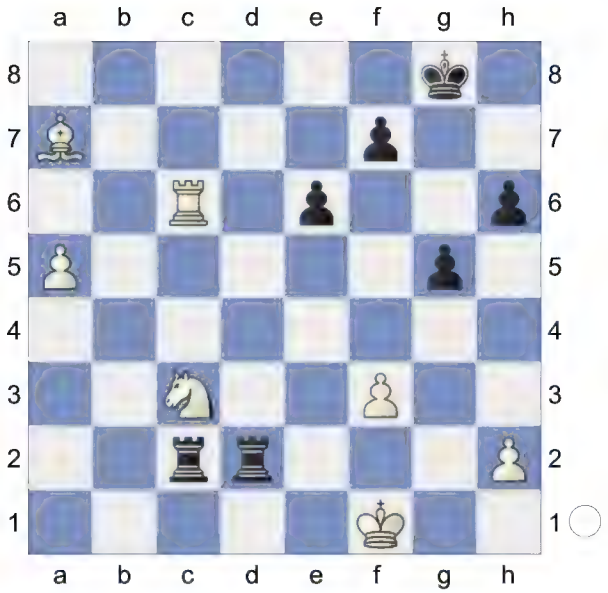

would hardly save the game - the Knight cannot fight against the Rook here:.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.08 (flawless) . Loss on time!?
1-0

96 **D52**
□ **Wojtaszek,Radoslaw** **2696**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2678**
Julius GenCup Prelim (7.3) 19.09.2022
[Flear,Glenn]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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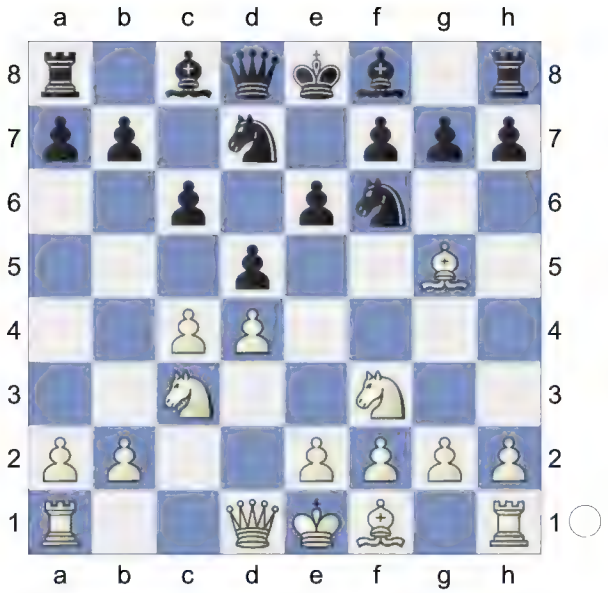

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.Bf4 Sherbakov mentioned back in 2006 that this move creates real problems for Black. I wanted to see if this is still the case. My main observation is that Black is committed to giving up the bishop pair, but in the lines that follow he seems able to activate his other pieces sufficiently well to keep the opponent fairly quiet. So it looks like any 'real problems' have more or less been solved in the intervening years.

[10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Nxd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd6 15.Rac1 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Nb5 Qc6 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Rfd1 Qe5 20.Bf4 Qa5 21.b4 Qxb4 22.Bd6 Qa5 23.Bxf8 Nxf8 24.Bb3 Qh5+ (88) Grischuk,A (2771)-Shirov,A (2735) 110/242 Moscow 2010]

10...cxd4

[With 10...b6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ba6 the hope is that the bishop on a6 will have an important influence on play. As is rather typical, ceding the bishop pair is the price to pay to catch up in development: 13.a4 (threatening to trap the opposing

queen that now needs an escape route) cxd4 14.cxd4 Black must now prevent Bf4-d6. Rfc8

A) if 15.Rfc1 then simplest is Qb4!? 0.47/19 *(15...Rc6*= 0.06/21 *)*;

B) 15.Qa2 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qd5 17.Rfc1 g5! 18.Bg3 Ne4 Atalik, S - Dreev, A Serbian league 2015, and Black has found a path to full equality. 19.Rc2 Rc6 20.Ne5 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Rc8 22.Qb2 Bxe2 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxe2 Rc3 25.Qb5 Qxb5 26.axb5 Nxg3 27.hxg3 Rb3 28.g4 Rxb5 29.Rxa7 e5 30.dxe5 Rxe5 31.Rb7 Re4 32.Rxb6 ½-½ 21.Qc4 (2565)-Bancroft,H (2638) ESP-chT Lanzarote 2003 (4.1)]

[Otherwise, there is 10...Re8 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nb6 (if White does nothing special than ...Bc8-d7-a4 might come) 13.Bd6 *(a tricky idea is 13.Be5!±* to induce a knight to d7 (where it blocks in the c8-bishop), before redeploying the bishop to d6 or c7 *)* 13...cxd4 14.Bb4 d3!? 15.Bxd3 Qa4 16.Qxa4 Nxa4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rfc1 Bd7 19.c4 Nb2 Smirnov, A - Toma, R Budapest 2016, and again Black had emerged unscathed.]

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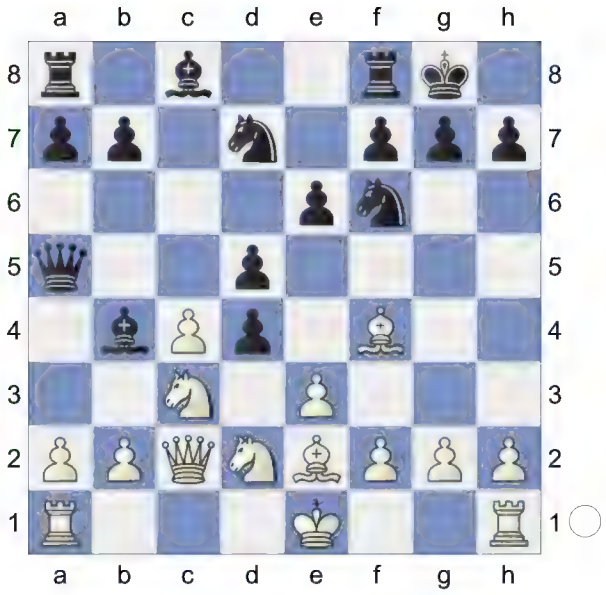


11.exd4 Re8N

[Instead 11...dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qd5 13.0-0 Qxd4 14.Bg3 And now Rf1-d1 would win. *(14.Be3!? Qh4□ 15.Rfd1∓)* 14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qe4 16.Qb2 Nh5!? *(16...Qc6* was the continuation of Najer, E - Bareev, E Russian league 2006, where White went on to win, see the archives *17.Nd6 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Rad1 Qf5 20.Bd6 Re8 21.c4 e5 22.c5 b6 23.c6 Nf6 24.Rfe1 e4 25.Qd4 Be6 26.Ba6 Qd5 27.Bb7 Rad8 28.Qb2 Qa5 29.Bb4 Rxd1 30.Bxa5* 1-0 Oskooei,M (2653)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2 (2701) 55/627 Cappelle la Grande 1992 (9)) 17.Bxh5 Qxc4 18.Bd6 Re8 ...Qc4-d5 is the strong threat. 19.Be2 Qh4 20.Rfd1 White has many options here, but this could be the wrong rook. If Black is going to opt for ...e6-e5 then the white rooks should normally be on d1 and e1. *(20.Rad1!?* 0.18/18 20.Rf1-e1 0.61*; 20.c4!?)* 20...e5 21.Bb5 Threatening Bd6-c7. a6 22.Qa3 Re6 aiming for ...Re6-h6. 23.Bb4 -0.90/23 *(23.Qa4*= 0.12/19

remains equal. *Qxa4 24.Bxa4)*
23...Rh6∓ 24.h3
A) 24...Nc5!∓ -0.64/22 25.g3 *(25.Bxc5 Bxh3)* 25...Rg6;
B) 24...Rg6 -0.01/20 25.Rxd7∞ Khusenkhojaev, M - Akkozov, B Almaty 2016, with a fight. Black's rook manoeuvre is frankly hard to believe, but the engine considers it to be playable.]

12.0-0 The position is equal. **12...Bxc3 13.bxc3**
[13.Qxc3 Qxc3 14.bxc3 b6=]

13...e5 14.Be3 transposes to the main game. **14...b6**
[Russian GM Alexei Dreev preferred to place his queen in a safe place first: 14...Qc7 15.Qb3 exd4 16.cxd4 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Nb6 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Rfb1 *(19.Qxb6 axb6=* just helps the a8-rook find a role*)* 19...Bg4 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Bxg4 Nxg4 22.Rxb6 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rxe3= Anton Guijarro, D - Dreev, A Havana 2018.]
[14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb8!? *(15...dxc4 16.Nxc4 Qc7 17.Rfc1 Nb6* looks 'more normal'*)* 16.Nb3 *(*I'm not sure about *16.c5* but the engine appreciates the extra space *)* 16...Qc7 17.Rac1 Bg4 18.Bd3 dxc4 19.Qxc4 *(19.Bxc4!? Nc6 20.Nc5±)* 19...Qxc4 20.Bxc4 Be6 21.Bb5 Rd8= Ding Liren - Mamedyarov, S Turkish league 2014, and Mamedyarov had avoided anything nasty happening. The opening of the game might seem to suit the owner of the bishop pair, but with Black now having access to the d5-outpost there doesn't seem to be any problems.]

15.a4 exd4

(Diagram)

16.cxd4 Ba6 17.Rfc1 Rac8 18.Qb2 h6 0.78/23 A pragmatic decision.
[Another try is 18...Rc6!? e.g. 19.Qa3 Nd2-b3 would now be deadly. dxc4 20.Nxc4 Qd5 (Black is covering the d6-square, just in case) 21.Bf3 Ne4 22.Nd2 Ndf6 23.Rxc6 Qxc6 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Rc1 *(25.a5!* to soften up Black's majority is perhaps the best chance of keeping an edge*)* 25...Qd7 F-F Ocloz, L - Kirali, H e-mail 2015. The bishop pair looks as if it should give White something, but Black is well dug in, so there is nothing much (especially in e-mail chess) to write home about.]
[18...Nb8± 0.36/23 is superior.]

19.h3 Nb8 20.Qa3
[An e-mail game from eleven years ago continued with 20.Kh1 Red8 21.Qa2 but I'm not convinced that White had any cunning scheme in mind. In any case, Black had little difficulty in equalizing: dxc4 *(21...Nc6!?)* 22.Nxc4 Qd5 23.Bf3 Bxc4!? *(23...Qe6* also looks fine*)* 24.Bxd5 Bxa2 25.Bxa2 Nc6 26.g3= Figlio, G - De la Calle, I e-mail 2011,

and the knights can compete on equal terms with the bishops, as there is a fine outpost on d5 available.]

20...Nc6

21.Bf3

[21.Nb3 Qb4 22.Qxb4 *(22.cxd5 Bxe2 23.dxc6 Qxa3∓)* 22...Nxb4-+]

[21.Bf1 feels hotter. Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Qxd2 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Rd1]

21...Nxd4? 1.83/22 A poor way to release the tension.

[Correct is 21...Qb4 when White can't gain any benefit from avoiding the trade. If 22.Qa2 then *(*and if *22.Qxb4 Nxb4 23.c5* then *bxc5 24.dxc5 Bd3=)* 22...dxc4 23.Nxc4 Nxd4! nabs a pawn.]

22.Bxd4+- A strong pair of Bishops.

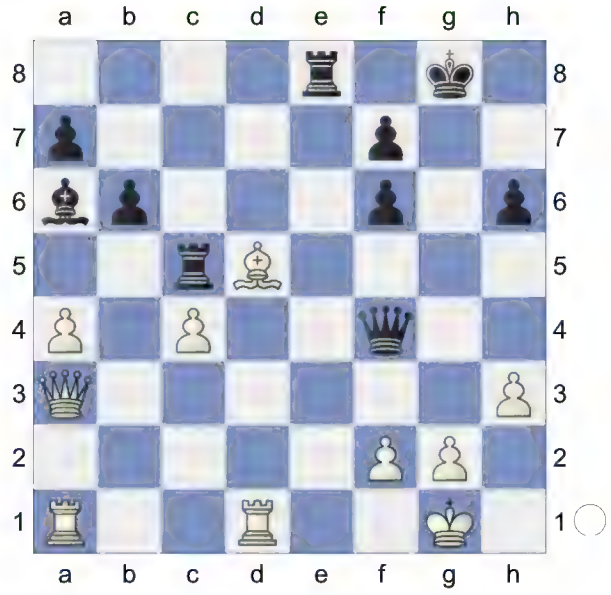
22...Qxd2 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Bxd5± Black finds himself with the worst bishop as well as a shaky kingside structure.

24...Rc5 25.Rd1 0.96/23

[There is always a sort of mischievous pleasure in playing the move that the opponent is clearly intent on stopping! Here 25.a5!!+- 2.02/23 is surprisingly strong: Rxa5 26.Qg3+ Qg5 27.Qc7 Rf8 *(27...Rxd5 28.cxd5)* 28.Re1 with a continuing initiative. with a continuing initiative. Inhibits Qg5-e5.]

[My hand wants to play 25.Rc3↑ but Wojtaszek may have avoided this in view of but Wojtaszek may have avoided this in view of. Strongly threatening Rc3-g3+. Re1+ 1.73/22 *(25...Bc8±* 1.34/21 keeps fighting.*)* 26.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 27.Kh2 Qxf2 2.88/25 but then, going further, *(27...Kf8* 1.73/22 is a better defense.*)* 28.Rg3++- Kf8 29.Qd3 Threatens to win with Qd3-e4. Qf4 30.Qh7 would yield a winning attack.]

25...Qf4



26.g3 0.56/19

[26.Qb2± 1.03/21]

26...Qf5 1.23/22

[Black should try 26...Qc7± 0.56/19]

27.Rd4 Bc8

[If 27...Qxh3? 3.79/24 then 27...Ba6-c8 1.31 then 28.Qf3 leaves Black's kingside in a hopeless state: Kg7? 12.36/23 *(28...Bc8* 3.77/25 *29.Qxf6 Qh5)* 29.Rg4+]

28.Rf4 0.67/21

[Here 28.Rg4+!± 1.20/23 Kf8 29.a5!

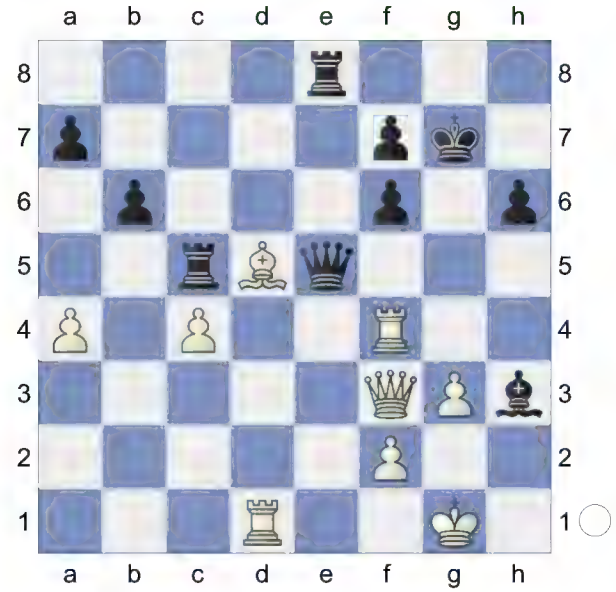
would exploit the pin on the a3-f8 diagonal in order to create a new weakness on the queenside. *(29.Rf1)*]

28...Qe5 29.Rd1 0.60/23

[The 'automatic' choice would seem to be 29.Re4!?± 1.02/23 but with Rxd5 30.Rxe5 Rdxe5 Black has chances to create a fortress. 31.g4]

29...Kg7± 30.Qf3 f5?!

[Instead of the passive text move, it seems that Ivanchuk could have tried 30...Bxh3! as after



as after

A) 31.Re4 Rxd5 32.Rde1= *(32.Rxe5 Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1 Rxe5=; 32.Rxe5 Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1 Rxe5=)*;

B) 31.g4! the bishop is saved with the bishop is saved with. Hoping for Kg1-h2! 31...h5!∞]

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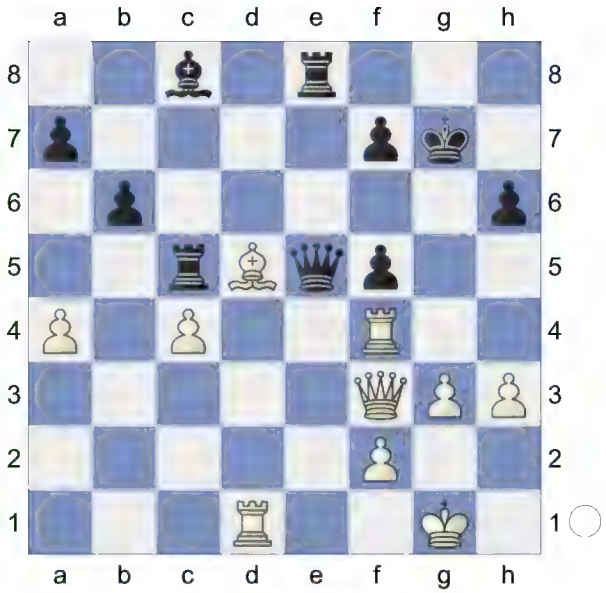

A concession, as this hems in his own bishop. Furthermore, an attack using the g-pawn could easily follow. **31.Qh5**

[After the 'obvious' 31.g4!? the veteran Ukrainian GM had perhaps intended Qe2! 1.06/22 when matters are far from clear. *(31...Rg8± 0.61/20)*]

31...Re7 32.Rd3 Qf6 33.Qd1 White is more active. **33...Bd7 34.g4!** Finally, the g3-g4 break comes, but only after White has reorganized his major pieces. This is the sort of move that can be difficult to cope with when time is running out. **34...Qg5** 1.20/23

[It's time to redeploy his least effective piece: 34...Rc8± 0.70/22 35.Rg3 Rg8 when Black seems to be totally fine, except perhaps for the amazing engine move 36.Be4! which seems to guarantee a white edge, albeit small e.g. Kh8 *(36...Rxe4? 1.50/27 36...Rg8-e8 0.57 37.gxf5+)* 37.Bxf5±]

35.Qd2 0.53/22 The remainder of the game looks as if it was played in a massive time scramble.

[35.Rdf3!± 1.20/23]

35...fxg4
[35...Bxa4? 36.Rg3 *(36.Rxf5 Qxd2 37.Rxd2 Bb3∓)* 36...Kh8 37.Kh2+- *(37.gxf5 Qf6+-)*]

36.Rg3
[36.hxg4!?]
36...Qe5! 37.Kh2 0.01/21
[Better is 37.Rxf7+!± 0.65/23 Rxf7 38.Bxf7]
37...h5=
[37...Bxa4 38.Rfxg4+ Kh7 39.Be4+ Qxe4 40.Rg7+ Kh8 41.Qxh6+]
38.hxg4 hxg4 39.Kg2 f5
[And not 39...Bxa4 40.Rfxg4+ Kf6 41.Qh6+ Kf5 42.Qg5#]
40.Rd4 Be8?? 11.89/21
[40...Qf6∞ holds the extra pawn and his king.]
[Inferior is 40...Bxa4 41.Rgxg4+ *(41.Qg5+ Kh7 42.Qh4+ Kg7)* 41...fxg4 42.Rxg4+ Kh7 43.Bg8+ Kh8 44.Qh6+]
[40...Kf8= 0.01/22]

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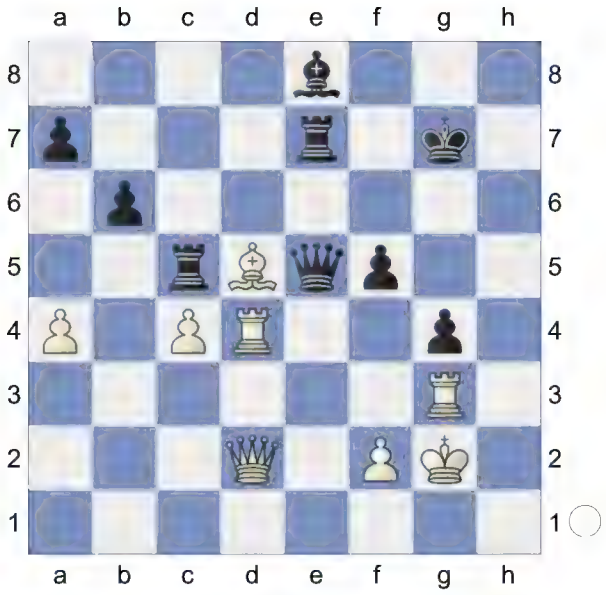
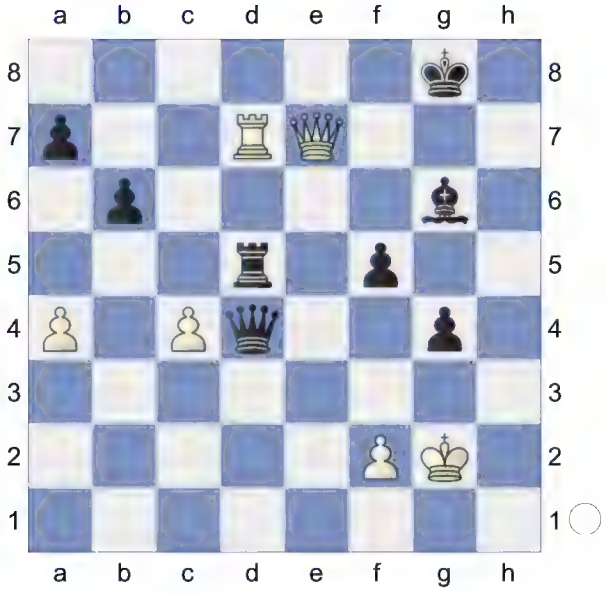


41.Qg5++- Bg6 42.Re3 Now Black's king is put to the sword. Now Black's king is put to the sword. Skewer
42...Qxd4 43.Rxe7+ Kf8 44.Rd7 White mates. **44...Rxd5 45.Qe7+ Kg8**



46.Qd8+

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Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

97 **D52**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2695**
■ **Piket,Jeroen** **2625**
Donner Memorial (6) 1995
[R.Scherbakov]

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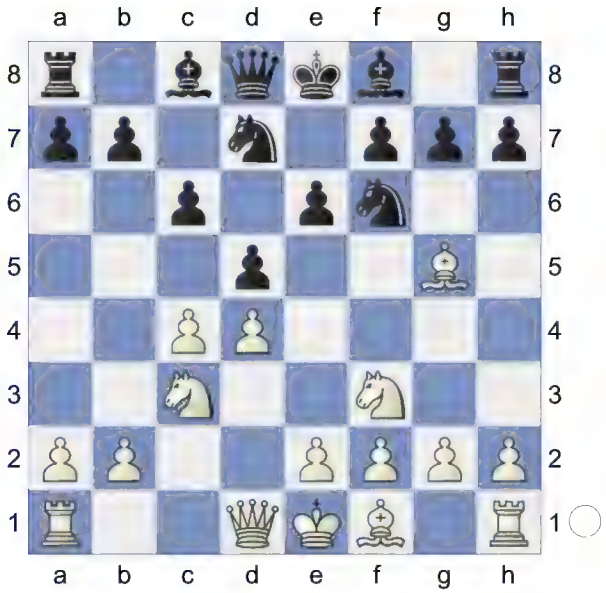


Alexei Shirov: 'Not this time! Having reached a better position against me with the Cambridge Springs in the sixth game of our match in Aruba earlier in the year, Jeroen obviously had confidence in it.' **6.e3 Qa5**

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7

Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

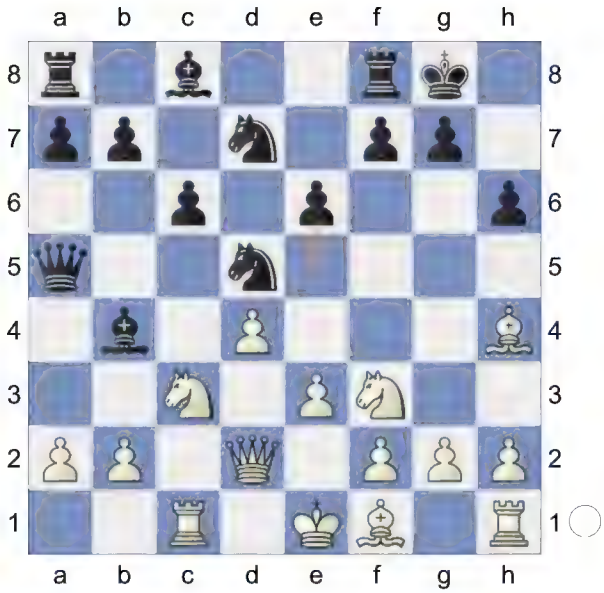
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6

[9...0-0 10.Bd3 h6 1-0 (36) Shirov,A-Piket,J Amsterdam 1995 Fire On Board [Alexei Shirov] 1-0 (36) Shirov, A-Piket,J Amsterdam 1995 [Alexei Shirov] 1-0 (36) Shirov,A-Piket,J Amsterdam 1995 Fire On Board [Alexei Shirov]]

10.Bh4 0-0

[10...c5 ChessCalisthenics 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.Bd3 Ba6 14.0-0 cxd4 15.Bxa6 Qxa6 16.Qxd4 0-0! 17.e4 *(17.c4!? N5f6□ 18.Ne5∓)* 17...Nf4! 18.Qxd7 Black must now prevent Nf3-d4. Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nxc1 20.Rxc1 Threatening Bh4-e7. Qxa3 21.Qd2 Rac8 0.30/22 (Black should try *21...a5∓* -0.34/22) 22.Nd4 a6 23.f4 Rc4 24.e5 -1.09/23 *(24.Be1∓* -0.35/21) 24...b5∓ 25.Ne2 Braun,A (2536)-Fridman,D (2628)/ Bad Woerishofen 2008/CBM 122 Extra/0-1 (44)]

(Diagram)



11.Bd3 Re8!? This is technically a new move but the game soon transposes back to the main line as Black plays ... e6-e5 anyway. ChessCalisthenics: 'N' Shirov,Alexei: 'N!?' 'N!?' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '!?' Shirov: 'N (11...e5)" This is technically a new move but the game soon transposes back to the main line as Black plays ...e6-e5 anyway. ChessCalisthenics: 'N' Shirov,Alexei: 'N!?' 'N!?' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '!?' Shirov: 'N (11...e5)" This is technically a new move but the game soon transposes back to the main line as Black plays ...e6-e5 anyway. This is technically a new move but the game soon transposes back to the main line as Black plays ...e6-e5 anyway. ChessCalisthenics: 'N' Shirov,Alexei: 'N!?' 'N!?' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '!?' Shirov: 'N (11...e5)"

[11...c5 ChessCalisthenics 12.a3 cxd4 0.94/22 *(12...Bxc3=* 0.21/23 keeps the balance. *13.bxc3 cxd4)* 13.axb4± dxc3 14.bxc3 Qb6 15.0-0 a5 16.e4 N5f6 17.Ra1 Qc7 18.c4 b6 19.e5! Nxe5? 3.88/25 *(19...Nh7±* 1.52/23 was worth a try.*)* 20.Nxe5+-

Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Prevents Bc8-b7 Rb8? 6.10/23 *(23...Ra7* 3.27/23 *24.Ra3 f5)* 24.Ra3+- e5 25.Rg3+ Kh8 26.Bf3 Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570)/Haifa 1996/CBM 054/1-0]

12.a3 Alexei Shirov: 'I believe that this pawn sacrifice is the best way for White to fight for the initiative.'

[The line 12.0-0]

12...Bxc3 The position is equal. **13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0**

[14.e4 keeps more tension. e5 15.exd5 exd4+ 16.Kd1]

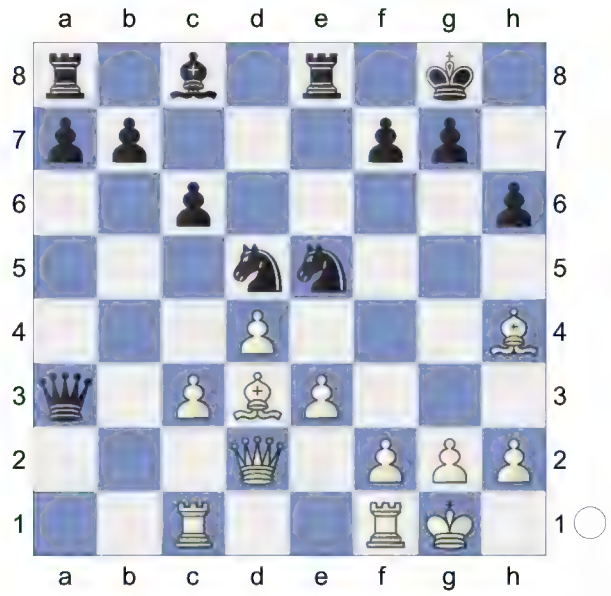
14...e5 and so on.

[Shirov's suggestion Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'Another way to play is passive defence with'' Shirov's suggestion Alexei Shirov: 'Another way to play is passive defence with' Shirov's suggestion Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'Another way to play is passive defence with'' 14...Qf8!? looks passive but quite possible - it has not been tested yet. Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '.'' looks passive but quite possible - it has not been tested yet. looks passive but quite possible - it has not been tested yet. Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '."]

15.Nxe5 Shirov,Alexei: '!' '!' '!' Shirov: '!'

[Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'I didn't like the position after'' I didn't like the position after Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'I didn't like the position after'' 15.dxe5?! Qc5 Δ a5_a4 Shirov: 'with the idea 16...a5, 17...a4.' Shirov, Alexei: ' Δ a5_a4 Shirov: 'with the idea 16...a5, 17...a4.' with the idea 16...a5, 17...a4. Alexei Shirov: ', with the idea of'' , with the idea of Δ a5_a4 Shirov: 'with the idea 16...a5, 17...a4.' Shirov, Alexei: ' Δ a5_a4 Shirov: 'with the idea 16...a5, 17...a4.' with the idea 16...a5, 17...a4. Alexei Shirov: ', with the idea of'' 16.-- -0.49/22 *(16.c4=* 0.05/21 *Nb4 17.Be2)* 16...a5 17.-- -1.02/21 *(17.Bg3=* -0.30/20 *)* 17...a4 . Black can annoy White a lot.]

15...Nxe5



16.dxe5 Notice that the position is very similar to the game Bogoljubow - Alekhine, Wch14 GER\NLD 1929 but a small difference is very important: instead of the move Bh4-g3 White has castled. could transpose to the featured game! Notice that the position is very similar to the game Bogoljubow - Alekhine, Wch14 GER\NLD 1929 but a small difference is very important: instead of the move Bh4-g3 White has castled. could transpose to the featured game! **16...Qc5!?**

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17.Kh1! 0.01/21 Still not defending the pawn - the Bishop on h4 keeps under control the very important h4-d8 diagonal. Still not defending the pawn - the Bishop on h4 keeps under control the very important h4-d8 diagonal.

[Here too 17.Bg3 -0.70/21 17.Kg1-h1 0.01 Be6 would have given Black excellent piece co-ordination, so White offers the pawn again.]

[17.c4± 0.39/22 was preferrable. Nb4 18.Bb1]

17...Be6!? 0.50/22 And Black ignores it too! ultima jugada del libro And Black ignores it too! Alexei Shirov: '... and Black still doesn't take it!'

[Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'Of course after" Of course after Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'Of course after" 17...Rxe5 18.e4 Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'White has sufficient compensation, e.g." White has sufficient compensation, e.g. Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'White has sufficient compensation, e.g.". Against Bc8-f5 Rh5?! 19.Bg3 Nf6 20.Rce1!± -0.76/19 Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: 'with a clear advantage." Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' '!' Alexei Shirov: 'with a clear advantage." with a clear advantage. Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: 'with a clear advantage." *(20.Be2=* -0.27/21 deserves consideration. *)*]

[17...Rxe5= 0.01/21 is more appropriate. 18.e4 Nb6]

18.e4!± Nb6

[It would not have been good for Black to cover the h4-d8 diagonal with 18...Ne7 1.13/22 18...Nd5-b6 0.19 , in view of 19.f4 Rad8 20.Qe2! , and if Bg4? 2.65/27 *(20...Bb3±* 0.94/20 *21.Bf2 Qa5)* 21.Qxg4+- Rxd3 then 22.e6! is very good for White.]

19.f4 Bc4! 20.Rf3! Alexei Shirov: 'A move with strong psychological overtones: no-one likes to see the enemy pieces encroaching on their king.'

[20.Rb1 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Na4±]

20...Bxd3

'±' 21.Rxd3 Qc4?! A serious mistake. As we'll see, the Queen is much better placed on c5 as it would return back to f8 if necessary. A serious mistake. As we'll see, the Queen is much better placed on c5 as it would return back to f8 if necessary. Alexei Shirov: '?'

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[21...Nc4 22.Qe2±]

22.Re1 '±' 22...Kh7 23.Rh3 Re6? 4.21/21

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B) 24...Qf8 Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and now the correct way is not the direct'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and now the correct way is not the direct" Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: ', but" Alexei Shirov: 'and now the correct way is not the direct' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and now the correct way is not the direct"

B1) 25.f5? aiming for f5-f6. Nc4 26.Qf4! Nxe5 Threatens to win with ...f7-f6. 27.f6 Re6

B1a) 28.fxg7 Qxg7 29.Bxh6 *(29.Rf1!?)* 29...Rxh6 30.Rxh6+ Qxh6 31.Qxe5 Rg8!∞ Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: 'is unclear" Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' '!' Alexei Shirov: 'is unclear'' is unclear Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: 'is unclear";

B1b) 28.Rf1 Rae8∞ Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and Black holds on, for example" and Black holds on, for example Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and Black holds on, for example'' △29.fxg7 Qxg7 30.Bf6 0.14/25 *(30.Qf5+± 0.67/24 Kg8 31.Bf6 Rxf6 32.Qxf6 Qxf6 33.Rxf6)* 30...Qg6= 31.Rg3 Rxf6 32.Qxf6 Qxf6 33.Rxf6 a5⩱ Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'with excellent compensation for the exchange'' with excellent compensation for the exchange Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'with excellent compensation for the exchange";

B2) 25.-- -0.01/22 25.Qd2-d4 0.47;

B3) Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: ', but'' Alexei Shirov: ', but' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: ', but" 25.Rf1! Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: ', just bringing one more piece into the action. Black

is now helpless, for instance'' Alexei Shirov: ', just bringing one more piece into the action. Black is now helpless, for instance' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: ', just bringing one more piece into the action. Black is now helpless, for instance'' 25...Kg8 1.09/21 *(25...Re6?* 4.04/23 25...Nb6-c4 0.64 *26.f5! Rxe5 27.f6+-* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'wins'' Alexei Shirov: 'wins' Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'wins''*; 25...Nc4±* 0.68/24 feels stronger. *26.Qd7 b5)* 26.Qe2!± Re6 *(* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'or'' Alexei Shirov: 'or' Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'or'' *26...hxg5??* 12.99/24 26...Kg8-h7 1.05 *27.Qh5 f6 28.fxg5 Rxe5 29.Qh7+ Kf7 30.Rxf6++-* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'winning'' Alexei Shirov: 'winning' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'winning''*)* 27.f5 Rxe5 28.Bf4 Ra5? 6.74/23 *(28...Rae8±* 0.82/23 *29.Bxe5 Rxe5)* 29.f6+-g5 30.Bd6! Qxd6 31.Rxh6+- in both lines with a decisive attack Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and mate is unavoidable'' in both lines with a decisive attack Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and mate is unavoidable'' in both lines with a decisive attack Alexei Shirov: 'and mate is unavoidable' in both lines with a decisive attack Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and mate is unavoidable";

C) 24...--;

D) 24...Qf8± 0.77/23;

E) 24...Kg8? 2.65/25 Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'is clearly the toughest defence. Now White should go for a long and sometimes not even forced line starting with the piece sacrifice,'' Alexei Shirov: 'is clearly the toughest defence. Now White should go for a long and sometimes not even forced line starting with the piece sacrifice,' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'is clearly the toughest defence. Now White should go for a long and sometimes not even forced line starting with the piece sacrifice,'' 25.Bxh6+- Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: ', followed by'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' '!' Alexei Shirov: ', followed by'' Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: ', followed by' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: ', followed by'' gxh6 26.f5! Qf8 27.Rxh6 Rxe5 and now the very precise and now the very precise 28.Rh5! *(* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'but not'' but not Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'but not'' *28.Qg5+?!* 0.56/5 28.Rh6-h3 3.67 *Qg7 29.Qh4 Nd5!∞* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: 'with an unclear position'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' '!' Alexei Shirov: 'with an unclear position'' with an unclear position Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: 'with an unclear position''*)* 28...f6 Against Rh5-g5+ 29.Qa2+? 1.18/28 *(29.Re3+-* 3.09/25 is more deadly. Re3-h3 is the strong threat. *Ra5 30.Qd1)* 29...Nd5± *(* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'or'' Alexei Shirov: 'or' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'or'' *29...Qf7?* 12.50/23 29...Nb6-d5 0.

24 *30.Rh8+! Kg7 31.Rh7+!*+- Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and wins'' Alexei Shirov: 'and wins' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and wins"*;* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'not'' Alexei Shirov: 'not' Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'not'' *29...Kg7? 30.Re3*+- Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and wins'' Alexei Shirov: 'and wins' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and wins"*)* 30.Re3!± proves a big advantage for White. Now the attempt to escape by Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: 'with the idea'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: 'with the idea' with the idea Alexei Shirov: '!'' proves a big advantage for White. Now the attempt to escape by Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: 'with the idea'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: 'with the idea' with the idea Alexei Shirov: '!' '!'' proves a big advantage for White. Now the attempt to escape by Alexei Shirov: '!' proves a big advantage for White. Now the attempt to escape by Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: 'with the idea'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: 'with the idea' with the idea Alexei Shirov: '!'' Kf7 fails to Shirov,Alexei: 'Δ' 'Δ' fails to fails to Shirov,Alexei: 'Δ '' Δ ' 31.Rh7+ Ke8 32.Reh3! Rxe4 *(* Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'or'' Alexei Shirov: 'or' Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'or'' *32...Nf4?* 6.04/24 32...Re5xe4 1.61 *33.R3h4 Rd8 34.h3! Rxe4 35.Rh8*+- Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and wins'' Alexei Shirov: 'and wins' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'and wins"*)* 33.Qb1! Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: '. Initially I finished my analysis at this position but later I realized that Black still has a resource, i.e.'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' '!' Alexei Shirov: '. Initially I finished my analysis at this position but later I realized that Black still has a resource, i.e.'' Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: '. Initially I finished my analysis at this position but later I realized that Black still has a resource, i.e.' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' Alexei Shirov: '. Initially I finished my analysis at this position but later I realized that Black still has a resource, i.e.'' Nxc3 34.Rxc3 Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'not''

E1) 34...Qb4! Now White has to find the very precise Alexei Shirov: '. Now White has to find the very precise'Now White has to find the very precise 35.Qd1! Qd1-d7+ would kill now. *(* the rook endgame after *35.Rc1?!* 0.39/22 35.Qb1-d1 1.61 *Qxb1 36.Rxb1 Rd8! 37.Rh8+ Ke7 38.Rxb7+ Rd7 39.Rh7+ Ke8 40.Rb8+ Rd8* is just drawn because exchanging one pair of rooks doesn't give White any winning prospects *)* 35...Kf8 *(35...Qd4?* 7.10/22 35...Ke8-f8 1.46 *36.Rc1* wins for White *)*

E1a) 36.Rh8+ 0.83/25 36.Qd1-d2 1.87 Kf7 -0.01/23 *(36...Kg7±* 0.83/25 *37.Rg3+ Kf7 38.Qd7+ Re7 39.Rh7+ Kf8 40.Qxe7+ Qxe7 41.Rg8+ Kxg8 42.Rxe7 b5)*;

E1b) 36.Qd2! Kg8 Dodges Qd2-h6 37.Rh6! and it seems that he finally breaks through Black's

defences according to the following lines:. White wants to mate with Rc3-g3+.

E1b1) 37...Kf7? 9.22/25 37...Qb4-b1+ 1.62 38.h3! White threatens Rh6-h7+ and mate. *(38.Qa2+?* 0.24/21 38.h2-h3 9.16 *Ke7 39.Rh7+ Kd6 40.Rd3+ Rd4! 41.Qe6+ Kc5* (-> ...Qb4-b1+) *42.Qe7+ Kb6* is unclear *)*

E1b11) 38...Qd4 9.08/23 38...Ra8-g8 4.33 39.Rh7+ Kg8 40.Qh6! Re1+ 41.Kh2 Qg1+ *(41...Qe5+ 42.Rg3+)* 42.Kg3 winning;

E1b12) 38...Rg8 39.Qa2+ Ke7 40.Rh7+ Kd6 41.Rd3+ Kc5 42.Qf2+ Rd4 43.Rxb7! Qc4 44.Rxd4 Qxd4 45.Qe1! winning;

E1b13) 38...-- and now:;

E1b2) 37...Qb1+ 38.Rc1 Qxc1+ 39.Qxc1 Rae8

40.Rh8+! Kxh8 41.Qh6+ Kg8 42.Qg6+ Kf8 43.Qxf6+ Kg8 44.Qg6+ Kf8 45.h3 f5-f6 would now be deadly. *(45.g4?* 0.01/19 45.h2-h3 1.98 *Re1+ 46.Kg2 R8e3! 47.Qd6+ Kf7* is only a draw*)* 45...R4e7 3.13/23 *(⌓45...Re1+* 1.79/20 *46.Kh2 Rf1)* 46.f6+- Rf7 47.g4 Re2? 4.36/23 *(47...Rd7* 2.09/20 *48.Qh6+ Kg8)* 48.Qf5 and the queen and pawns mate the black king at the end of it all. Such a deep analysis would never be made by a computer program by itself, but neither is it easy for a human to check everything without Fritz4 or Chess Genius. I think this is a good example of combining two brains to bring the art of chess investigation to an entirely new level.;

E1b3) 37...Qb1+± 1.51/25 38.Rc1 Qxc1+ 39.Qxc1 Rae8 40.Rh8+ Decoy Kxh8 41.Qh6+ Kg8 42.Qg6+ Kf8 43.Qxf6+ Kg8 44.Qg5+ Kf7;

E1b4) 37...--? #7/16;

E2) 34...Qb4 1.97/24 35.Qd1 Kf8;

E3) Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'not'' Alexei Shirov: 'not' Shirov, Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'not'' 34...Re7? 7.38/23 35.Rch3+- with a winning attack. Rxh7 36.Rxh7 and White wins outright]

[⌓23...Qb3!?± 2.03/22 23...Qc4-c5 0.

97 ChessCalisthenics]
[⌓23...Na4± y el Negro aun tiene posibilidades]
[23...Qc5± 0.89/24 is more resistant.]

This is already a decisive mistake. The text move allows White to begin a decisive attack. This is already a decisive mistake. The text move allows White to begin a decisive attack. Alexei Shirov: 'This move allows White to win almost by force.'. This costs Black the game. **24.Bf6!+-** A wonderful move - Black cannot save his kingside from total destruction. Demuele el escudo de peones A wonderful move - Black cannot save his kingside from total destruction. Alexei Shirov: '!' **24...gxf6**
[24...Rxf6 25.exf6]
[24...Rae8 25.Bxg7]
25.f5 The attack can be parried only by heavy material losses. The attack can be parried only by heavy material losses. **25...fxe5□**

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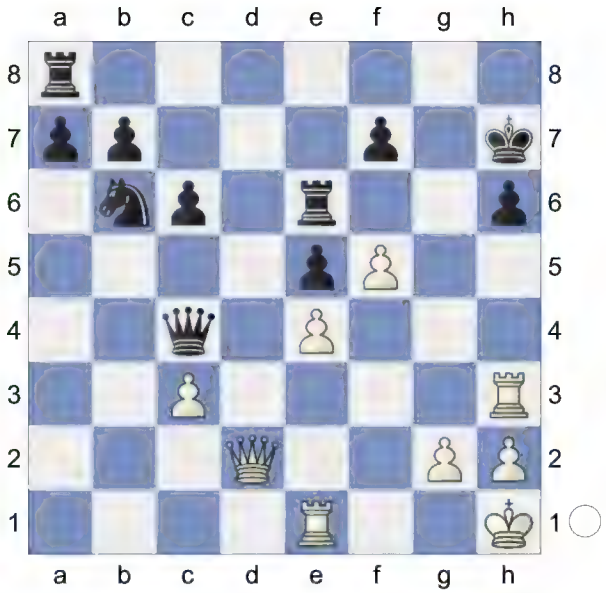

Shirov,Alexei: ' □' '□□' 'Shirov: ' □' '□"
Shirov,Alexei: ' □' '□□' 'Shirov: ' □' '□"
Alexei Shirov: 'Everything is forced.' **26.fxe6 Qxe6 27.Rf1** And now Rh3-f3 would win. White is clearly winning. **27...Nc4**
[Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'but" but Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'but" ⌓27...Rf8± 6.37/24 27...Kh7-g7 4.39 ChessCalisthenics Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'wouldn't have changed the result because of" ' ⌓' wouldn't have changed the result because of ChessCalisthenics Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'wouldn't have changed the result because of'' 28.Rf5! Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!'' Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: '!' '!". Hoping for Rf5-h5. Kg7 *(28...Nc4 29.Qf2 Kg7* Inhibits Rf5-f6. *30.Rg3+ Kh7 31.Rf6* Shirov: '+-' '+-' Shirov, Alexei: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '+-' Alexei Shirov: 'also wins'' also wins Shirov: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '+-' Alexei Shirov: 'also wins" *)*

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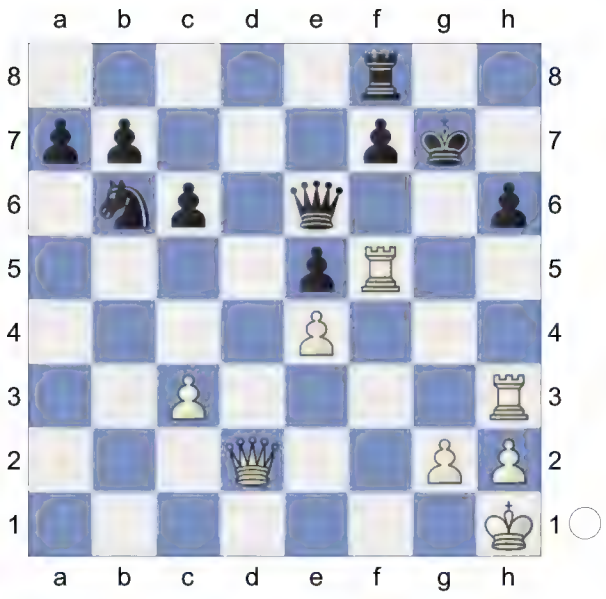

'+-' 29.Rxe5 2.61/26 *(⌓29.Qd1!!* 4.65/24 *Kh7 30.Qf3)* 29...Nc4+- 30.Rg3+ Kh7 31.Rxe6 Nxd2 32.Re7 a5 33.Rd3 Nb3 34.Rf3 Nc5? 4.70/22 *(34...b5* 2.43/22 is a better defense. *35.Rfxf7+ Rxf7 36.Rxf7+ Kg6)* 35.Rf5+- b6 36.Rfxf7+ Rxf7 37.Rxf7+ Kg8 38.Rc7 Nxe4 39.Rxc6 b5 40.c4 b4 41.Ra6 Shirov: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '+-' Alexei Shirov: '.'' . Shirov: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '+-' Alexei Shirov: '."]

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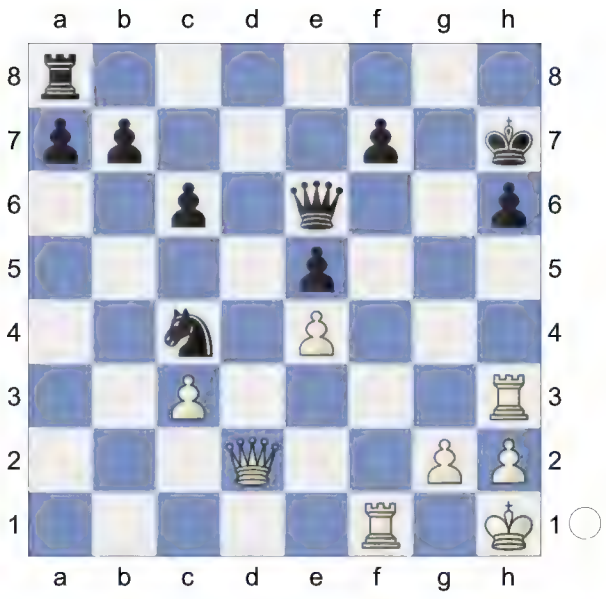
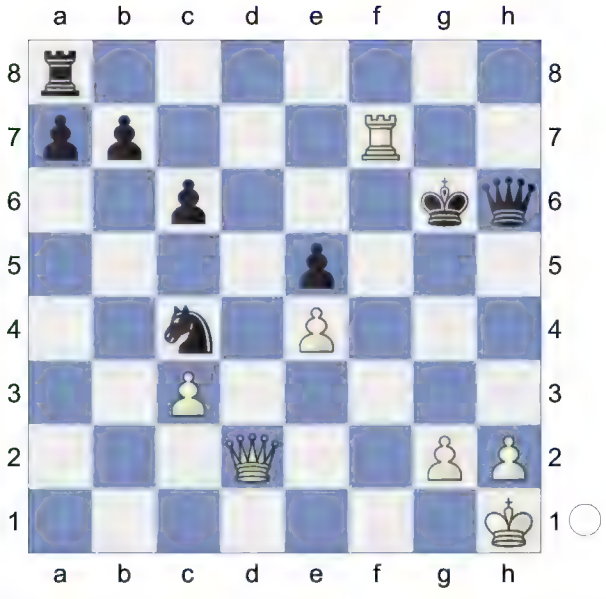


ChessCalisthenics: '??' '??' terrible, pero la partida esta perdida de todas formas ChessCalisthenics: '??' Alexei Shirov: '?!' Alexei Shirov: 'This loses immediately;' **28.Rxh6+!!** The rest is obvious. '!!' Demolicion de la estructura de peones. Deflection **28...Qxh6** Tematico: desviacion de la casilla f7 **29.Rxf7+ Kg6**



30.Rf6+!! '!!' Un ataque doble. Skewer, Deflection **30...Kxf6**

(Diagram)

Desviacion de h6 **31.Qxh6+** Endgame. KQ-KRN **31...Ke7 32.Qg7+ Kd6**

[32...Ke6 ChessCalisthenics no sirve de mucho 33.Qxb7 Rf8 34.Qxc6+ Nd6 35.Kg1+- Repels Rf8-f1+]

33.Qxb7

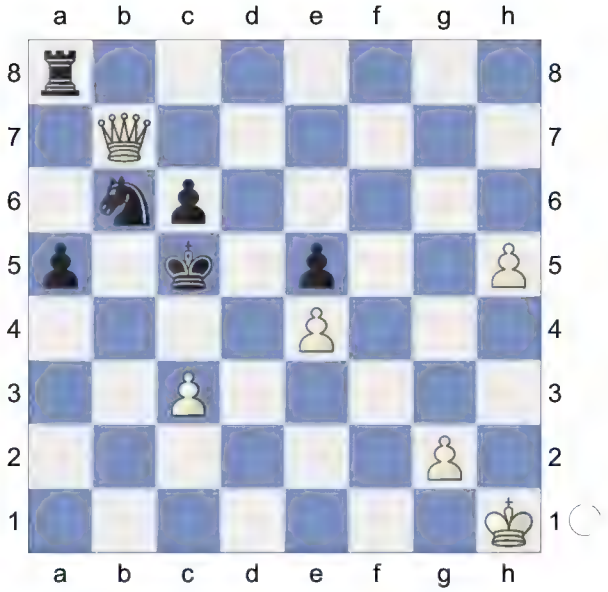
[Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'It would have been more precise to play" It would have been more precise to play Shirov,Alexei: 'Alexei Shirov: 'It would have been more precise to play" 33.Qf6+ '⏢' y el resultado es claro: el Blanco ganara Kc5 *(33...Kd7 34.Qf7+ Kd6 35.Qxc4 a5+-)* 34.Qe7+ Shirov: '+-' '+-' Shirov, Alexei: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '+-' Alexei Shirov: ', winning a piece." , winning a piece. Shirov: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: '+-' '+-' Shirov,Alexei: 'Shirov: '+-' Alexei Shirov: ', winning a piece."]

33...Nb6 34.h4 Kc5

[34...Rh8 ChessCalisthenics un ultimo esfuerzo por resistirse a lo que parece inevitable 35.g3 Nd7 36.Qxa7 Rf8+-]

35.h5 a5

[35...Kc4 no alterara el resultado de la partida 36.Qxc6+ Kb3 37.Qb5+ Kxc3 38.Qxe5+ Kb4 39.h6+-]



36.h6 Black resigned. A very important theoretical game. Alexey Shirov's idea has posed some new problems for Black but the questions remain unresolved. Black resigned. A very important theoretical game. Alexey Shirov's idea has posed some new problems for Black but the questions remain unresolved. **36...Re8** ChessCalisthenics

[36...Rh8 37.Qe7+ Kc4 38.Qf6 Rxh6+ 39.Qxh6+-]

37.Qf7

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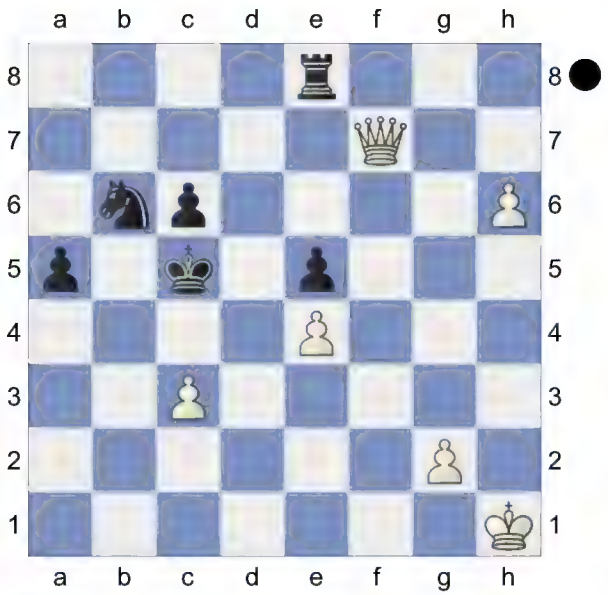

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1-0

98 **D52**
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2692**
■ **Sadorra,Julio Catalino** **2542**
45. Chess Olympiad 2024 | Open (5)
[Kitty Kat]

(90min+30sec)/40+(30min+30sec)
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 8 **d5** 16 **2.c4** 6 **e6** 11 **3.Nc3** 6 **Nf6** 8 **4.Bg5** 3:39 **c6N** 1:38
[4...Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 h6 8.Bh4 c5 9.Nge2 c4 10.Bc2 Nc6 11.a3 Ba5 12.0-0 Quickstarter Queen'S Gambit-QGD 4th Move Sidelines: 4...B Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
[4...c5 5.e3 *(5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Be7 8.g3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Be6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd3 h6 13.Be3 Qd7 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Bb4 16.Bd4 Be7 17.Qc2 Qc6 18.Qb3 Qa6 19.e3 Rac8* 0-1 (22) 2.g3 ♘c6 3.d4 cd4 20095-8.e5 ♘e4 9.♘e4 de4 1975 England (11)*)* 5...cxd4 6.exd4 Be7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3 0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Rc1 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd5 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Ba2 Na5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Qa4 Qe8 19.Qc2 1-0 (35) 4.f3 ♘ f6 5.dc5 (2454)-Hashimoto,S (2190) 141/(19) Astana 2019 (1)]
5.e3 1:45 **Nbd7** 51

6.Nf3 2:23 **Qa5** 19 **7.Nd2** 46 **Bb4** 1:10 **8.Qc2** 2:25 **dxc4** 2:03 **9.Bxf6** 36 **Nxf6** 4 **10.Nxc4** 1:18 **Qc7** 4

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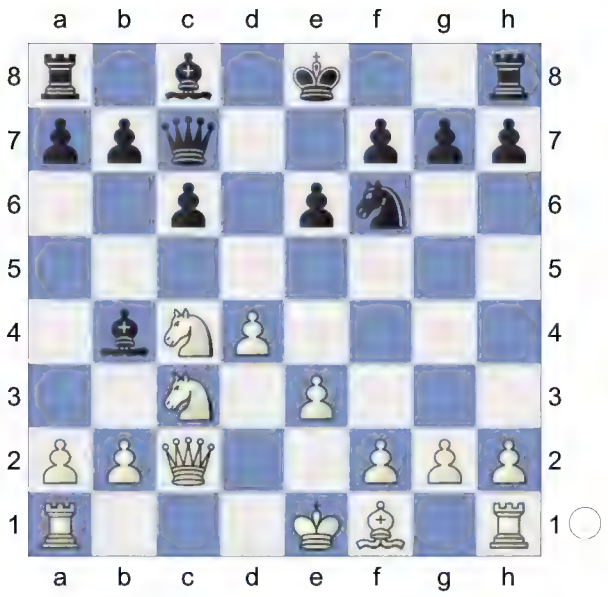
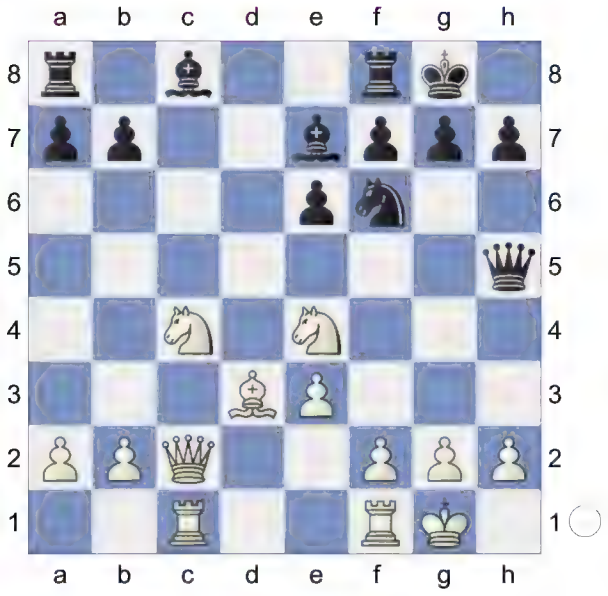


11.Bd3 6:12 **0-0** 45 **12.0-0** 53 **Be7** 42:52 **13.Rac1** 43 **c5** 7:09 **14.dxc5** 9:45 White is slightly better. **14...Qxc5** 52 **15.Ne4** 6:47 **Qh5** 13



16.Rfd1 3:56 **b6** 8:13 **17.Be2** 7:51 **Qh4** 4:28 **18.Bf3** 1:55 **Rb8** 1:43 **19.g3** 3:37 **Qh3** 1:08 **20.Ne5** 4:01

[20.Ncd6 simplifies Bxd6 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Rxd6 Bb7 23.Bxb7 Rxb7 24.Rd4]

20...Qf5 7:43

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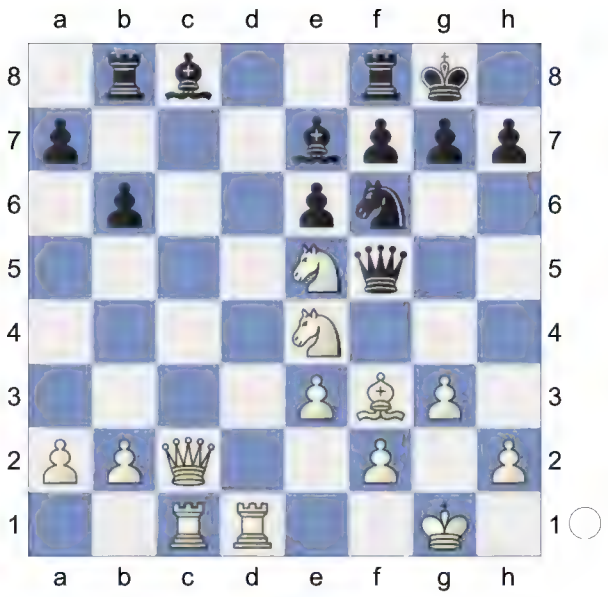

21.Nc6 53

[21.Nxf6+ simplifies Bxf6 22.Qxf5 exf5 23.Nd7]

21...Qxf3 9 **22.Nd2** -0.28/23 19

[22.Nxe7+± 0.98/24 Kh8 23.Nxf6 gxf6 24.Nxc8 Rbxc8 25.Qxc8 Qxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Rxc8 27.Rd7]

22...Qh5!= 1:19 **23.Nxb8** 11:56 A dynamic duo of knights.

[23.Nxe7+ Kh8=]

23...Bb7 1:40 **24.Qc7?** -1.86/23 1:03

[24.Nc6= -0.19/23 and White is okay. Bc5 25.b4 *(25.Nxa7? Qh3-+)*]

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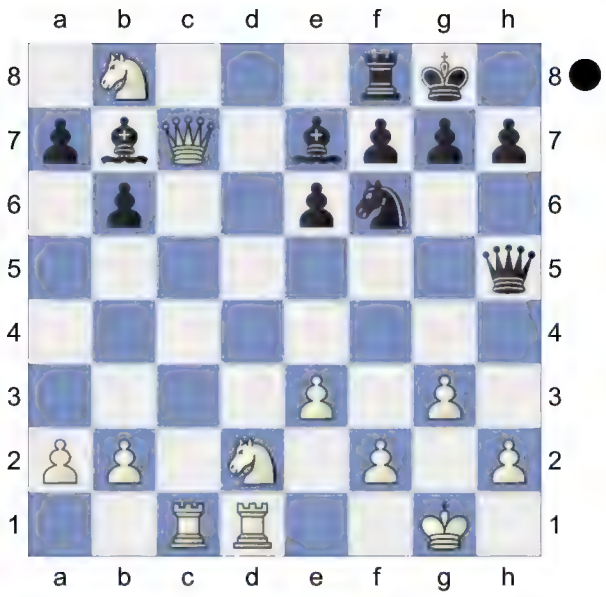
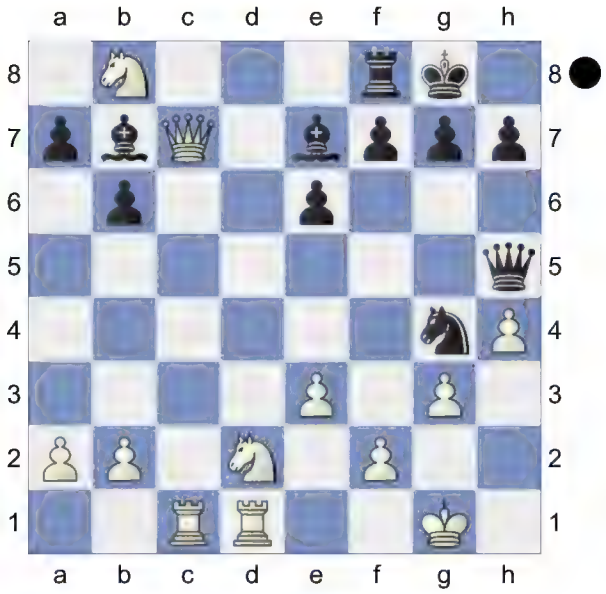


White is on the road to losing.
24...Ng4!-+ 3:21 **25.h4** 2:07
[25.Qxb7? Qxh2+ 26.Kf1 Qxf2#]



25...Bxh4! 4:36

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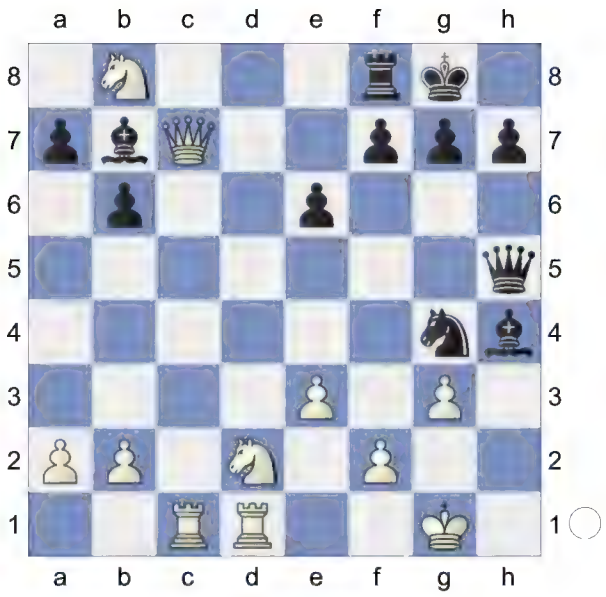

26.Qxb7 -2.10/19 3:56
[⌓26.Kf1 -1.61/24 Qf5 27.Qf4 Nxe3+ *(27...Nh2+ 28.Ke1+-)* 28.Qxe3]
26...Bxg3!→ 4 (-> ...Qh5-h2+). Double Attack. Black attacks with force. **27.Qh1** -4.37/20 4:00
[27.Kf1 -2.24/24 might work better. Nxf2 *(27...Rxb8 28.Rc8+* Back Rank *Rxc8 29.Qxc8#; 27...Bxb8 28.Nf3∓; 27...Bxf2 28.Ke2∓)* 28.Re1]
27...Bxf2+ 2:47 **28.Kg2** 6 **Bh4** 1:08
[28...Nxe3+ 29.Kxf2 Nxd1+ 30.Qxd1∓]
29.Nf1 -6.67/22 6:40
[⌓29.Qh3 -4.00/19 Nf2 D o u b l e A t t a c k *(29...Rxb8? 30.Ne4-+)* 30.Qf3 Qg5+ 31.Kh2 Nxd1 *(31...Rxb8? 32.Rf1-+)* 32.Rxd1 Rxb8 33.Nc4]
29...Qg5 2:40 **30.Nd7** 3:38 **Nf2+** 26

(Diagram)

31.Kh2 1 **Nxh1** 11 **32.Nxf8** 5 **Kxf8** -6.39/25 1:51
[32...Nf2 33.Rc8 Ng4+ *(33...Nxd1? is the wrong capture. 34.Nxe6++- Discovered Attack (Check))* 34.Kh1 Nf2+ *(34...Nxe3 35.Nxe6+ Discovered Attack (Check))* 35.Kh2 Qe5+ *(35...Nxd1? 36.Nxe6++- Discovered Attack (Check))* 36.Kg1 Nh3+ *(36...Nxd1 37.Nxe6+ Discovered Attack (Check); 36...Qg5+ 37.Kh2=)* 37.Kg2 Qe4+ *(37...Qxb2+? 38.Rd2+-)* 38.Kxh3=]
[⌓32...Bf2 -14.28/26 33.Nd7 Qg1+ *(33...Bxe3 34.Rc8+)* 34.Kh3 h5 *(34...Bxe3 35.Rc8#)* 35.Nf6+ gxf6]
33.Kxh1 46 **g6** 45 aiming for ...Bh4-f2. **34.Rd2** 1:15 **Qf5** 38 **35.Kg1** 24 **Qe5** 1:04

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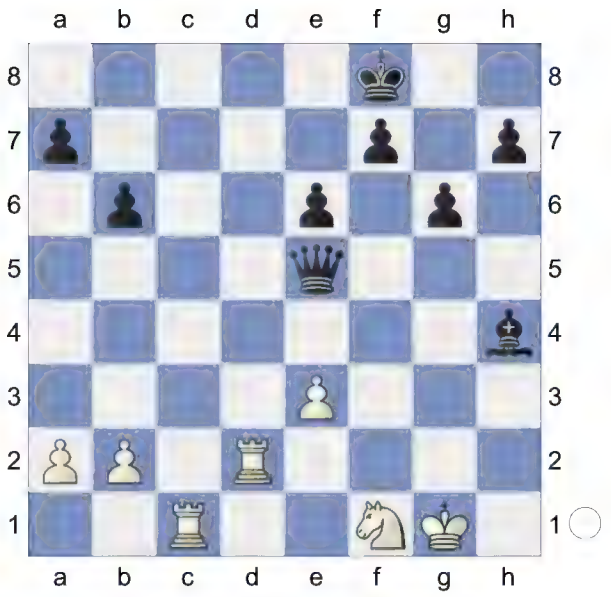
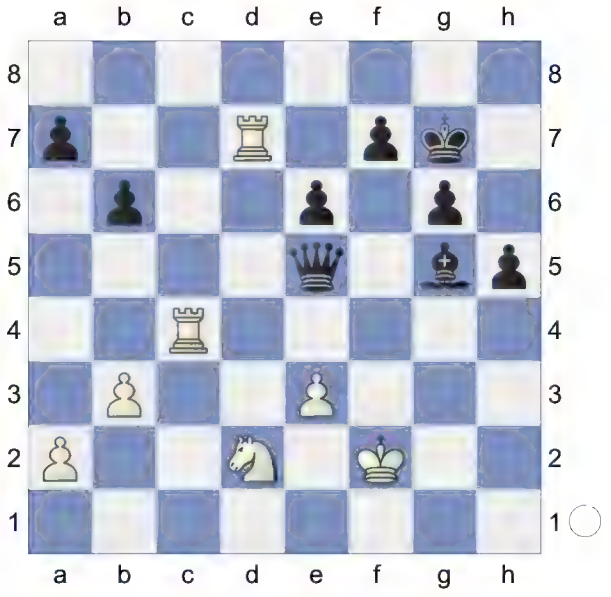


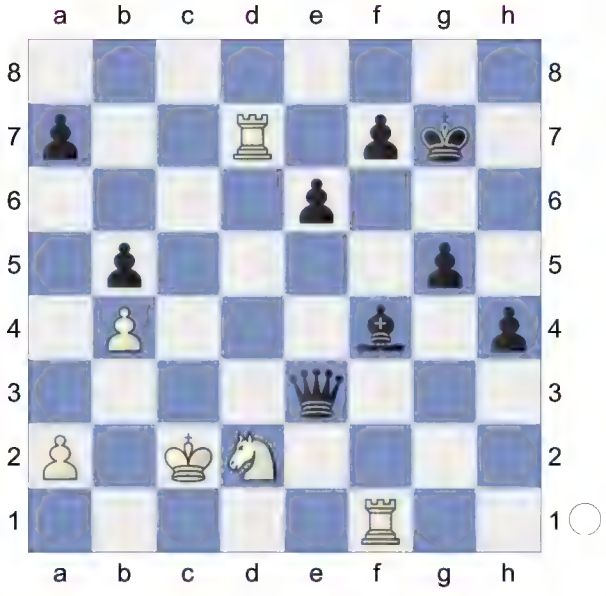
36.Rc4 2:03 **Bg5** 23 **37.Kf2** 34 **Kg7** 38 **38.b3** 26 **h5** 9 **39.Rd7** 32 **Qb2+** 1:21 **40.Nd2** 1:10 **Qe5?** -0.01/18 49
[Better is 40...Kh6-+ -5.82/24 41.Rcc7 h4 *(41...Qxa2? 42.Ke2-+)*]



41.Nf1!= 30:43 **Qf5+** 31:01 Black is clearly winning. **42.Ke2** 3:52 **Qh3** 1:34 **43.Kf2** 15 **Qh1** 0 **44.Ke2** 0 **b5** 0 **45.Rc1** 0 **Qg2+** 0

(Diagram)

46.Kd3 0 **h4** 0 **47.Nd2** 0 **Qf2** 0 **48.Rf1** 0 **Qxe3+** 0 **49.Kc2** 0 **Bf4** 0 **50.b4** 0 **g5** 0



51.Rf3 0 **Qe2** 0 Strongly threatening ... Qe2-g2. **52.a3** 0 **e5** 0 ...e5-e4 would now be deadly. **53.Rc3** 8:44 **e4** 0

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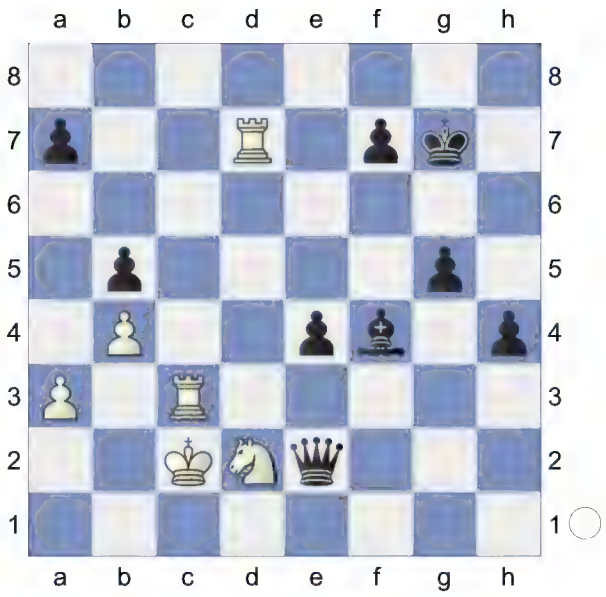

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99 **D52**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2690**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2728**
Corus Wijk aan Zee (7) 20.01.2007
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Marin,Mihail 'Marin,M Svidler,Peter Svidler,Peter Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M"' **1...d5** **2.c4** **c6** **3.Nf3** **Nf6** **4.Nc3** **e6** **5.Bg5** **Nbd7**

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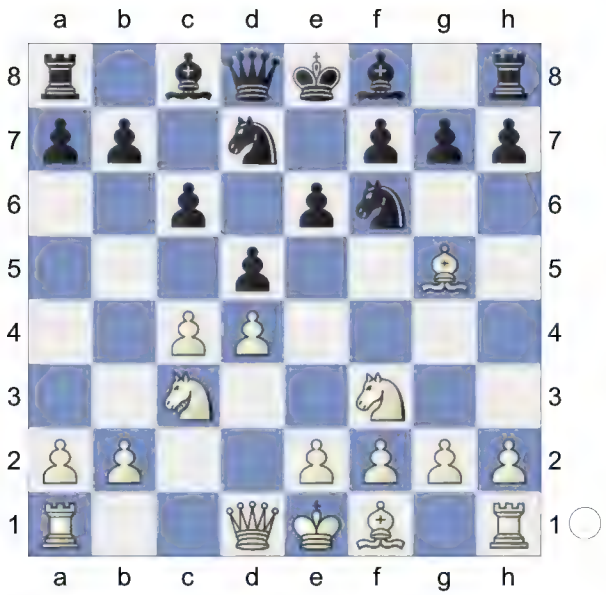
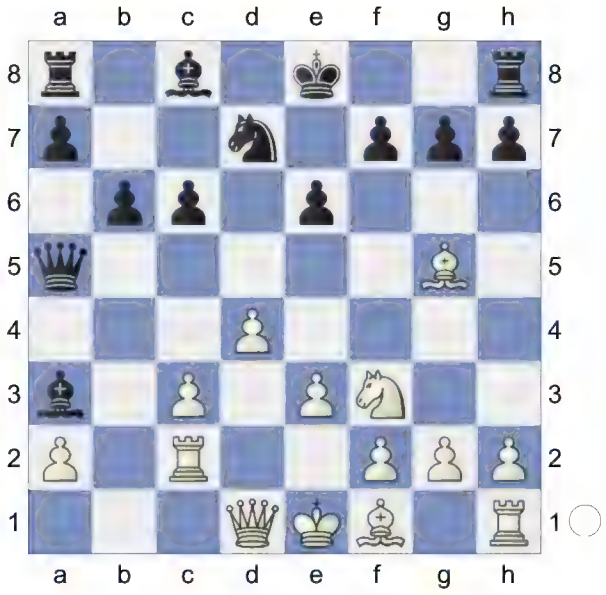


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Marin,Mihail Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5]
7...Nxd5 8.Rc1 Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler, Peter: '!?' '!?"
[8.Qd2 Marin,Mihail Bb4 9.Rc1]
8...Nxc3 Marin,Mihail: '!?"Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: '!?' Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'This move certainly looks like a loss of tempo. However, since this tempo was used by White to play the modest move a3, Black's position should be entirely viable.''''This move certainly looks like a loss of tempo. However, since this tempo was used by White to play the modest move a3, Black's position should be entirely viable. Svidler,Peter: 'Marin, Mihail: 'This move certainly looks like a loss of tempo. However, since this tempo was used by White to play the modest move a3, Black's position should be entirely viable.'"
[8...Bb4 Marin,Mihail 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3]
9.bxc3 Ba3
[9...Qxa2 Marin,Mihail 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.0-0 Qa5 *(11...0-0 12.Ra1 Qb2 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qd3+ Kg8 15.Rfb1)* 12.c4]
10.Rc2 The position is equal. **10...b6**
[10...0-0 Marin,Mihail 11.Bd3 e5 12.0-0 Re8 13.e4 Be7 14.Be3 Qc7 15.h3 b5 16.Nh2 Bb7 17.f4 c5 18.fxe5 c4 19.Be2 Bxe4 20.Rb2 Qc6]



11.Be2
[11.Bd3 Marin,Mihail Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0
A) 14.e4 Rfe8 15.e5 *(15.Bf4)* 15...h6 16.Bh4 c5 17.Nd2 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rac8 19.Nc4 Qb5 20.f4 Rc7 21.Qxa3 Rxc4 22.Rxc4 Qxc4 23.Bf2 Qc7 24.Rc1 Qb7 25.Qd6 Nf8 26.g3 Rc8;
B) 14.Rb1 Rfe8 15.Bh4 Rac8 16.c4 Bd6 17.Ng5 Qf5 18.Qxf5 exf5 19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.hxg3 c5 21.Nf3 Nf6 22.Kf1 Ne4;
C) 14.c4 h6 15.Bh4 *(15.Bf4)* 15...Rfe8 16.Nd2 *(16.e4 e5 17.d5 Nc5 18.Qe2 Qa4; 16.Rd1)* 16...Be7 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.c5 bxc5 19.Nb3 Qa4 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Rxc5 Qxa2 22.Rxc6 a5]
11...Ba6 12.0-0 'Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,

Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'After this prophylactic move, Black will have to develop his bishop to b7 sooner or later. This will transpose to the Arhangelsk variation, where the presence of the pawn on a3 instead of a2 makes little or no difference.'''After this prophylactic move, Black will have to develop his bishop to b7 sooner or later. This will transpose to the Arhangelsk variation, where the presence of the pawn on a3 instead of a2 makes little or no difference. Svidler, Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'After this prophylactic move, Black will have to develop his bishop to b7 sooner or later. This will transpose to the Arhangelsk variation, where the presence of the pawn on a3 instead of a2 makes little or no difference.''' **12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.e4** Marin,Mihail: 'N''Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'Technically speaking, a novelty in the position with the pawn on a3 and a very rare move in the Arhangelsk.'''Technically speaking, a novelty in the position with the pawn on a3 and a very rare move in the Arhangelsk. Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Technically speaking, a novelty in the position with the pawn on a3 and a very rare move in the Arhangelsk.'''

[14.Rd1 Marin,Mihail Rfe8 *(14...e5)*

A) 15.e4 Rac8 16.Bf4 c5 17.Nd2 b5 *(17...cxd4 18.Nc4 Qa6)* 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nb1 e5 20.Bg3 a6 21.c4 b4 22.Rd5 Qa4 23.f3 b3 24.axb3 Qxb3 25.Nxa3 Qxa3 26.Bf2 Ne6 27.g3;

B) 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.c4 Be7 17.e4 Qa4F Svidler,P (2765)-Leko,P (2740)/Monte Carlo 2006/CBM 111 ext (½-½, 46) Svidler,Peter: 'Svidler, P (2765)-Leko,P (2740)/Monte Carlo 2006/CBM 111 ext (½-½, 46) Marin,M: 'Svidler,P (2765)-Leko,P (2740)/Monte Carlo 2006/CBM 111 ext (1/2-1/2, 46)''Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'The main moves in the Arhangelsk are''' The main moves in the Arhangelsk are Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'The main moves in the Arhangelsk are" 18.h3 Svidler,Peter: '!?' '!?' Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Marin, M: 'followed by Bxb6'''followed by ♗xb6 Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'followed by ♗xb6''Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,M: 'and''and 18...Nf8 Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail' Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,M: 'In the Arhangelsk, after'' In the Arhangelsk, after 19.Be3 Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail' Ng6 Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,M: 'one of the main line goes''one of the main line goes 20.g3 c5 Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,M: 'and now 14...Nb4, which is impossible in the given circumstances of our present game. This is the only moment when the move a3 seems to be useful, but Black has other viable continuations at his disposal.''and now 14...♘b4, which is impossible in the given circumstances of our present game. This is the only moment when the move a3 seems to be useful, but Black has other viable continuations at his disposal. 21.d5 (Svidler, Peter) Ü 27/301 exd5 (Svidler, Peter) Ü 27/303 22.Rxd5 Bf6 23.Qd3 Ne7 24.Rd6 Nc6 25.a3 Be5 26.Rd5 Bc7 27.Kg2 Ne7 28.Rd7 Nc6 29.Rd5 Ne7 30.Rd7 Nc6]

[14.Bf4 Marin,Mihail]

14...Rac8

[14...c5 Marin,Mihail 15.d5]
[14...Rfe8 Marin,Mihail]

15.e5 Qa4

[15...c5 Marin,Mihail 16.d5
A) 16...c4 17.d6 Rc5 18.Rd1 Qa4 *(18...Nxe5 19.Be7)* 19.Bf4;
B) 16...exd5 17.e6 fxe6 *(17...Nf6 18.e7 Rfe8 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Nh4±;* Svidler,Peter: 'Marin, Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'Svidler must have got his inspiration from the following game, where he had White:'" Svidler must have got his inspiration from the following game, where he had White: Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler must have got his inspiration from the following game, where he had White:'' *17...Nb8* Svidler,Peter: 'Marin, Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'This move is possible because the typical counterplay based on exd4 followed by ...Nb4 is impossible. In the Arhangelsk, only few games with this move are available.''' This move is possible because the typical counterplay based on exd4 followed by ...♘b4 is impossible. In the Arhangelsk, only few games with this move are available. Svidler, Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'This move is possible because the typical counterplay based on exd4 followed by ...♘b4 is impossible. In the Arhangelsk, only few games with this move are available.'' *18.exf7+* Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail' *Rxf7 19.Qe6 Rc6 20.Qxd5)* 18.Qxe6+ Rf7 19.Ne5]
[15...Rfe8 Marin,Mihail]

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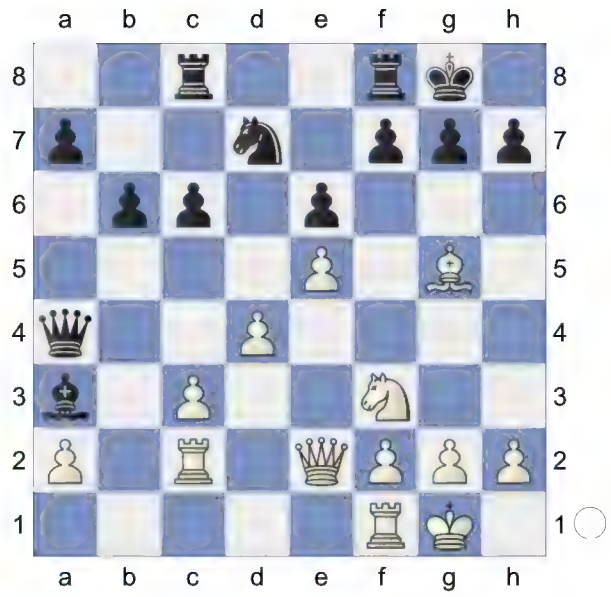


16.c4 Rfe8 Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '?!' '?!"

[16...h6 Marin,Mihail 17.Bh4 *(17.Be3 Rfd8=)* 17...Rfe8]

17.Rd1 c5 Marin,Mihail: '="Svidler, Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: '=' Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'Black has succesfully solved his opening problems.''''Black has succesfully solved his opening problems. Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Black has succesfully solved his opening problems. '"

[17...Nf8 Marin,Mihail]
[17...Bf8 Marin,Mihail]

18.d5 exd5N 19.Rxd5 Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '[Δ ♘f1-e3-d5]"

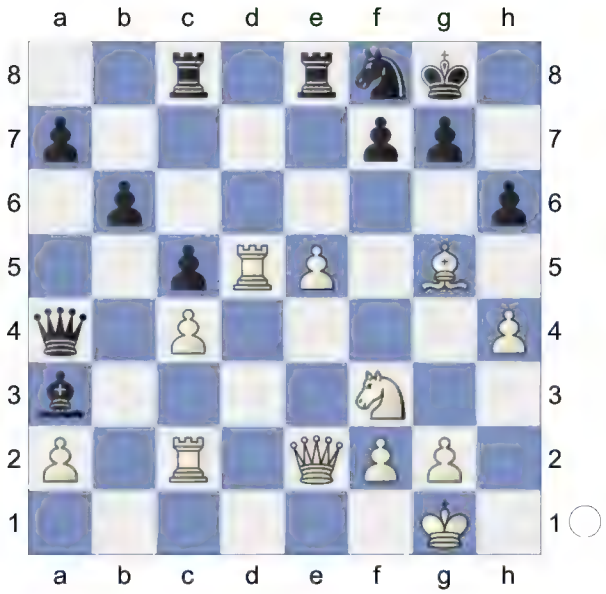
[19.cxd5!?
A) 19...Nxe5 Marin,Mihail 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 *(20...f6 21.Qc4)* 21.Qxe5 Qxc2⩱ 22.Re1 Qa4 *(22...h6 23.d6 hxg5 24.d7∞ Rf8 25.Qd6 Rd8! 26.Qc7!? Rxd7 27.Qxd7)* 23.d6 Svidler,Peter c4 24.Qd5!?;
B) 19...f6 Marin,Mihail 20.e6 fxg5 21.Rc4 Qb5 22.Nxg5±;
C) 19...c4 20.d6±]

19...Nf8

[19...Nb8 Marin,Mihail]

[19...h6 Marin,Mihail
A) 20.Be3 ____ Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail' Re7± 21.Qd3 Svidler,Peter Rce8= 22.Bf4 Svidler,Peter Nb8!? *(22...f6)*;
B) 20.Bf4 ____ Svidler,Peter: '∓' '∓' 20...Nf8 Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail' 21.Qd3∓ Ng6= Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: '=' *(21...Ne6 22.g3=)* 22.Bg3 Svidler,Peter]
[19...Bb4 Marin,Mihail 20.Qd3 Nf8]

20.h4 h6



Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '!' '!'' **21.Be3 Ng6** Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '!' '!''
[21...Rc7 Marin,Mihail]
[21...Rcd8 Marin,Mihail 22.Qd3∞ Rd7 Svidler,Peter]
[21...Ne6 Marin,Mihail 22.h5 Rcd8 23.Qd3]

22.Qd3! Re6

[22...Nf8 Marin,Mihail 23.h5 Rcd8]

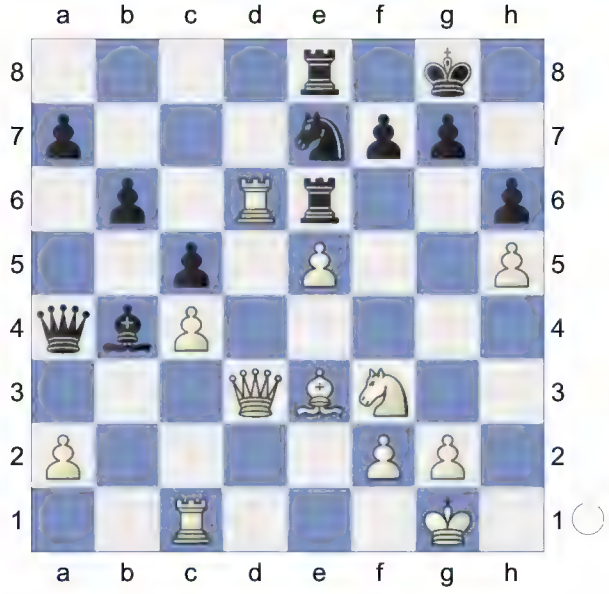
23.h5 Ne7 'Svidler,Peter: '=' '=' Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'By maintaining the e4-pawn under pressure, Black prevents the transfer of the enemy knight to d5.''''By maintaining the e4-pawn under pressure, Black prevents the transfer of the enemy knight to d5. Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'By maintaining the e4-pawn under pressure, Black prevents the transfer of the enemy knight to d5.'''
[23...Nf8 Marin,Mihail]

24.Rd6 Marin,Mihail: '?''Svidler,Peter: '?!' '?!' Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: '?' Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'A curious mistake.''''' 'A curious mistake. Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'A curious mistake.'''
[24.Rd8+ Marin,Mihail Rxd8= 25.Qxd8+ Kh7 26.Rd2 Bc1+- *(26...Qxc4 27.Bxh6-+ gxh6 28.Qf8)* 27.Rd7 Svidler,Peter Bxe3 28.fxe3 Qxa2! *(28...Nc6 29.Qf8)* 29.Rxe7 Rxe7∓ 30.Qxe7 Qxc4 31.Qxa7 b5 32.Qa6∓ Qc1+ Svidler,Peter 33.Kh2! b4 34.Qd3+ Kg8 35.e6 fxe6 36.Qd8+ Kh7 37.Ne5]

24...Bb4 25.Rc1 Marin,Mihail: '?!''Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: '?!'''

25...Re8

[25...Qxa2⩱ Marin,Mihail 26.Rd8+ Svidler,Peter Rxd8 27.Qxd8+ Kh7 28.Qf8]



26.Rxe6 White now steadily converts the win. **26...fxe6** Marin,Mihail: '∓''Svidler,

Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: ' ∓' Marin,Mihail: 'Marin,M: 'Black is just a pawn up.'"' 'Black is just a pawn up. Svidler,Peter: 'Marin,Mihail: 'Black is just a pawn up.'"

27.Nh4 Wards off Ne7-f5 **27...Qc6** 1.74/23

[27...Ba5± 0.89/19]

[27...Qxa2 Marin,Mihail 28.Qd7 Kf7 29.Ng6 Qa6 *(29...Ba3 30.Rd1 Bb2 31.f4 Qxc4⩲ 32.f5* Svidler,Peter *exf5 33.Rd6)* 30.Rd1 Qc8!? *(30...Qxc4 31.Rd3* Svidler,Peter *a5 32.Bd2)* 31.Qxa7]

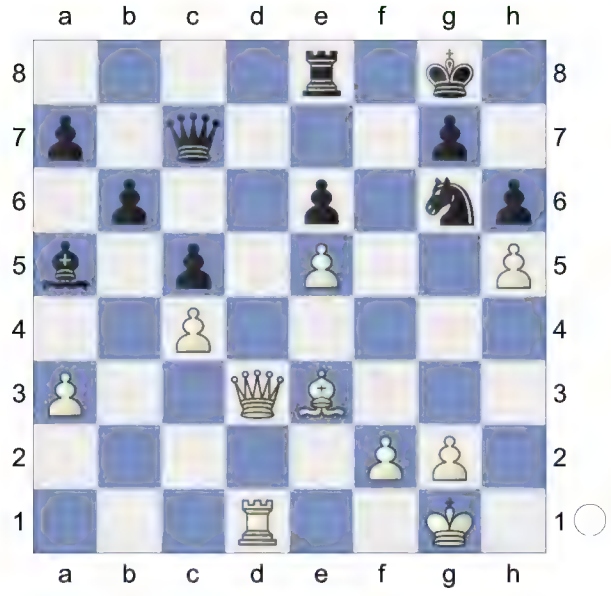
28.a3+- **Ba5** **29.Rd1** Black must now prevent Be3xh6! **29...Qc7** **30.Ng6**

[30.f4 Marin,Mihail a6 31.Qd6 *(31.Ng6)*]

30...Nxg6 2.06/23

[30...Nc6± 1.45/22]

[30...Nf5 Marin,Mihail 31.g4 Nxe3 32.Qxe3]



31.Qxg6 Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '!' '!"

[31.hxg6?! Marin,Mihail: ' ∓' Qxe5 32.Bxh6 *(32.Qd7 Rf8=)* 32...Rf8± *(32...gxh6 33.Qd7 Qg7 34.Qxe8+ Qf8 35.Qxe6+ Kh8 36.Rd7)*]

31...Qf7 **32.Rd3** Dodges Ba5-c3

[32.Bxh6? Qxg6 33.hxg6 gxh6-+]

32...a6 2.50/23 Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler, Peter: '!' '!"

[⌓32...Rb8 1.75/21 33.Qxf7+ Remove Defender *(33.Bxh6? Qxg6 34.hxg6 gxh6-+)* 33...Kxf7 34.Rd7+ Kg8 35.Rxa7 Bc3 *(35...Kh8? 36.Re7+-)*]

[32...Qxg6 Marin,Mihail 33.hxg6 Kf8 34.Kf1 *(34.f4)* 34...Ke7 35.Bf4]

33.a4

[33.Bxh6? Qxg6 34.hxg6 gxh6-+]

33...Rf8

[33...b5 Marin,Mihail 34.axb5 axb5 35.cxb5 c4! 36.Qxf7+ Kxf7 37.Ra3]

34.g4

[34.Bxh6 Qxg6 *(34...Qxf2+ 35.Kh2±)* 35.hxg6 gxh6∓]

[34.Rd6 Marin,Mihail Re8 35.Bd2]

34...Qe8 Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '∓!' '∓!" **35.Rd6**

[35.Bxh6? Qxg6 *(35...Qxa4 36.Qxg7#)* 36.hxg6 gxh6-+]

35...Qxa4? 12.96/23

[35...Bc3 3.02/21 36.Qxe6+ *(36.Rxb6 Qxa4 37.Qxe6+ Kh8+-)* 36...Qxe6 37.Rxe6 Rd8]

[35...Qxg6 Marin,Mihail 36.hxg6 Re8∓ 37.f4 Svidler,Peter]

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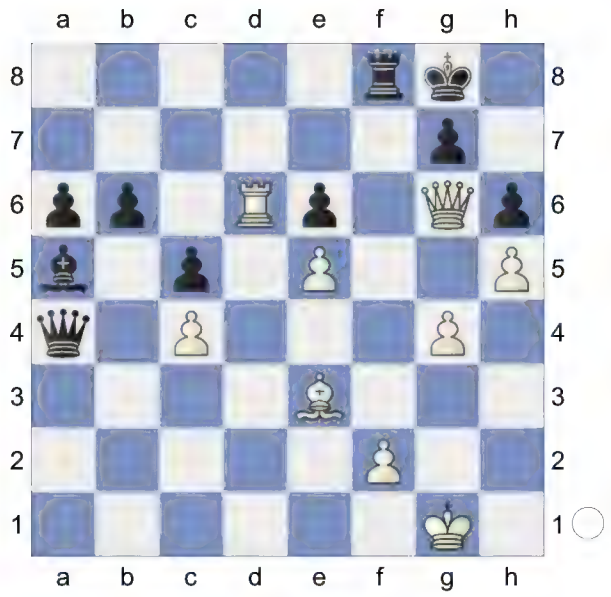

36.Qxe6+
[36.Bxh6 Qa1+ *(36...Qxc4 37.Qxg7#)* 37.Kg2 Rxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Qe1+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Kg1 *(40.Kh3 Qf1+ 41.Kh4 Qf2+ 42.Kh3 Qf3+ 43.Kh2 Qf2+ 44.Kh3 Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qf2+ 46.Kh3=)* 40...Qe1+ 41.Kg2 Qe2+ 42.Kg3 *(42.Kh3 Qf1+ 43.Kh2 Qf2+ 44.Kh3 Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qf2+ 46.Kh3 Qf3+ 47.Kh2 Qf2+=)* 42...Qe1+ 43.Kg2=]

36...Kh8
[36...Kh7 Marin,Mihail 37.Rd7]

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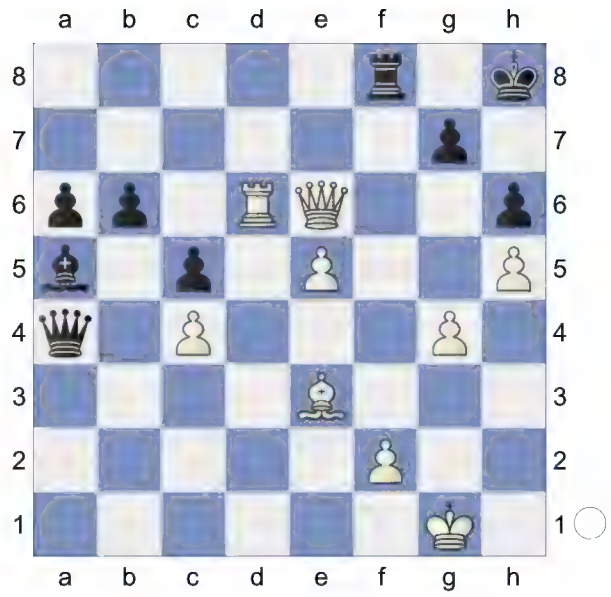


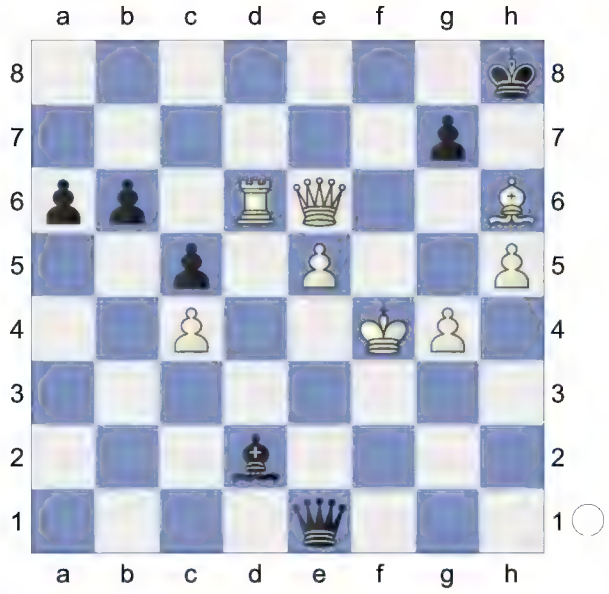
Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '[♕ 4/e]''
37.Bxh6! Qa1+ 38.Kg2 Rxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Qe1+ Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '!?' '!?''
40.Kg2 Qe4+

41.Kh3 Qh1+ 42.Kg3 Qe1+
[42...Be1+ Marin,Mihail 43.Kf4 Qh2+! 44.Kg5 Bh4+-+ 45.Kg6 Qc2+ 46.Qf5]

43.Kf4 Intending Rd6-d8+ and mate.
[43.Kh2 Marin,Mihail Qe2+ 44.Kh3 Qf3+ 45.Kh4 Qh1+ *(45...Qf2+ 46.Kg5-+ Qe3+∓* Svidler,Peter *47.Kf5* Svidler,Peter*)* 46.Kg5 Qc1+ 47.Kg6!

Qxh6+ 48.Kf7]

43...Bd2+



Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '!' '!''

44.Rxd2! White mates.

[44.Kf3= Marin,Mihail Qd1+ Svidler,Peter 45.Ke4 Qb1+ *(45...Qe2+!? △46.Kf5)* 46.Rd3∓ Qh1+ 47.Kf5 Qf1+ 48.Kg6 Qxd3+ 49.Qf5 Qxf5+ 50.gxf5 Bxh6∓ 51.e6 Svidler,Peter]

44...Qxd2+ 45.Kf5 gxh6

[45...Qd3+ Marin,Mihail 46.Kg5 Qe3+ 47.Kg6 Qxh6+ 48.Kf7]

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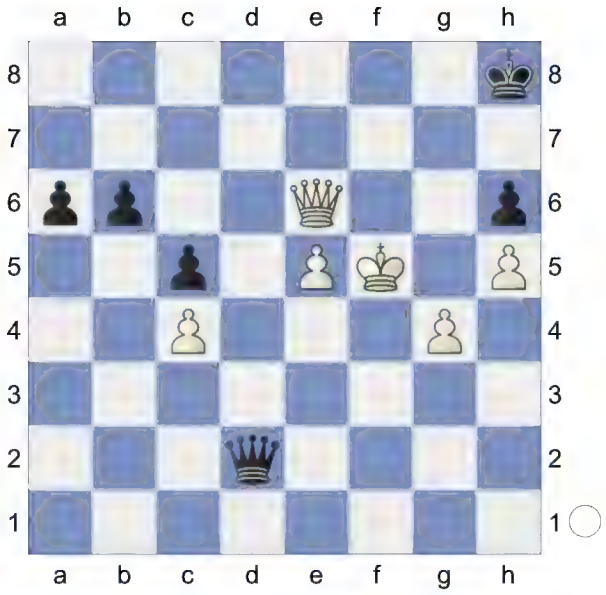

Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '!' '!''

46.Qe8+

[46.Qxb6 Qg5+ 47.Ke6 Qxg4+ 48.Ke7 Qg7+ 49.Kd6 Qf8+ 50.Kd5 Qf3+ 51.Kxc5 Qf2+ 52.Kc6 Qf3+ 53.Kc7 Qf7+ 54.Kb8 Qf8+ 55.Kb7 Qf3+ 56.Qc6 *(56.Kxa6 Qa8+ 57.Kb5 Qe8+ 58.Kb4 Qxe5+-)* 56...Qa3 57.Qc8+ *(57.Qxh6+ Kg8+-)* 57...Kg7 58.Qc7+ Kg8+-]

46...Kg7 47.Qe7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.34. Loss on time!?

Marin,Mihail: 'Svidler,Peter: '!' '!'

Svidler,Peter: '[Δ f5, h4]'' **47...Kg8**

(Marin,Mihail) Svidler,Peter **48.Kg6 Qd3+ 49.Kxh6-+ Qe3+?** Svidler,Peter **50.g5**

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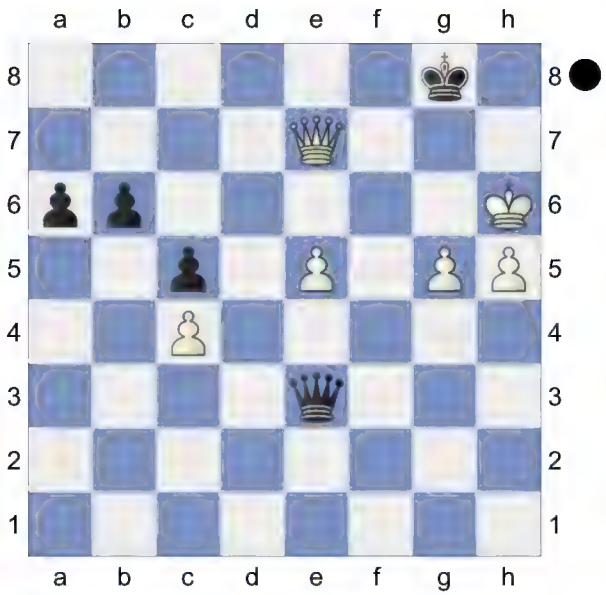

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100 **D52**
□ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2683**
■ **Svetushkin,Dmitry** **2592**
34. ECC Open 2018 (2.4) 13.10.2018
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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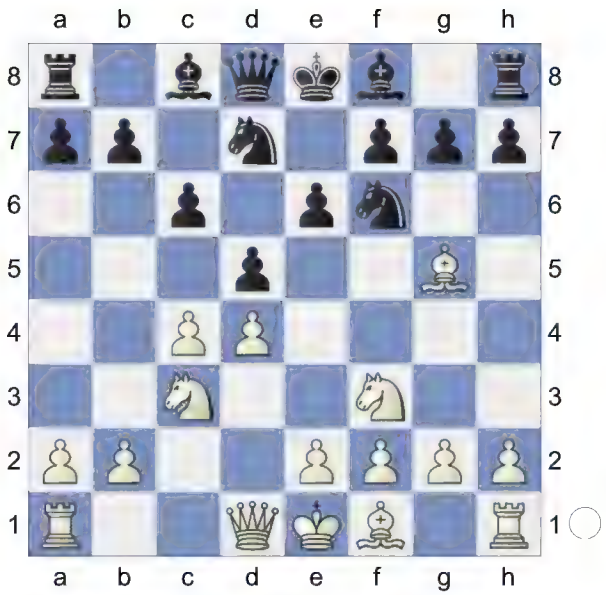
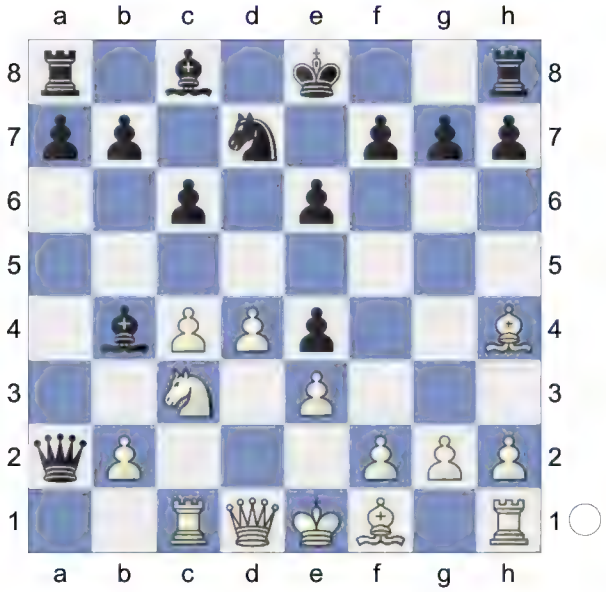


6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 The position is equal. **10...Qxa2**



11.Qc2 Nb6! 12.Be2 White wants to play 0-0.

[12.Qxe4 Qxb2 *(12...Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Qg4∓)* 13.Qc2 Qxc2 14.Rxc2 Na4∓]

12...Na4 13.0-0↑ White has good play.

13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qxc2 0.46/22

[14...Nxc3= 0.10/23 15.Qxc3 Qxe2]

15.Rxc2± c5

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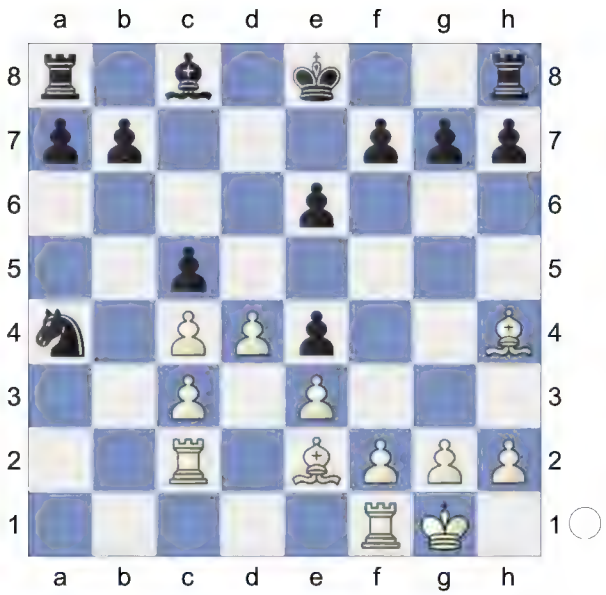
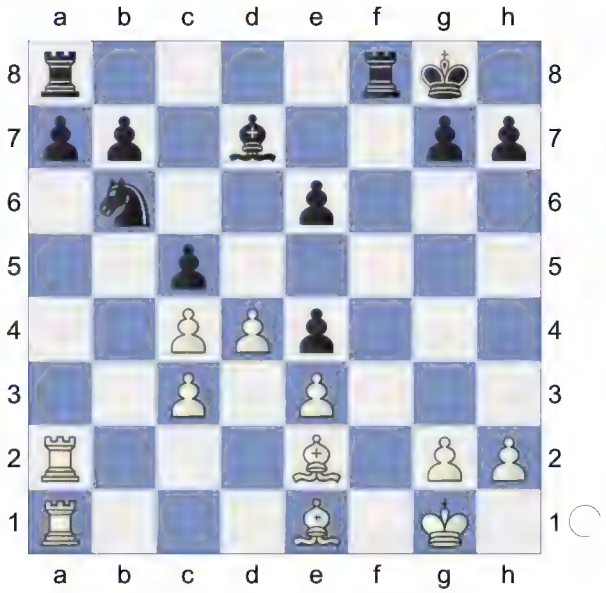


16.Ra1 Bd7 17.f3 f5 1.23/23

[17...Bc6± 0.59/20]

18.fxe4± fxe4 19.Be1 White is more active. **19...0-0 20.Rca2 Nb6**



21.Rxa7 Bc6 22.Bg3

[22.dxc5?! Rxa7 23.Rxa7 Na4±]

22...Na4 1.82/24

[22...cxd4± 1.41/21 was necessary. 23.cxd4 Na4]

23.Rxa8+- Rxa8

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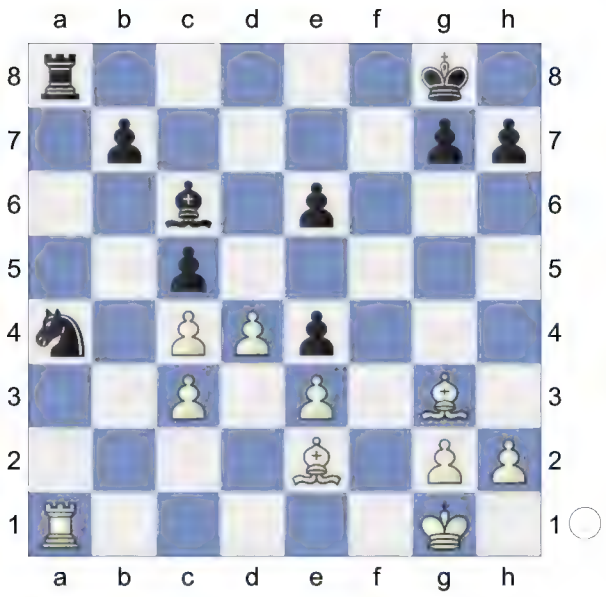
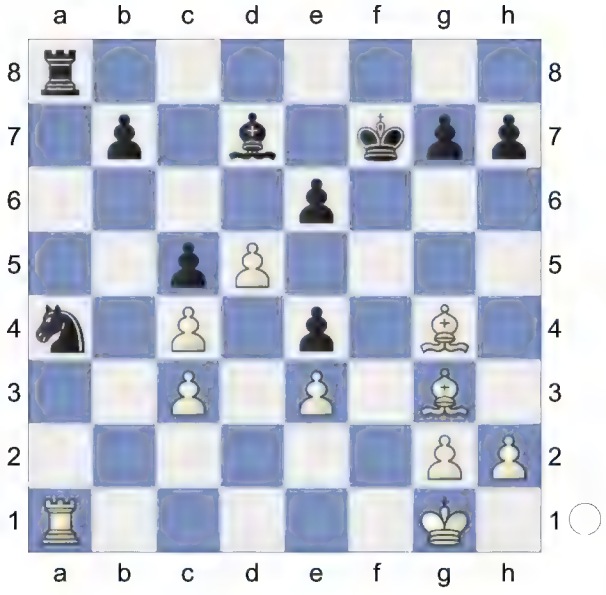
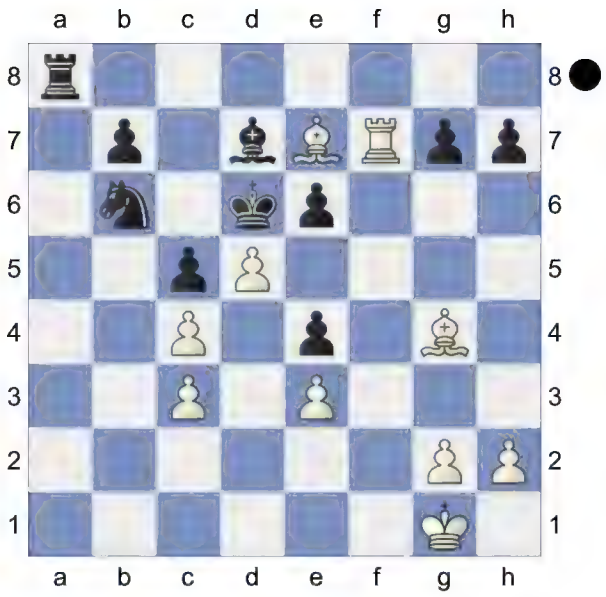


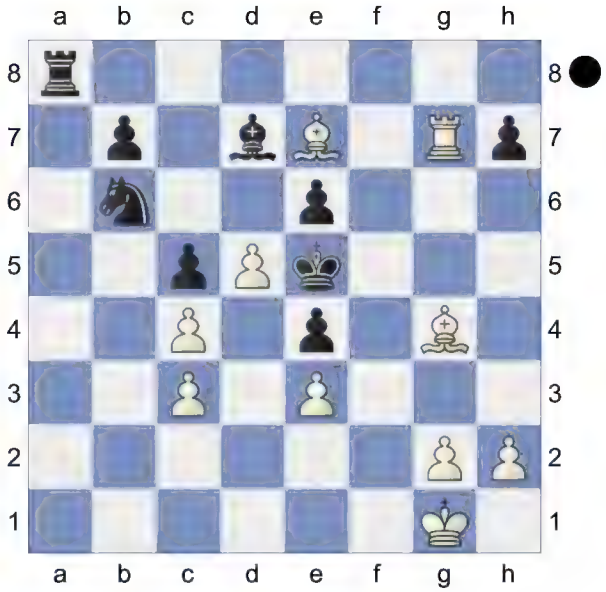
24.Bg4! Bd7 25.d5 Kf7? 4.00/24
[25...Nb6 1.84/23 26.Rxa8+ *(26.Bxe6+ Bxe6 27.Rxa8+ Nxa8±)* 26...Nxa8]



26.Rf1+
[26.dxe6+ Bxe6 27.Rf1+ Ke7 28.Bh4+ Kd6 29.Bg3+ Ke7 30.Bh4+ Kd6 31.Bg3+ Ke7±]
26...Ke7 27.Bh4+ This pair of bishops is nice. **27...Kd6 28.Rf7** Bh4-g3+ would kill now. **28...Nb6 29.Be7+**
(Diagram)



Skewer, Deflection **29...Ke5?** 6.07/23
[29...Kc7 3.53/24 30.Bxc5 *(30.dxe6 Be8+-)* 30...Nxc4 31.dxe6 Pin *(31.Rxg7 Ne5+-)* 31...Ne5 32.Rxd7+ Kc6 33.Rxg7 Nxg4 34.Rxg4 Kxc5 35.Rxe4 Kd5]
30.Rxg7



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101 **D52**
□ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2673**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2731**
Olympiad-37 Turin (4) 24.05.2006
[Postny,Evgeny]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

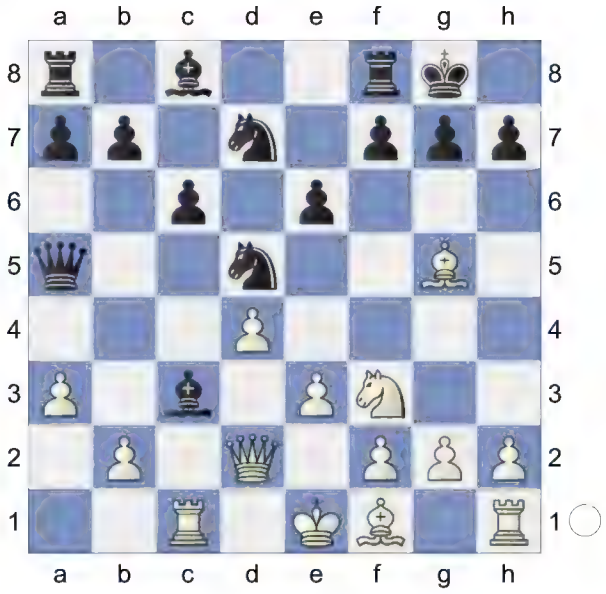
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.a3N

[10.e4 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 e5 13.Bd3 Re8 14.0-0 Queen'S Gambit-8. ♕d2 ♗b4 9. ♖c1 Survey 2012]

[10.Bd3 h6 *(10...c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.e4 N5f6 14.e5 Nd5 15.c4 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 h6 17.cxd5 hxg5 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Bc4 Kh8 20.Bxe6* F-F 12.♖c3 e5 13. de5 12100 (2321)-Wiesner,N (2610) USCCC-1 Final 7476 1974 (3)) 11.Bh4 e5 *(11...c5 12.a3 cxd4 13.axb4 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qb6 15.0-0 a5 16.e4 N5f6 17.Ra1 Qc7 18.c4 b6 19.e5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 Rb8 24.Ra3 e5 25.Rg3+ Kh8 26.Bf3* Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/(528) 1996) 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Re8 14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Ne7 16.0-0 exd4 17.exd4 Nf8 18.Rfe1 Bf5 19.Bf1 Neg6 20.Bg3 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rd8 22.Nb3 b6 23.d5 cxd5 24.Nd4 Be6 F-F (28) Caulkett,P (2620)-5. ♗e2 00 6.00 c6 7h3 ♕c7 (2620) 163 Linz 2012 (4)]

10...Bxc3

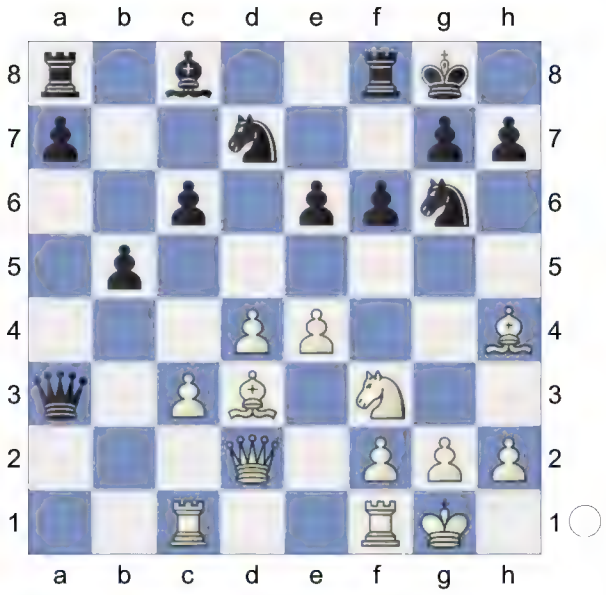


11.bxc3 f6

[11...Qxa3 12.e4 N5b6 13.Bd3 f6 14.Bh4 e5 15.0-0 Re8 16.Bg3 Qe7 17.Nh4]

12.Bh4 The position is equal. **12...Qxa3** The Zaitsev's variation went on to a serious test in the World championship matches Kasparov-Karpov and remains highly topical nowadays as well. **13.e4 Ne7 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...b5 15.0-0 Ng6**

(Diagram)



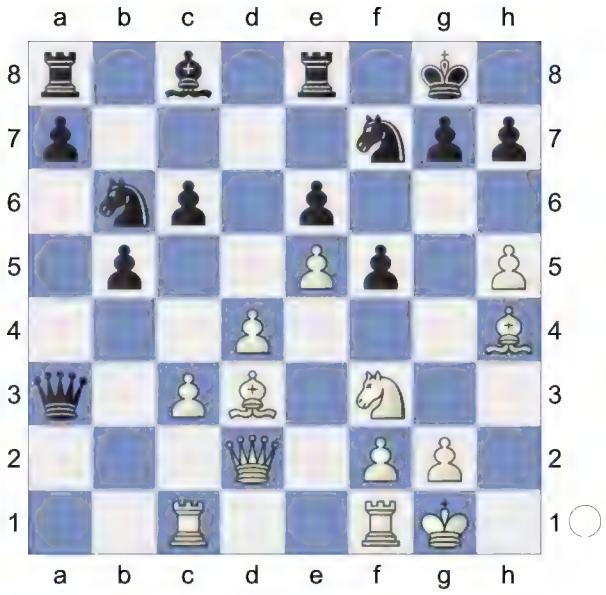
16.Bg3 Nb6 17.h4 White's rook heading to the kingside. **17...Nh8 18.h5!?** A very interesting move, which appeared only twice beforehand. This game will probably give a new push to this line. **18...Nf7?!** A novelty and probably not the best one. In such a sharp line one inaccuracy might be enough to lose the whole game. **19.e5**

[19.Ra1!? Qe7□ 20.e5±]

19...f5 20.Bh4! Re8

[20...Nd5 0.86/20 20...Rf8-e8 0.40 21.c4 bxc4 22.Bxc4]

(Diagram)



21.g4 a5

[21...fxg4 0.61/18 21...Nb6-d5 -0.11 22.Nh2 Nd5 1.43/18 *(22...Nh6!± 0.61/19)* 23.Nxg4± h6 2.19/19 *(23...Qf8± 1.47/20* keeps fighting. *24.Bb1 Kh8)* 24.Kh2]

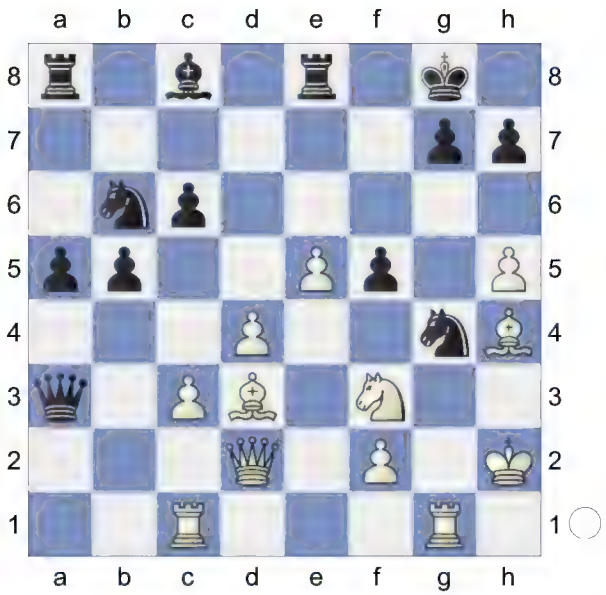
[21...Nd5 22.gxf5 exf5 23.Kh1 -0.68/21 *(23.Kh2!= 0.22/19)* 23...Kh8 24.Rg1 a5]

22.gxf5 exf5 23.Kh2! White is a pawn down, but his pieces are ready for a strike. **23...Nh6?** 2.30/19

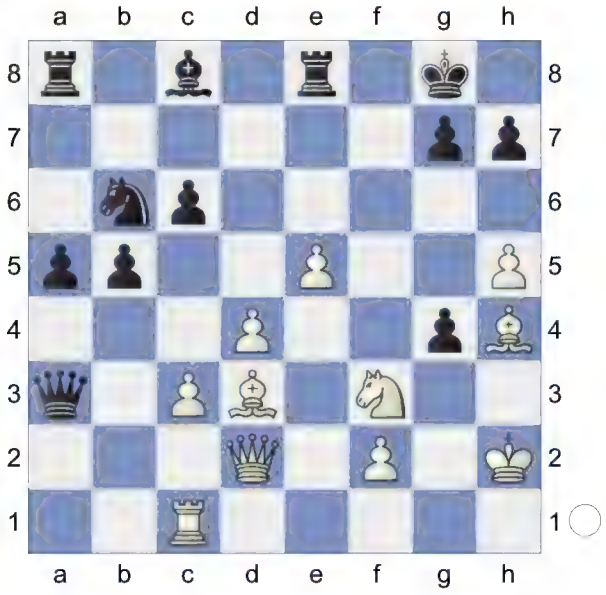
[23...Re6= -0.17/19 24.Bg5 *(24.Bxf5 Rh6±)* 24...Nh6]

24.Rg1+- Ng4+

(Diagram)



25.Rxg4! fxg4



26.Bxh7+ Decoy **26...Kh8**
[and twice 26...Kxh7? 8.80/28 26...Kg8-h8 1.88. It seems that recent analysis showed good defensive resources for Black in both cases. Therefore, White switched to 27.Ng5+ which is considered to be the mail line nowadays. Kg8 has been seen twice in KK World championship match in 1986. Both games ended victoriously for White. *(27...Kh8 28.Qd3 g6 29.Nf7+ Kg8 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Nh6)* 28.Qc2 Kf8 29.Qg6 Repels Re8-e6 Re7 Repels Qg6-f7+ *(29...Qa2 30.Nh7+ Kg8 31.Nf6+ Kf8 32.Qxe8#; 29...Be6 30.h6)* 30.Nh7+ Kg8 31.h6? 1.69/21 *(31.Bxe7* 5.53/22 *Qxe7 32.Ng5)* 31...Bf5? 6.10/19 *(31...g3+* 1.69/21 *32.fxg3 Nd7)* 32.Nf6++- Kh8 *(32...Kf8 33.Qxf5* Intending h6-h7 and mate. *gxf6 34.Qxf6+ Ke8 35.Ra1)* 33.hxg7+ Rxg7 34.Qxf5]
[26...Kxh7 27.Qc2+ Kg8 28.Ng5]

27.Bg6 0.24/20
[27.Be4!
A) 27...gxf3→ 10.53/20 27...Kh8-g8 1.28 28.Bf6;
B) 27...Ra7 1.76/21 27...Qa3-f8 1.08 28.Qg5 Qf8? 3.42/19 *(28...gxf3±* #11/20 28...Bc8-e6 1.74 In the fifth KK match in 1990 Kasparov played once *29.Qg6; 28...Be6±* 1.55/22 *)* 29.Qg6!+- Qg8 Against Qg6-h7+ 30.Ng5 Ree7 31.h6;
C) 27...Qf8 Repels Bh4-f6 28.h6!
C1) 28...g5 1.66/19 28...Re8-e6 1.01 29.Bxg5 gxf3 2.11/20 *(29...Re6±* 1.51/20 might work better. *)* 30.Bf6++- Qxf6 31.exf6 Rxe4 32.Qg5 Prevents Re4-h4+ Rg4 33.Qe5!;
C2) 28...Re6= 29.hxg7+ Qxg7
C2a) 30.Bf6! Rxf6 31.exf6 Qxf6 32.Ne5 0.01/20 *(32.Rh1±* 1.43/21 *Kg7 33.Kg1)* 32...Be6= 33.Bxc6→ *(33.Rh1!? Kg7□ 34.Kg3±)* 33...Bd5 34.Bxd5 Nxd5;
C2b) 30.Ng5 Rg6
C2b1) 31.Bxg6 0.74/19 31.f2-f4 1.16 Qxg6 32.Ne4 -0.01/20 *(32.d5!±* 0.69/18 *Nxd5 33.c4 bxc4*

34.Rxc4) 32...Nd5;
C2b2) 31.f4 Rh6 2.30/17 *(31...gxf3±* 5.92/23 31...Nb6-c4 1.34 *32.Bxg6?? Qxg6 33.Rg1* Prevents Bc8-g4. White wants to mate with Ng5-f7+! *f2-+ 34.Qxf2 Qf5 35.Qe3 Ra7* Prevents Ng5-f7+. *36.Ne4 Rg7 37.Qh6+ Qh7 38.Qxg7+! Qxg7+- 39.Bf6; 31...Nc4± 1.32/18 32.Qd3 Rh6)* 32.Kg3;
C3) ⌓28...Re6 0.87/21 29.hxg7+ Qxg7;
C4) 28...Ra7 1.41/22 29.hxg7+± *(29.Rh1? -0.01/23 29.h6xg7+ 1.57)* 29...Rxg7± De Firmian,N-Ivanov,A/Philadelphia 1993 30.Bf6?! This is rather risky, but deserves investigation as well. For example:
C4a) 30...Nd5 31.Qh6+ Kg8 32.Bxg7 1.01/20 *(⌓32.Bxd5+* 1.60/23 *cxd5 33.Ng5)* 32...Qxg7± 33.Qxc6;
C4b) 30...Kg8 31.Qh6 0.84/21 *(31.Nh4+- 1.64/21)* 31...Nd7 32.Qxg7+ Qxg7 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Nh4]
[27.Ng5?! Qf8=]
[27.Be4!± 1.05/21 g3+ *(27...gxf3? 28.Bf6+-)* 28.fxg3 *(28.Kxg3 Qf8±; 28.Bxg3 Qe7+-)*]
27...Rf8= Wards off Bh4-f6The only way to stay in the game. **28.Ng5** Really sharp!
[28.Bf6 -0.22/25 28.Nf3-g5 0.16
A) 28...Kg8 0.01/21 28...Rf8xf6 -0.57 29.Bh7+ Kh8! 30.Bg6 -0.57/24 *(30.Bb1= -0.01/21 Rxf6 31.exf6 Qd6+ 32.Ne5 Qxf6 33.Qc2 Qh4+ 34.Kg1 Qxh5 35.Qe4)*;
B) 28...Rxf6⩱ Hellers,F-Almasi,Z/Malmo 1994 29.exf6 Qd6+! 30.Ne5 Qxf6]
28...Qb3? 2.46/19
[28...Bf5
A) 29.Nf7+ Rxf7! 30.Bxf7 Qf8 31.Bg6 White has pleasant attacking prospects. Deserved attention: 31...Nd5!? covering the f5 square.. 32.Qg5!? An attempt to block white's initiative on the kingside might be an improvement for Black. Bxg6 33.hxg6;
B) 29.Rh1 -0.68/18 29.Ng5-f7+ 0.01 Nc4F 0.01/19 *(29...Nd5∓* -0.68/18 *30.Nf7+ Rxf7 31.Bxf7 Qxc3)* 30.Qe1 -0.63/18 *(30.Qe2=* 0.01/19 *)* 30...Qa2? 1.38/18 *(30...Kg8!∓* -0.63/18 stays ahead. *31.e6 Rae8 32.Bf7+ Kh8)*;
C) 29.Nh7+- Bxg6
C1) 30.hxg6→ After 30...Rf5 Prevents Qd2-g5 31.Ng5 -0.80/20 *(31.Kg3!=* -0.01/19 *Nd5 32.Bg5)* 31...Nd5;
C2) 30.Nxf8! Qxf8 31.hxg6 Threatens to win with Qd2-g5. Nd5! 32.Qg5 Qf4+ 33.Qxf4 Nxf4 34.Bg5+- g3+? 35.fxg3 Nxg6]
[Black should play 28...Bf5± 0.51/21]
29.Qd3 Bg6-f7! is the strong threat. The "h" file is now a real problem for Black. **29...Qg8** **30.Rh1** 0.10/21 White is more active.
[30.Qc2± 1.44/20 Rc1-e1 would now be deadly. Ra7 31.Re1]
30...Ra7 1.31/20
[30...Nd5 31.Qd2
A) 31...Ne7? 3.38/20 31...Nd5-f4 0.69 32.e6!+- Nf5? 6.00/21 *(32...Bxe6 3.17/19 33.Bh7 Rxf2+ 34.Qxf2 Qe8 35.Nxe6 Kxh7)*

33.Nf7++- Rxf7?! 34.exf7 Qf8 35.Re1∞ Bd7? Prevents Re1-e8. 36.Qg5 and Black is fine.;

B) 31...Nc7? 1.77/19 31...a5-a4 0.09 32.Ne4! and after the following e4-e5 White will get a crushing attack. Qd5? 6.98/21 *(32...Nd5± 1.50/18)* 33.h6!+- Ne6 Against Qd2-g5 34.Kg1!;

C) 31...a4= 0.16/21 remains equal.;

D) 31...Bf5 1.50/21 32.Bg3!± a4 2.65/20 *(32...Rae8± 1.35/20)* 33.Kg2 1.20/21 *(33.e6+- 2.65/20 Bxe6 34.Be5)*

D1) 33...a3? 5.22/20 33...Ra8-e8 1.18 34.e6!+- a2? 8.45/19 *(⌓34...Bxe6 4.07/17 35.h6 Nf4+ 36.Bxf4 Bd5+ 37.Ne4 Bxe4+ 38.Bxe4 g6)* 35.Be5;

D2) 33...Rae8± 1.20/21;

D3) 33...Ne7? 7.68/21 34.e6+- Bxe6 35.Be5 White threatens Ng5-f7+! and mate.and Black should make a draw. Bd5+? 36.f3! Ng5-f7+! would kill now. Rf6 37.Bxf6 Threatening mate with Ng5-f7+. gxf6 38.Nf7+!+-]

[30...Nd5= 0.10/21]

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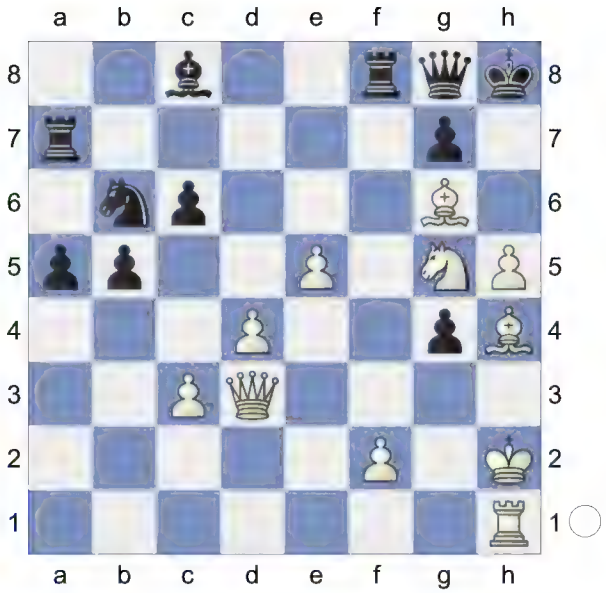

31.Kg1± a4 2.31/18

[31...b4± 1.32/19]

32.h6!+- Qc4? 5.90/20

[32...gxh6 And now ...Nb6-d5! would win. 33.e6! hxg5? #8/18 *(33...Qg7+- 2.38/22)* 34.Bxg5+ Kg7 It was necessary to keep the rooks on the board: 35.Bh6+! Kf6 36.Qf5+ Ke7 37.Bg5+ Kd6 38.Qe5# with good survival chances.]

[32...a3? 5.95/23 32...g7xh6 1.83 33.hxg7+ Kxg7 *(33...Qxg7 Hoping for ...a3-a2. 34.Ne6 a2 35.Bf6+!+-)* 34.Bh7 Bf5 35.Bxf5 a2 36.Kg2 a1Q 10.06/26 *(⌓36...Qd5+ 4.79/18 37.Be4 Qd7)* 37.Rxa1 Rxa1 38.Ne6+ Kf7 39.Qe3]

[32...gxh6 2.16/20 33.e6 *(33.Bg3 Bf5=)* 33...Qg7 *(33...hxg5 34.Bxg5+; 33...Bxe6? 34.Bg3+-)*]

33.Qc2? 1.51/19 Black is forced to exchange queens not to be mated.

[33.hxg7+ Kxg7 34.Qe4 Qd5=]

[33.Qd2+- 5.90/20 and White stays clearly on top.]

33...Qb3±

[33...gxh6? 34.Ne4 *(34.Nh7 Rxh7 35.Bxh7 g3±)* 34...Kg8 35.Bf6+-]

34.Qd3→ 0.01/15 White has some attack.

[34.Qe4+- 1.87/20 Qd5 *(34...Qxc3? 35.Bf7+-; 34...gxh6? 35.e6+-)* 35.Bg3 *(35.hxg7+ Kxg7 36.Qd3 Qc4=)* 35...Qxe4 36.Bxe4 gxh6 37.Rxh6+ Kg8 38.Rg6+ *(38.Bxc6? a3-+; 38.Rxc6 Bf5=)* 38...Kh8 *(38...Rg7? 39.Rxc6 Rxg5 40.Rxb6+-)* 39.e6 *(39.Rxc6 Bf5=)*]

34...Qc4=

[34...gxh6 35.Bg3 Kg7 36.e6 Bxe6 37.Be5+ Rf6 38.Bxf6+ *(38.Be8 Kf8+-)* 38...Kxf6 39.Rxh6+-]

35.Qd2

[35.hxg7+ Kxg7 36.Qc2 *(36.Qe4 Qd5=)* 36...Qb3=]

35...a3? #8/18 This decision is hard to understand. The exchange of rooks leads to a totally hopeless ending for Black.

[And not 35...gxh6 36.Nf7+ Kg8 37.Qxh6 *(37.Nxh6+ Kg7 38.Qg5 Nd5 39.Bf7+ Kh7 40.Qg6+ Kh8 41.Bf6+ Nxf6 42.Qxf6+ Kh7 43.Nxg4#; 37.Nxh6+ Kg7 38.Qg5 Qf1+ 39.Kxf1 Kh8)*]

[35...Qb3+- 4.47/16 36.Ne6 *(36.hxg7+ Rxg7 37.Bc2 Qb2+-)* 36...Kg8 *(36...Bxe6 37.hxg7+ Kg8 38.Bh7+ Kf7 39.Qf4+ Kxg7 40.Qh6+* Skewer, Deflection *Kh8 41.Qxf8+ Kxh7 42.Bg5+ Kg6 43.Qf6#)* 37.Nxf8 *(37.h7+ Kh8∓)* 37...gxh6]

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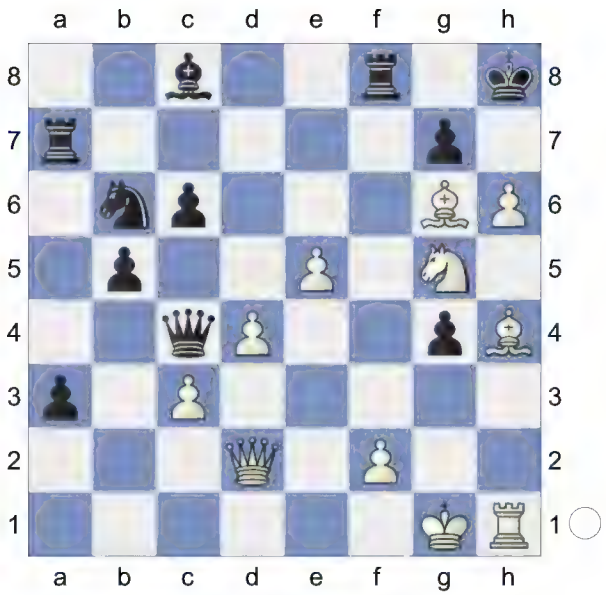
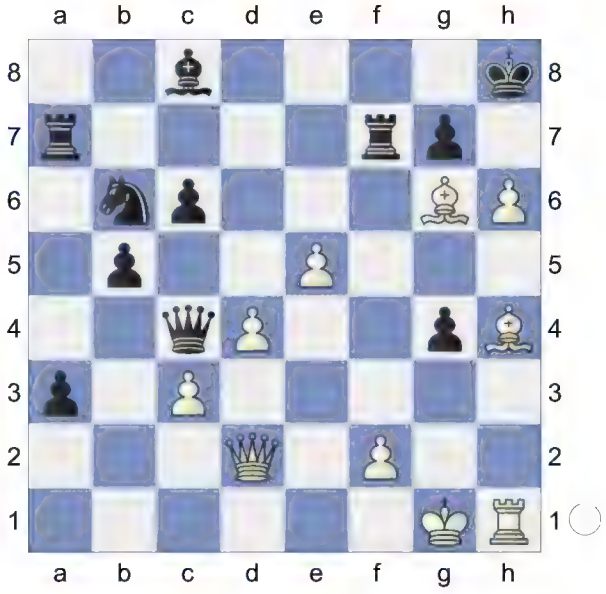


36.Nf7+! Rfxf7

[36...Qxf7 37.hxg7+]



37.hxg7+! Kasim plays it precisely.

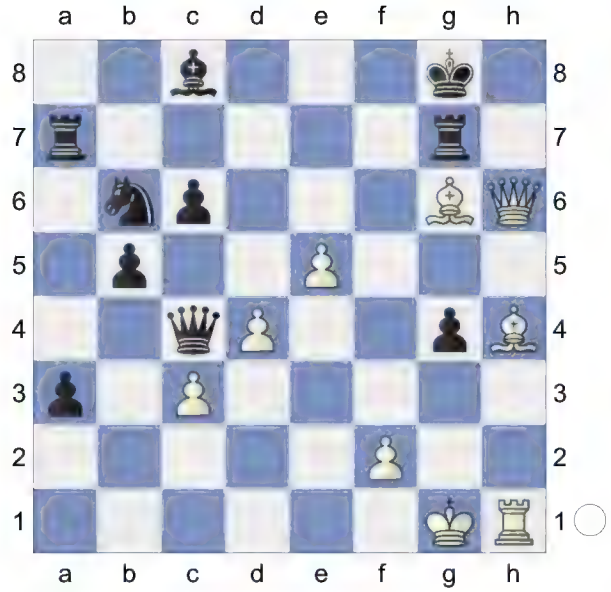
37...Kg8? #3/8

[37...Rxg7+- 3.03/5 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Be7 Qf1+ 40.Kxf1 Rgxe7 41.Qh8#]

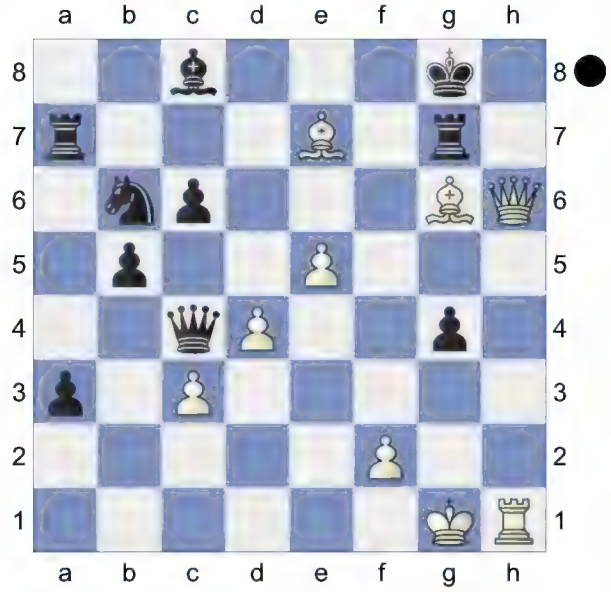
38.Qh6

[38.Bh7+ Kxg7 *(38...Kxh7 39.Bf6+ Kg8 40.Rh8#)* 39.Qg5+ Kxh7 The rook is coming to capture black's "a" pawn. The rest is easy. 40.Bg3#]

38...Rxg7



39.Be7!



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102 **D52**
□ **Azmaiparashvili,Zurab** **2671**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2646**
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[Ribli,Zoltan]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0
[8...e5 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.0-0 Bd6 13.h3 Re8 14.Rad1 exd4 15.Nxd4 Be5 16.f4 Bxd4 17.Rxd4 Rxe3 18.Rfd1]
[8...dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7 11.Be2 0-0
A) 12.a3 Be7 13.0-0 *(13.b4 Nd5 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Ne4 Bd7 16.Rfc1 Be8 17.Nc5 Bf8 18.g3 Qe7 19.Qe4 g6 20.h4 Rab8 21.Bf1 Bg7 22.Rab1 Nf6 23.Qf4 Nd5 24.Qe4 Nf6 25.Qf3 Nd7 26.Bh3 e5 27.Bxd7 Bxd7 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Qxe5)* 13...Rd8 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.b4 *(15.e4 c5 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Bd6 18.h3 Re8 19.a4 Re7 20.Kf1 a6 21.Qb3 Rae8 22.Qb6 Qxb6 23.Nxb6 Bf5*

24.Nc4 Bf4 25.Bd3 Re1+ 26.Rxe1 Bxd3+) 15...Nd5 16.Ne4 b6 17.Ne5 a5 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.a4 Rda8 21.Rdc1 Nb4 22.Qb3 b5 23.Nc3 Qa7 24.Bd1 e5 25.dxe5 Nd3 26.Rcb1 Nxe5 27.Ra2 b4 28.Ne4 Rd8 29.Be2 Rad5;

B) 12.0-0

B1) 12...Bd6 13.f4 Bd7 14.Rad1 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Be6 18.Rxd6 Bxc4 19.Rfd1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Rad8 21.Qd2 Rxd6 22.Qxd6 Qa5 23.f5 Qxa2 24.f6 gxf6 25.Qxf6 Re8 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Qxc5 Qxb2 30.Qxa7 Qe2 31.Rf1 Kg8 32.Qxb7 Qxe3+ 33.Kh1 Qf2 34.Qb1 Qc5 35.h3 Re6 36.Qb7 Qe7;

B2) 12...b6 13.Rac1 Bb7

B2a) 14.Bf3 Rac8 *(14...c5 15.Nb5 Qe7 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.a3)* 15.a3 Be7 *(15...Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Nd5 17.Qd2 c5 18.Ne5)* 16.b4 Rfd8 *(16...c5 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5)* 17.Qb3 Qb8 18.Rfd1 Nd5 19.Ne4 h6 *(19...Qa8 20.h3 c5 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.b5)* 20.h3 Qa8 21.Ne5 a5 22.Nc3 axb4 23.axb4 Qb8 *(23...Nxb4 24.Ra1 Qb8 25.Bh5 Rf8 26.Nd7)* 24.Bh5 f6 *(24...Rf8 25.Nd7; 24...g6 25.Bxg6 fxg6 26.Qb1)* 25.Ng6 Qd6 26.e4 Nxc3 27.Rxc3 Bf8 28.Rg3 Re8 29.e5 Qxb4 30.Qxb4 Bxb4 31.exf6 gxf6 32.Ne5+ Kf8 33.Nd7+ Ke7 34.Nxb6 Kd6 35.Nxc8+ Rxc8 36.Rb1 Bd2 37.Rxb7 Ra8 38.Rb1;

B2b) 14.Ne5 Rfc8 15.f4 c5 16.Bf3 cxd4 17.exd4 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qd6 19.Qd3 Nd5 20.f5 exf5 21.Rxf5 Qh6 22.Re1 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rxc3 24.Nxf7;

B3) 12...Nd5 13.Ne4 *(13.Bd3 g6 14.a3 Be7 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.Ne5 Be8 17.Bc4 Rd8 18.Nd3 Bd6 19.g3 Qe7 20.Rfd1 Bd7 21.e4 Nb6 22.e5 Nxc4 23.Ne4 b5 24.b3 Bxa3 25.bxc4 Bxc1 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Qxc1)* 13...Be7 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.Kh1 Rac8 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Ng5 Be8 19.Bd3 g6 20.f4 Nd5 21.Rf3 f6 22.Nxe6 Qb8 23.Nxg6 Rd7 24.Ne5 fxe5 25.Bxh7+ Kh8 26.Rh3 Bf6 27.Be4+ Kg8 28.Bxd5 exd4 29.Nxd4+ Kf8 30.Qf5 Qd6 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Qe4+ Kd8 33.Rxe8+ Kc7 34.Nb5+;

B4) 12...Bd7 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Ng5 Be8 17.Bc4 g6 18.a3 Nd5 19.Ne4 c5 20.Qe2 cxd4 21.exd4 Qb6 22.Rfd1 Nf6 23.Ng5 Nd5 24.Ngf3 Rc7 25.Ba2 Rdc8 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.Bxd5 exd5;

B5) 12...Rd8 13.a3 *(13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.a3 b6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.b4 h6 19.Qb3 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Ng4 21.Ng3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b5 Bd5 24.Qc2 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Bc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4; 13.Rac1 Bd7 14.a3 Be7 15.e4 Be8 16.Rfd1 Rab8 17.Ne3 Qa5 18.g3 b5 19.e5*

Nd7 20.Ne4 Rbc8 21.f4 Qb6 22.Kf2 f6 23.Qb3 Bf7 24.Qc3 Qb8 25.b4 f5 26.Nc5 Nb6 27.Qb3 Nd5; 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Ne5 Bd7 15.f4 g6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.g4 Be8 18.g5 Bxe5 19.fxe5 c5 20.Rad1 Qe7 21.Rf6 Rac8 22.Qe4 cxd4 23.exd4 Qb4 24.b3 Qa3 25.Qxb7 Rc2 26.Rdf1 Qb2 27.Bb5 Rxd4 28.h3 Rdd2 29.Bc6 Qd4+ 30.R6f2 Rxf2 31.Bxe8 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qf2#) 13...Bf8

B5a) 14.Rac1 Bd7 15.Ne5 *(15.b4 Be8)* 15...Be8 16.Rfd1 c5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Ba4 19.Re1 Qb6 20.dxc5 Qxb2 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qxa4 Rd2 23.Qf4+ Kg8 24.Bc4 Qxa3 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.Qc7 Rad8 27.g3 Qb4 28.Rc4 R2d7 29.Bxd7 Qxe1+ 30.Kg2 Be7 31.Bf5 Rd2 32.Qb8+ Bd8 33.Rf4 Rd1 34.Bd3;

B5b) 14.b4 Qe7 *(14...b6 15.Bf3 Bb7 16.Rfd1 a5 17.bxa5 b5 18.Ne5 Rxa5 19.a4 bxa4 20.Rxa4 Rda8 21.Rda1 Nd5 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Rxa5 Qxa5 25.g3 c5 26.Qb3 Qc7 27.Qb5 f6 28.Nd3 Bc6 29.Qb2)* 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.Ne4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Be8 18.Bd3 g6 19.e4 Nb6 20.Na5 Rab8 21.Bf1 Bg7 22.e5 f6 23.Nc4 fxe5 24.dxe5 Rd5 25.Re1 Kh8 26.Rad1 g5 27.Nd6 Rxe5 28.Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Nxe8 Rxe8]

9.Be2

[9.Nb3 Qa4 10.cxd5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 cxd5 12.Bd3 b6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.c4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Qxc4 16.Bxc4]

9...c5

[9...b6 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ba6 12.Bh4 *(12.Bf4 Rac8 13.Bd6 c5 14.Bxf8 Nxf8; 12.a4 dxc4 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxc4 Qd5 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2)* 12...Rac8 *(12...dxc4 13.e4 b5 14.a4 Qb6 15.Rfb1)* 13.a4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qf5 *(14...Qd5 15.Nxb6; 14...Bxc4 15.Bxc4)* 15.Bd3 Qg4 16.Bg3 c5 17.Nd6]

[9...Re8 10.0-0 *(10.f4 c5 11.0-0 h6 12.Bh4 cxd4 13.exd4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qd8 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Ncd6 Nxe4 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Nxe4 Nb6 19.Qd2 Nd5 20.Rf3 b6 21.Rg3 f5 22.Nf2 Bb7 23.Re1 Qd6 24.Nh3 Nf6)* 10...dxc4 *(10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 dxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.f4 c5 15.Rf3 cxd4 16.Rg3+ Kh8 17.cxd4 Nf8 18.Ne5 Qe7 19.Ng4 f5 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nd3 Ng6 22.Bh5 Rg8 23.Qb3 b6 24.Bf3 Rb8 25.Nb4; 10...e5 11.dxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb3 Qd8 13.Bf4 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Re8 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.Rac1 Ne5 17.Bg5 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Ne4 19.Bxe7 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Nxc4 21.Rxc4 Be6 22.Ra4 Bxb3 23.axb3 Rxe7 24.Rxa7)* 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Be7 15.Rac1 Bf6 16.Ne5 g6 17.h4 Bg7 18.h5 f6 19.f4 fxe5 20.fxe5 Re7 21.hxg6 h6 22.Rf7 Rxf7 23.gxf7+ Qxf7 24.Rf1 Qe7 25.Qg6 Qf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Bh5 Kg8 28.Qe8+ Bf8 29.Bg6 Kg7 30.Qf7+ Kh8 31.Qh7#]

[9...dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ *(11...Qg5 12.0-0 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.f4 Qh6 15.Rf3 g6 16.Rh3 Qg7 17.Bf3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5*

19.Qa4 Bd6 20.Qd7 Bxe5 21.fxe5 Ba6 22.Rc1 Rfd8 23.Qa4 Bd3 24.Rc7 Rdc8 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Qxa7 Rc1+ 27.Kf2 Rc2+ 28.Kg3 Bf5 29.Rh4 Rxb2) 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Bf3 Rfd8 15.a4 Rac8 16.Kd2 Rc7 17.Rhb1 Bc8 18.a5 Nd7 19.Kc2 Kf8 20.Nb6 axb6 21.axb6 Nxb6 22.Rxb6 Ke7 23.Ra7 c5 24.Ra4 Rd6 25.dxc5 Rxc5 26.Rbb4 Rd7 27.Ra3 Rdc7 28.Rab3 e5 29.Bxb7 Bxb7 30.Rxb7 Rxc3+]

[9...e5

A) 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ndxe4 dxe4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 *(13...Re8 14.Rfd1 Qxe5 15.Bf4 Qa5)* 14.Qxe4 f6 15.Bf4 Bf5 16.Qd4 Rad8 17.Bxe5 Rxd4 18.Bxd4 c5 19.e4 cxd4 20.exf5 dxc3 21.Bf3 b6 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Rfe1 g6 24.fxg6 hxg6;

B) 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.cxd5 *(12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc3 14.Qxc3 Nxc3 15.Bf3 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Be6 17.Nd6 Rab8 18.a4 Rfd8 19.Rfc1 Na2 20.Rcb1 b5 21.axb5 cxb5 22.Nxb5 a5 23.Nd4 Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1 a4 25.h3 a3 26.Nxe6 fxe6)* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Rc1 Bxe5 15.dxc6 Rd8 *(15...bxc6; 15...bxc6 16.0-0 Be6 17.Bc4 Rfe8 18.Nb3 Qb6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Nc5 Rh6 21.h3 Bd6 22.Rfd1 Rd8 23.Rb1 Qc7 24.Rb7 Qa5 25.Ne4 Bf8 26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Rxa7 Re6 28.Ra4 h6 29.Rd4 Qa8 30.a4)* 16.Bd3 bxc6 17.0-0 Ba6 18.Nc4 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Rac8 *(19...Qc7 20.g3 c5 21.Rfd1 Bf6 22.Bd3 g6 23.Qxc5 Qxc5 24.Rxc5)* 20.Bb3 Qc7 21.f4 Bf6 22.Kh1 Qe7 23.Rf3 c5 24.Rh3 g6 25.Bc4 Qd7 26.f5 Kg7 27.Rf1 g5 28.Qe2 h6 29.Qh5 Rh8 30.Be6 Qe8 31.Bxc8 Qxc8 32.e4 Qc7 33.Qe2 c4 34.e5 Qxe5 35.Qxc4;

C) 10.0-0

C1) 10...Bd6 11.cxd5 *(11.Nb3 Qc7 12.cxd5 cxd5)*

C1a) 11...cxd5 12.Nb5 Bb8 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nf3 Ne4 *(14...a6)* 15.Bh4 Bf6 16.Nc7 Rb8 17.b4;

C1b) 11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5;

C1c) 11...exd4 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.Nxd6 dxc3 14.dxc6 Qxc6 15.Rad1 Nd5 16.Bf3 cxb2 17.Qxb2 Qxd6 18.Rxd5 Qe6 19.Rc1 Nb6 20.Re5 Nc4 21.Rxe6 Nxb2 22.Re7 h6 23.Bh4 Nd3 24.Rcc7 Be6 25.Bxb7;

C2) 10...exd4 11.Nb3 *(11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.Ne3 Be6 15.Bf3 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.a3 Ba5 18.Na4 Bb6 19.Nc5 Bd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Qf5 g6 22.Qg4 Nf6 23.Qg5 Kg7 24.b4 Re8 25.Rac1 Rcd8)*

C2a) 11...Qb6 12.Nxd4 *(12.exd4)* 12...dxc4 *(12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Bxc4)* 13.Bh4 Qc5 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Bxc4 *(15.a3 Bd6 16.Bxc4 b5)* 15...c5 *(15...Qh5 16.Bg3 Nb6 17.Be2 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7; 15...b5 16.Nxc6 Qxa4 17.Bb3 Qa6 18.Nxb4)* 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nd6 b5 18.a3 bxc4 19.axb4 Qxb4 *(19...cxb4 20.Qxc4)* 20.Qxc4 Rb8 21.Rfc1 Ne5 *(21...Qxc4 22.Rxc4 Nb6 23.Rxc5 Nxa4 24.Rxa4 Rxb2 25.h3)*

22.Qxc5 *(22.Qxb4 Rxb4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Nxc5 Rxb2 25.Nce4)* 22...Qxh4 23.Qxe5 Qxf2+ 24.Kxf2 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Nxe5 26.Nxc8 Rfxc8 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Nb6 Rc2 29.Rxa6 h5 30.b4 Nd3 31.Nd5 Ne1 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.b5 Rxg2+ 34.Kf4 Rxh2;

C2b) 11...Qc7 12.Nxd4 dxc4 *(12...Bxc3 13.Bf4 Qxf4 14.exf4 Bxd4)* 13.Bxc4

C2b1) 13...Qe5 14.Nf3 Qe7 15.a3 Ba5 16.Rad1 Bc7 17.Ba2 Re8 18.Bh4 h6 19.Rd4 Qc5 20.Rfd1 Qh5 21.g4 Nxg4 22.Rxd7 Bxd7 23.Rxd7;

C2b2) 13...Bd6

C2b21) 14.Kh1 Be5 15.Rad1 Nb6 16.Be2 Ng4 17.h3 *(17.Nf3 Bxh2 18.g3 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Qxg3)* 17...Bxd4 18.hxg4 Be5 19.f4 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 f6 21.Bh4 Be6 22.a3 Bd5 *(22...Bd5; 22...Nd5)* 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Rad8 25.Bf2 f5 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Rd1 Qe8 29.Qb4 fxg4 30.fxg4 Nd5 31.Qd4 Rf7 32.Kg1 a6 33.f5 Re7 34.Qc4 h6 35.Rd4 Nxe3 36.Bxe3 Rxe3 37.Kf2 b5 38.Qc2 c5 39.Rd5 Rh3 40.Kg2 Rh4 41.Rxc5 Rxg4+ 42.Kf2 Rf4+ 43.Kg2 Qh5 44.Rc8+ Kh7 45.f6+ Rf5 46.Rc3 Qg6+ 47.Rg3 Rg5;

C2b22) 14.f4 Re8 *(14...h6 15.Bxh6 Ng4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nf5+ Kh8 18.Rf3 Ndf6 19.Rh3+ Kg8 20.Nxd6 Kg7 21.Nxc8 Rfxc8 22.Rg3 Kf8 23.Qf5 b5 24.Be2 b4 25.Na4 c5 26.Bxg4 Ke7 27.Bf3 Rab8 28.b3 c4 29.bxc4 Qxc4)* 15.Rf3 Ng4 *(15...Nb6 16.Bxf6 Nxc4)* 16.Ne4 h6 *(16...Nb6)* 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qc4+ Kg6 *(18...Kf8 19.Ne6+ Rxe6 20.Qxe6 Nc5 21.Qxd6+ Qxd6 22.Nxd6 hxg5 23.fxg5+)* 19.Ne6 Rxe6 20.Qxe6+ Ndf6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd6 hxg5 23.h3 Nh6 24.fxg5 Kxg5 25.Rg3+ Kh4 26.Rxg7 Nf5 27.Nxf5+ Bxf5 28.Rf7 Kg5 29.Rf1 Rh8 30.e4 Kg6 31.Rxf6+ Kxf6 32.exf5;

C2b3) 13...Ne5 14.Be2 *(14.Bb3; 14.Bb3 Neg4 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.h3 Ne5 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 Ng6 19.Qxg6)* 14...Neg4 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.h3 Ne5 17.Rad1 Ng6 18.Bg3 Rd8 19.a4 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Rxd6 21.b4 Bd7 22.a5 Nh4 23.Rfe1 Rd8 24.g3 Ng6;

C2b4) 13...Ng4 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Ncb5 cxb5 16.Nxb5 Bxf4 17.Nxc7 Bxc7 18.Be2 *(18.Bxf7+)*;

C2b5) 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3

C2b51) 14...Ne5 15.Bb3 *(15.Be2 Qe7 16.Rad1*

h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.h3)
15...Qe7 *(15...c5 16.Nb5; 15...Neg4 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.h3 Ne5 18.Bg5)*
16.h3 h6 17.Bh4 Kh8
(17...c5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 c4 20.Bc2)
18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Ng6 *(19...Ned7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Rd4)* 20.Bxf6 gxf6 *(20...Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rfd1 Rad8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Bxf7)*
21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Rd4 Rxd4 *(22...c5 23.Rd5 Rxd5 24.Bxd5 b6 25.c4)* 23.cxd4 Kg7 24.Rc1 Re8 25.g3 Qe4 26.Qc5 Qd3 27.Rc3 Qe2 28.Rc2 Qe1+ 29.Kg2 a6 30.Qf5 Qb4 31.Rc5 Qb6 32.h4 Qc7 33.Qg4 Kh8 34.Rh5;

C2b52) 14...Qe5

C2b521) 15.Nf3 Qc5 16.Bb3;

C2b522) 15.Bf4 Qc5 16.Bd3 *(16.Bb3 Nd5 17.Bg3 Qxc3 18.Bxd5 Qxc2 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Nxc2)* 16...Ne5 17.Nb3 *(17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.e4 c5 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.e5 Nd5 21.Be4 Be6 22.Rad1 Rad8)* 17...Qd5 18.Be2 Bf5 19.c4 *(19.Qb2)* 19...Bxc2 20.cxd5 Ng6 21.dxc6 Nxf4 22.exf4 bxc6 23.Ba6 *(23.Bf3)* 23...Rab8 24.Rfc1 Be4;

C2b523) 15.Bh4 Qe4 16.Qxe4 Nxe4 17.Rfc1 g5 *(17...Ne5 18.Be2 Ng6 19.Bg3 Bd7 20.Rab1 b6)* 18.Bg3 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Ne5 20.Be2 Bd7 21.f4 *(21.Rab1 Rab8 22.f4 Ng4 23.e4)* 21...Ng4 22.e4 Rad8 23.Re1 *(23.Rab1 b6 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.Nxc6 Rd2 26.Rb5 h6)* 23...Nf6 24.Bf3 *(24.Bc4 Nh5 25.f5 Nxg3 26.Kh2 Nh5 27.e5 c5 28.e6 cxd4 29.e7 dxc3)* 24...g4 25.Bd1 c5 26.Nc2 h5 27.e5 Nd5 28.c4 Nc3 29.Ne3 Bc6 30.Be2 Rd2 31.Bf1 Be4 32.a4 Bc6 33.Ra3 Nxa4 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.cxd5 Nb6 36.d6 c4 37.Rxa7 c3 38.Rxb7 c2 39.Rxb6 Rd1 40.Rc6 Rxe1]

10.0-0 Das ist die chancenreichste Fortsetzung für Weiß - die Alternativen 10.♗xf6 und 10.♘b5 sind weniger populär.

[10.Nb3

A) 10...Qa4 11.Bxf6 *(11.cxd5 c4 12.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Ne4)* 11...Nxf6 12.dxc5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Be2 *(15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qe5)* 15...Bd6 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.h3 Be5 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Bb5 Qxb5;

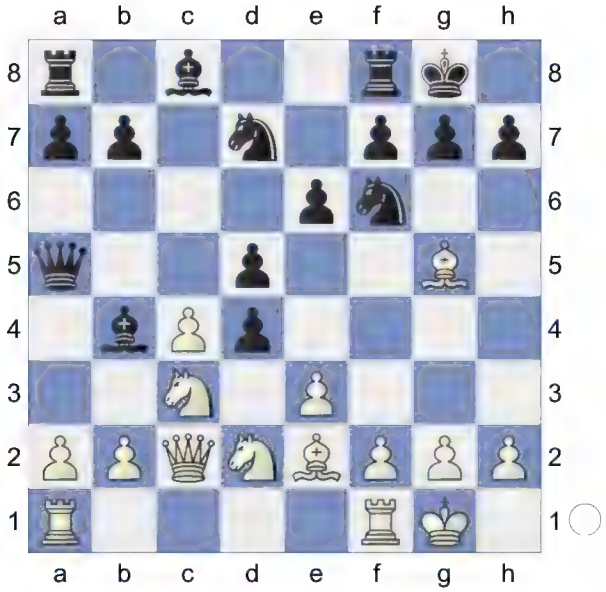
B) 10...Qa4;

C) 10...Qc7 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4

cxd4 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.N5xd4 Bd6 15.f4 h6 16.Bh4 a6 17.Be2 Nd5 18.Qd2;

D) 10...Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qa4 12.cxd5 c4 13.Qb2 Nxd5 14.Nd2 h6 15.Bh4 b5 16.a3 N7b6 17.Rc1 Qa5 18.Nb1 Bd7 19.0-0 f5 20.Bg3 f4 21.exf4 Nxf4 22.Qd2 Nbd5 23.Bf3 Nd3 24.Be4 Qd8]

10...cxd4



11.Nb3

[11.exd4 dxc4

A) 12.Bh4 Nb6 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.d5 Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxe6 *(17...fxe6 18.bxc3)* 18.Bxe6 fxe6 *(18...Be5 19.Bf5)* 19.bxc3 Rac8;

B) 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qd8]

11...Qb6

[11...Qd8 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Bxc4 Nxe4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qe5 Qb4 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Bxb5 a6 20.Be2 Bd7]

12.exd4 Dieser Zug ist wieder in Mode gekommen; früher war 12.♕b3 die Hauptvariante.

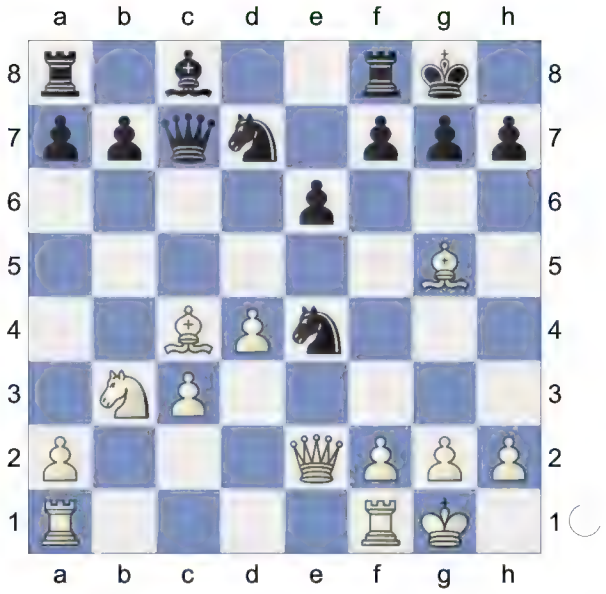
[12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Bh4 *(13.Bxc4 Qc5)* 13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5 15.Qc2 Ne5 16.Bg3 Nb4 17.Qc3 Nd5 18.Qc1 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxc4 Qxc4 21.Bxc4 Bd7 22.Rfd1 Bc6 23.Rd4 Nb6 24.Bf1 Rfd8 25.Rad1 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 f6 27.f3 Kf7]

12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc7 14.Qe2

[14.Nb5 Qc6 15.a3 Be7 16.Na5 Qb6 17.b4 a6 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Rad1 Qg4 20.f4]

14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 RR: '!' **15...Ne4**

[15...b6 0-1 Granero Roca,A-Palac,M/Lorca ESP 2001/(28) 16.Rac1!? Bb7 17.Bd3]



16.Qxe4 Die weiße Drohung ist jetzt 17.♘xe6. **16...Qxc4!?N** RR: 'N' Die Eröffnungstheorie entwickelt sich sehr schnell: statt der schablonenhafter Fortsetzung 16...♖ad8 verbessert Schwarz sofort seine Springerstellung.

17.Rfe1

[17.Rac1]

17...Nb6

[17...Qxc3 18.Be7 Re8 19.Rac1 Qb2 20.Re2]

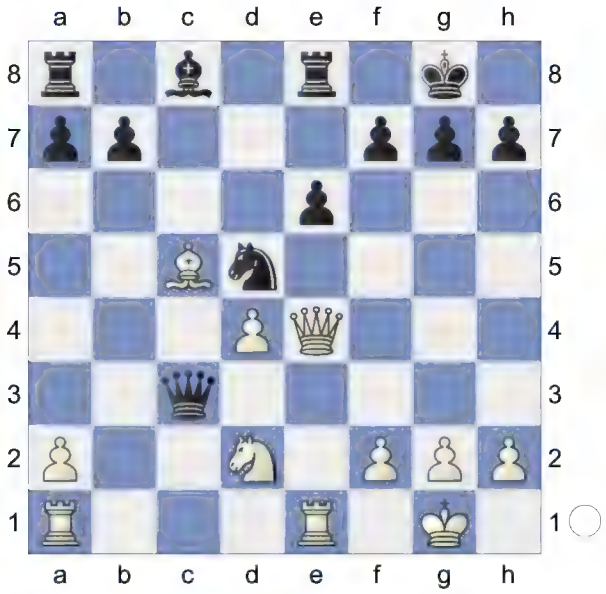
18.Be7

[18.Rac1]

[18.Re3 Qd5 *(18...f6* 0-1 Krivoshey,

S-Donchenko,A/Frankfurt 2004/EXT 2005 (34) *19.Rh3 g6 20.Qh4)* 19.Qh4 f6 20.Bf4 e5 21.dxe5 Nc4]

18...Re8! Das ist die Pointe des Zugs 16...♘e5!? - Schwarz tauscht die Damen. **19.Bc5 Nd5 20.Nd2 Qxc3**



21.Qe2 Der ♘f5 steht ausgezeichnet und die schwarzen Doppelbauern auf f7 und f6 sind immer schwach. Der ♙c3 ist jedoch ebenfalls eine Schwächung.

[21.Qxd5 Qxa1]

21...b6 22.Ne4 Qa5= 23.Bd6!? RR: '!' Weiß opfert einen Bauern, um seinen b1-Turm zu aktivieren. **23...Bd7**

[23...Ba6 24.Qf3 *(24.Qh5* ½-½ Gyimesi,Z-Hoelzl,F/Balatonlelle 2002/(51) *Bd3)* 24...f6]

24.Qh5 h6

[24...f6]

25.Be5 Re7 Schwarz hat einen Bauern mehr, aber dieser hat keine Bedeutung, da die weißen Figuren sehr aktiv stehen.

[25...Rf8]

(Diagram)

26.Bd6 Ree8 27.Red1

[27.Be5]

27...Ne7 28.Be5 Bc6 RR: '=' **29.d5 Bxd5**

[29...Nxd5 30.Qg4 g6 31.Qh4]

[29...exd5 ½-½ Kramnik,V-Anand,V/Dortmund 88/(377) 2003 (21) 30.Nd6 Rf8 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.Qe5+]

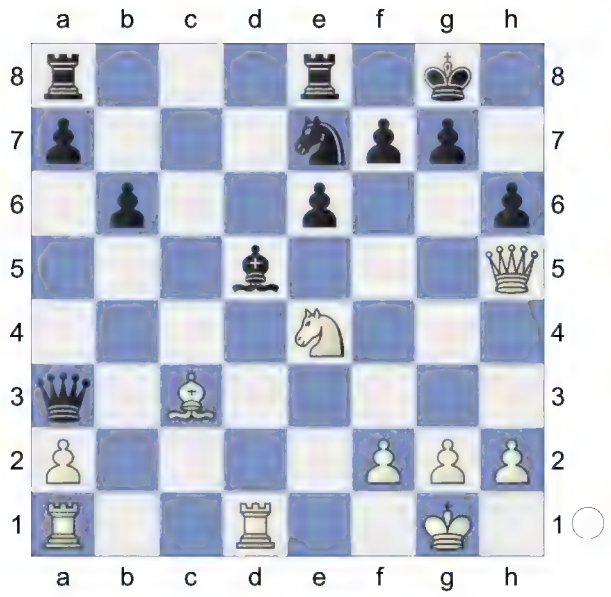
30.Bc3

[30.Nf6+ gxf6 *(30...Kf8 31.Rd3)* 31.Bxf6 Nf5 32.Rd4 Rec8]

30...Qa3

[30...Qa4 31.Qg4 Ng6 32.Nf6+ gxf6!± ½-½ Gulko,B-Salov,V/Linares 1990/CBM 17/(58) 33.Qxa4]

(Diagram)



31.Bxg7 Und Remis durch Zugwiederholung.

[31.Qe5 Nf5± 32.Nf6+ gxf6! 1-0 Akopian,V-Izoria,Z/Moscow RUS 2005/(57) 33.Qxf6

A) 33...e5 34.Rd3 Rac8 35.Bxe5 *(35.Qxf5 Rxc3 ½-½ Gelfand,B-Topalov,V/Monte Carlo 2005/CBM 105 ext (39) 36.Rxd5 Rc1+ 37.Rd1 Δ ♖c4,♘e6 Rxd1+ 38.Rxd1 Qxa2)* 35...Rc1+ 36.Rd1 Rxd1+ 37.Rxd1 Rxe5 38.Qxe5 Ne7;

B) 33...Kf8 34.Rab1 a5 35.Rxb6 Qa4 36.Rxd5 exd5 37.Qh8+ Ke7± 1-0 Smirnov,P-Popov,V/Moscow 2005/(26) 38.Qe5+ Kf8 39.Qh8+]

31...Bxe4

[31...Kxg7 32.Qe5+ Kf8

A) 33.Nf6

A1) 33...Ng6± 34.Nh7+?? Kg8 *(34...Ke7 35.Qc7#)* 35.Nf6+

A1a) 35...Kh8 36.Qd4 Red8 *(36...Qc5 37.Qb2= e5!? 38.Rxd5? Qc6 39.Nxe8 Qxd5∓ 40.Nc7?)* 37.Nxd5+ e5 38.Qe4;

A1b) 35...Kf8+-;

A2) 33...Rec8-+ 34.Nh7+ Ke8 35.Nf6+ Kd8;

A3) 33...Ng6;

B) 33.Qh8+ Ng8 34.Nf6 *(34.Rxd5 exd5 35.Nf6 Ke7 36.Re1+ Kd6)* 34...Ke7 35.Nxe8= Rxe8]

32.Qxh6 Bh7

[32...Ng6

A) 33.Rd4 Red8 *(33...Qb2 34.Rad1=)* 34.Rxe4 *(34.Bf6)* 34...Qxa2 35.h4;

B) 33.Bf6 Qf8 *(33...Qf8 34.Qh5 Rac8 35.Rd4 Rc5)*]

33.Be5

[33.Be5 Nf5 34.Qf6 Kf8

A) 35.Rd7

A1) 35...Bg8 36.Rad1 Rac8 *(36...Re7 37.Bd6)* 37.Bd6+ Qxd6 *(37...Nxd6 38.Qh6#±)* 38.R1xd6;

A2) 35...Re7 36.Bd6 Qxd6-+ 37.Rxd6? Nxd6 38.h4 *(38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Qg5+ Kf8 40.Qh6+)* 38...Rd7 39.h5 Be4 *(39...Kg8±)* 40.Rd1 *(40.h6 Ne8)*;

B) 35.g4 Qf3 36.h3 *(36.gxf5 Qg4+= 37.Bg3 Bxf5 38.Rd7 Qg6+- 39.Qh8+ Qg8+- 40.Qc3 Qg7)*

B1) 36...Qxh3

B1a) 37.Qh8+ Bg8 *(37...Ke7= 38.Bf6#?)* 38.Qxh3;

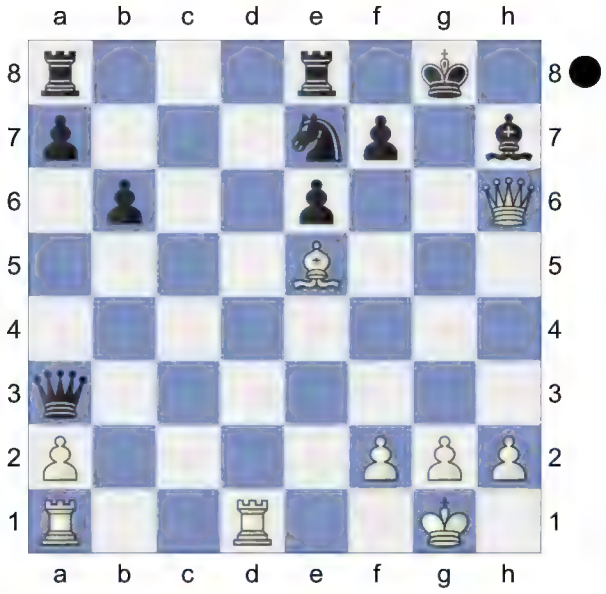
B1b) 37.Qh8+;

B2) 36...Bg8-+ 37.gxf5 Qxf5 38.Bd6+;

B3) 36...Bg6 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Bf6#;

B4) 36...Qe4 37.Rd7 Re7 *(37...Bg8 38.gxf5=)* 38.gxf5= Rxd7 39.Qh8+ *(39.Qg7+ Ke8 40.Qh8+ Bg8 41.Qxg8+= Ke7*

42.f6#) 39...Ke7 40.f6#]



½-½

103 **D52**
□ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2662**
■ **Murzin,Volodar** **2604**
23. Open 2023 (8.4) 03.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 The position is equal. **10...b6**

11.h4N An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2
A) 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Rd1 *(14.e4 Rac8 15.e5 Qa4 16.c4 Rfe8 17.Rd1 c5 18.d5* Cambridge Springs *)* 14...Rfe8 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.c4 c5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb4 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.h4 Qa4

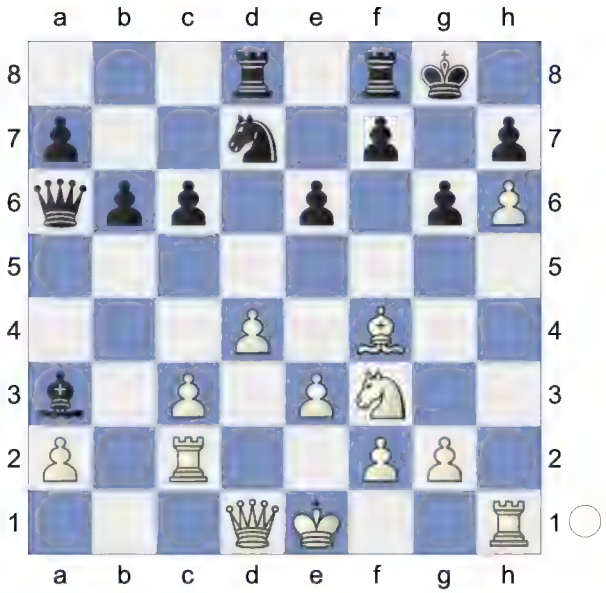
Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan (blitz) 141/(11) 2019;

B) 13.Rxe2 0-0 14.e4 -0.09/16 *(14.c4* 0.27/16 feels stronger.*)* 14...Rfe8 15.e5 Qxc3 16.Re3 Qa5 17.Nd2! ½-½ Vidit,S (2724)-Rodshtein,M (2618) WchT Pool-B 13th rapid 2022 (1.1) Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd5 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Rh3 g6 23.Qh4 Ref7 24.exf6 Qxd4 25.Ng5 Qxh4 26.Rxh4 Nxf6 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 28.g4 Rd8 29.g5 Nh5 30.Ra4 Rd7 31.Re3 Ke7 32.Rea3 ½-½ (52) 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Semi-Slav 5.cxd5 (2618) WchT 3rd Luzern 1993 (1.1)]

[11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 h6 14.Bh4 0-0 15.c4 Rfe8 16.Nd2 Bf8 17.f4 Qh5 18.Nf3 c5 19.Be1 Rad8 20.Qe2 Nf6 21.Bh4 cxd4 22.exd4 Qf5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Rd2 Rd6 25.Kh1 Red8 0-1 (83) Nomindalai,T (2189)-Rogic,D (2378) Split op 13th 2024 (8)]

11...Ba6 12.Bxa6 Qxa6 13.Bf4 0-0 14.h5 Rad8 15.h6 aiming for h6xg7. **15...g6**

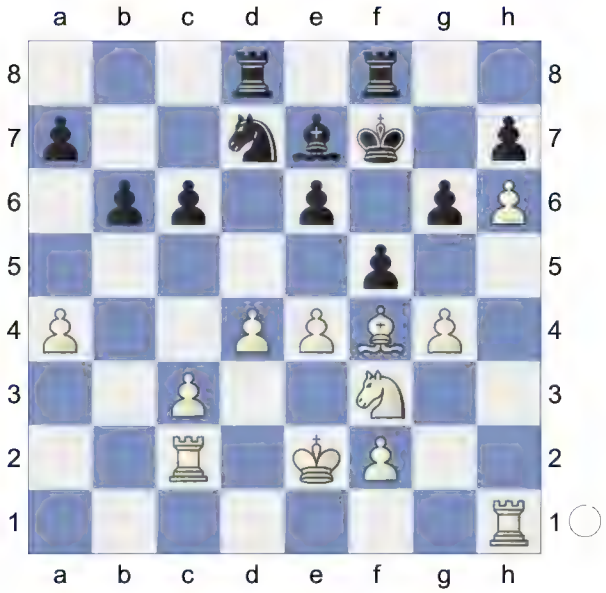
(Diagram)



16.Qe2↑ White fights for an advantage. **16...Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 f6 18.e4 Kf7** 0.83/20

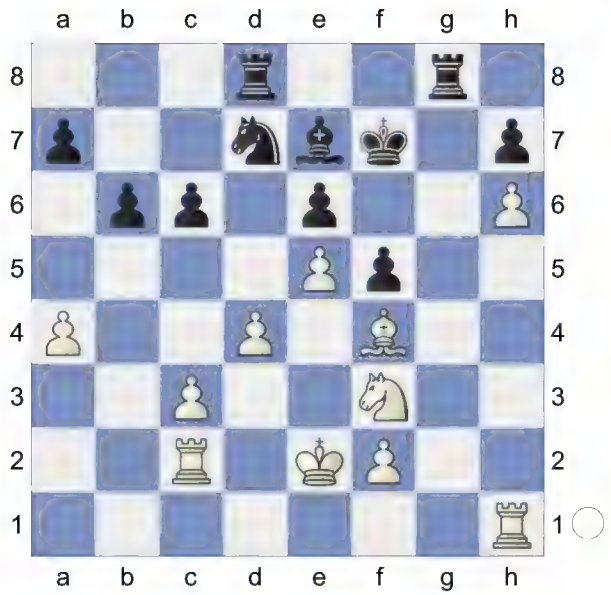
[18...g5± 0.32/18 19.Be3 g4]

19.g4 Be7 20.a4 White is much more active. **20...f5**

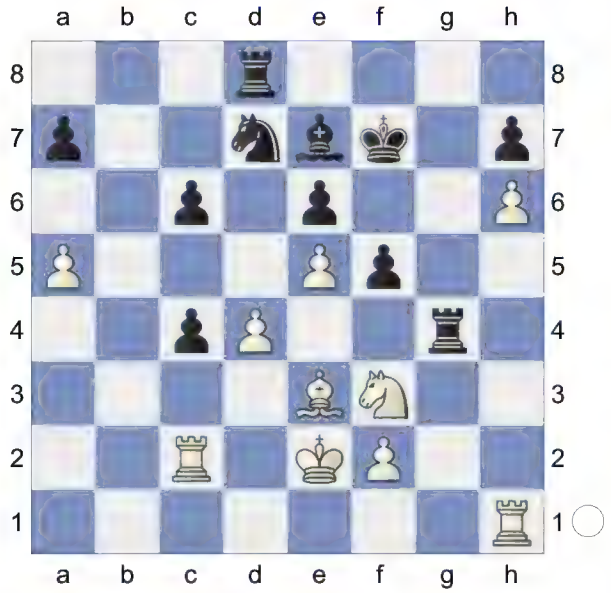


21.gxf5 gxf5 22.e5 Rg8

(Diagram)

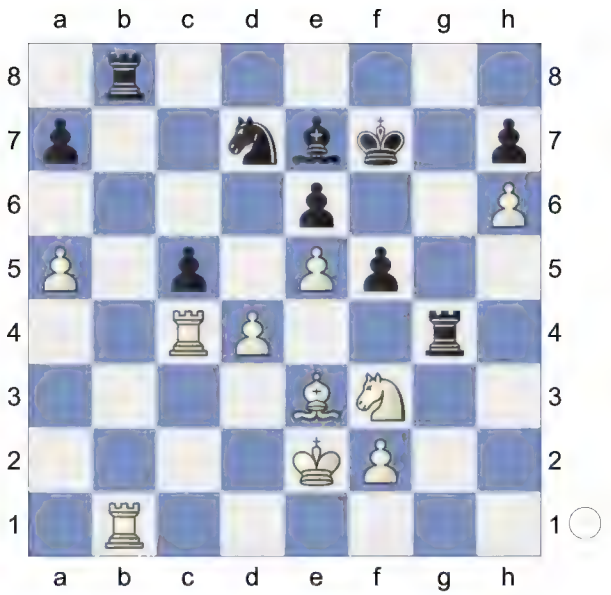


23.a5! Rg4
[23...b5 24.c4]
24.Be3 b5 25.c4 Black must now prevent c4xb5. **25...bxc4** 1.53/24
[⌓25...b4 0.94/20]



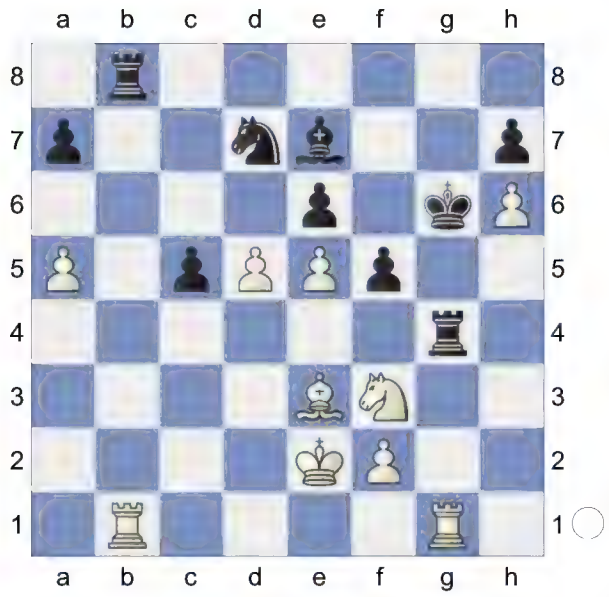
26.Rxc4± c5 27.Rb1 Rb8
[27...cxd4? 28.Rxd4 Rb8 *(28...Rxd4? 29.Bxd4 Nc5 30.Be3+-)* 29.Rxd7+-]

(Diagram)

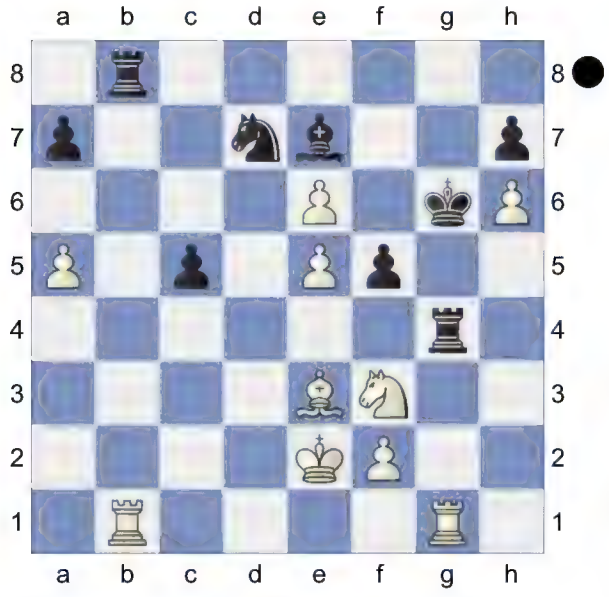


Inhibits Rb1-b7. **28.Rcc1** Strongly threatening a5-a6. **28...Kg6?** 3.85/21
[28...Rxb1± 0.71/22 29.Rxb1 cxd4]
29.d5+-
[29.dxc5 Rxb1 30.Rxb1 Bxc5±]
[29.Rxb8 Nxb8 30.d5 *(30.dxc5 Nc6±)* 30...exd5+-]
29...Re4 5.81/25
[Much worse is 29...exd5 30.e6 *(30.Rxb8 Nxb8 31.Bxc5 Re4+ 32.Kf1 Bxc5+-)* 30...Rxb1 31.Rxb1+-]
[29...Rbb4 3.84/20 is a better defense. 30.Rxb4 *(30.dxe6 Nf8+-)* 30...Rxb4 31.Rg1+ *(31.dxe6 Nf8+-)* 31...Rg4]
30.Rg1+
[Weaker is 30.dxe6 Rxb1 31.Rxb1 Nxe5±]
30...Rg4

(Diagram)



31.dxe6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.45

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104 **D52**

□ **Timman,Jan H** **2655**

■ **Kasparov,Garry** **2815**

(m/6) 73/510 1998

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: C'Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'A rare continuation to counter Cambridge-Springs. Generally it looks too artificial to get an advantage with it and Black here solves his problems confidently.''' Tsesarsky: ''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'A rare continuation to counter Cambridge-Springs. Generally it looks too artificial to get an advantage with it and Black here solves his problems confidently.''' Timman,J: 'Inf 73/510'' ' R.Scherbakov: 'A rare continuation to counter Cambridge-Springs. Generally it looks too artificial to get an advantage with it and Black here solves his problems confidently.'' ambridge Springs Variation 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A rare continuation to counter Cambridge-Springs. Generally it looks too artificial to get an advantage with it and Black here solves his problems confidently.' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A rare continuation to counter Cambridge-Springs. Generally it looks too artificial to get an advantage with it and Black here solves his problems confidently.''''

1.d4 Timman,Jan H 'Tsesarsky Tsesarsky Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H Timman,Jan H' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky Tsesarsky Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky,

Ilya Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H Timman,Jan H"" **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

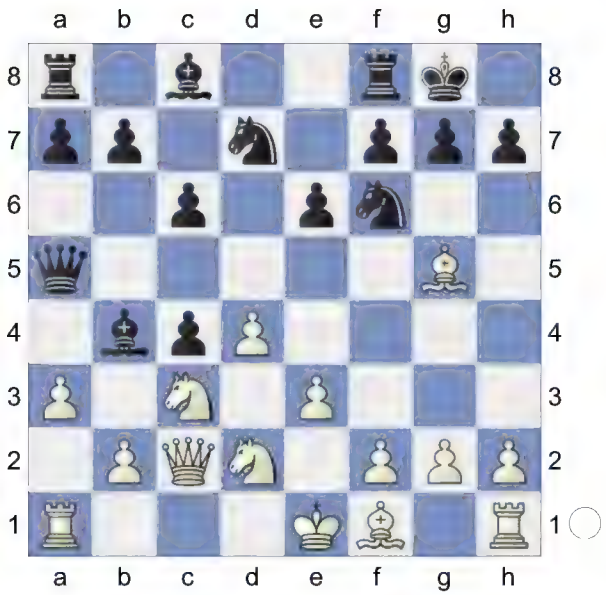
6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0

[8...dxc4 (Timman,Jan H) (Tsesarsky, Ilya) (Timman,Jan H) is possible at this moment and leads to the same kind of position as was considered in the previous games. Generally speaking this exchange is more reasonable on the previous move as here White has just got an extra tempo. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'is possible at this moment and leads to the same kind of position as was considered in the previous games. Generally speaking this exchange is more reasonable on the previous move as here White has just got an extra tempo.' Tsesarsky: '(Timman, Jan H) (Tsesarsky,Ilya) (Timman,Jan H) is possible at this moment and leads to the same kind of position as was considered in the previous games. Generally speaking this exchange is more reasonable on the previous move as here White has just got an extra tempo. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'is possible at this moment and leads to the same kind of position as was considered in the previous games. Generally speaking this exchange is more reasonable on the previous move as here White has just got an extra tempo."]

9.a3 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'A rare continuation.''' Tsesarsky: "Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'A rare continuation."" " **9...dxc4**

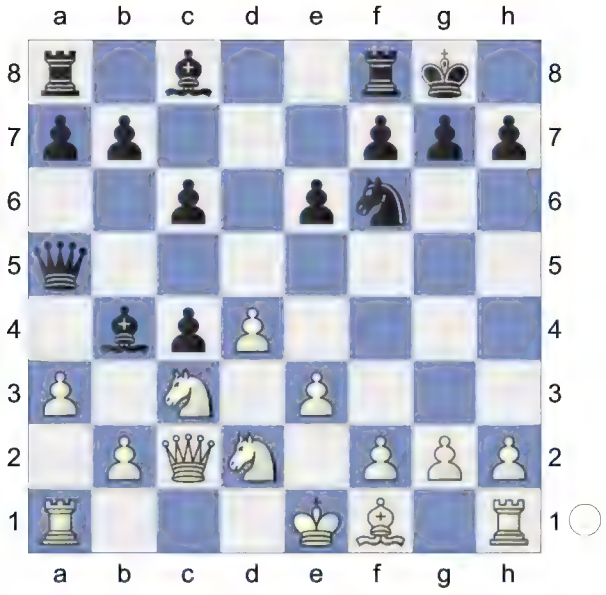
[9...Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Qxc3 11.bxc3 b6 12.Be2 Bb7 13.0-0 Rfc8 14.Rfc1 c5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Bd3 c4 17.Bf5 Re8 18.Re1 h6 19.Bh4 g6 20.Bh3 g5 21.Bxd7 Nxd7 22.Bg3 b5 23.Rab1 Bc6 24.f3 0-1 (37) Ermekov, K (2076)-Sadek,S (2286) FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz 2024 (3.13)]

[9...Ne4?! (Timman,Jan H) (Tsesarsky,Ilya) (Timman,Jan H) does not seem to be good: Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) (Tsesarsky,Ilya) (Timman,Jan H) does not seem to be good:' 10.Ncxe4 dxe4 11.Bh4 and after Re8?! Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'better was' *(better was 11...e5±)* 12.0-0-0! Bxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Qf5! and now in e game Timman - Yusupov, Linares 1983 White could have secured a clear advantage by playing Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and now in he game Timman - Yusupov, Linares 1983 White could have secured a clear advantage by playing' R.Scherbakov: 'and now in e game Timman - Yusupov, Linares 1983 White could have secured a clear advantage by playing' 14.Be2! e5 15.Rhd1 according to Arthur Yusupov *(or 15.f3!?)*]



White must now prevent ...B'Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?'" Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Tsesarsky: ''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: '!?'" Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?" " b4xc3. **10.Bxf6 Nxf6**

[10...Bxc3 simplifies 11.Qxc3 Qxc3 12.bxc3 Nxf6 13.Bxc4 b6]



11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3N 'Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'The ending after' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The ending after""

[Timman,Jan H: 'The ending after' 12.Qxc3 Timman,Jan H: '(Tsesarsky, Ilya) Timman,Jan H Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) (Tsesarsky,Ilya) Timman,Jan H'' Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 c5 14.Bd3 *(14.Be2* (Timman,Jan H) promises nothing, here a draw was agreed in the game Kasparov - Smyslov, Vilnjus cf (m/7) 1984. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'promises nothing, here a draw was agreed in the game Kasparov - Smyslov, Vilnjus cf (m/7) 1984.' *)* 14...Bd7 15.Ne5 Ba4 16.Rb1 Rab8 17.Kd2 Rfc8 18.Rb2 Rc7 19.f3 b6 20.Rhb1 Rbc8 21.Ba6 cxd4 22.exd4 Rd8 23.Rb4 Be8 24.Rc4 Nd5 25.Rxc7 Nxc7 26.Bd3 f6 0-1 (74) Eschholz,D (2403)-5...d6 6...a6 (2484) corr Match Italia-Germany 1998 (11)]

12...Qd5 Timman,Jan H: 'N''Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'N' 'N' Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'A new idea which leads to complicated play.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A new idea which leads to complicated play.' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'N''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'N' 'N' Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'A new idea which leads to complicated play.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A new idea which leads to complicated play." "

[12...Qc7 (Timman,Jan H) Ü 37/(489) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Ü 37/(489)' Timman,Jan H: 'Ü 37/(489) R. Scherbakov: 'was played before in the game Smagin - Rozenberg, URS 1984. White has managed to obtain an advantage by means of''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was played before in the game Smagin -

Rozenberg, URS 1984. White has managed to obtain an advantage by means of' Tsesarsky: "Ü 37/(489) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Ü 37/(489)' Timman,Jan H: 'Ü 37/(489) R. Scherbakov: 'was played before in the game Smagin - Rozenberg, URS 1984. White has managed to obtain an advantage by means of'" Timman, J: '— 37/(489)' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was played before in the game Smagin - Rozenberg, URS 1984. White has managed to obtain an advantage by means of'' ' 13.Bd3 Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman, Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' *(13.e4* Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman, Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya" *c5 14.e5 Nd5 15.Bd3 cxd4 16.cxd4 g6 17.0-0* Timman,Jan H: ' ±' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '±' Tsesarsky: "Timman,Jan H: '±' Scherbakov,Ruslan: ' ±" ' R. Scherbakov: ' ±' *Bd7* Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'Tsesarsky' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Tsesarsky''' *18.Qd2* Smagin,S-Rosenberg,S/USSR 1984/Inf 37 (18)*)* 13...c5 14.e4 b5 15.Ne3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qa5+ 17.Qd2 Qb6 18.e5 Nh5 19.Nc2 Bb7 20.Be2 g6 21.Bxh5 gxh5 22.0-0± 1-0 Filippov,V-Bocharov,D/Russian Cup 7th Stage, Tomsk RUS 1998 (29)]

[12...Qg5 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya" 13.f4 *(13.Ne5!?±)*

A) 13...Qh6 14.Be2 Nd5 15.Qd2 b5 16.Ne5 *(16.Na5 Bd7 17.0-0±)* 16...Bb7 17.0-0 f6 18.Nd7 Rf7 19.Nc5±;

B) 13...Qd5 14.Bd3 b6

B1) 15.Ne5

B1a) 15...Bb7? 16.e4 Qa5 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Nc4 Qh5 19.Rf3 g6? *(19...h6 20.Ne5±)* 20.Rh3 *(20.Raf1? Qh6±* 1-0 Peszticz,L-Mitlasovszki,I/Zalakaros op 1995/EXT 95op (40)*)* 20...Qg4 21.Rf1+-;

B1b) 15...c5! 16.0-0 *(16.e4 Qd6 17.Nc4 Qxf4 18.e5 Nd5 19.Bxh7+ Kh8 20.g3 Qh6 21.Bd3 Bb7∓)* 16...Bb7F ;

B2) 15.e4! Qh5 *(15...Qd7 16.e5±)* 16.0-0±]

13.Bd3 -0.46/21 Timman,Jan H: '!"[Δ e4-e5] Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' '!' Timman,Jan H: '[Δ e4-e5]' Timman,Jan H: '[Δ e4-e5] R.Scherbakov: 'A principled decision. White is going to advance e4-e5 so Black should accept the sacrifice otherwise he will be much worse.'" Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' Timman,Jan H: '[Δ e4-e5]'' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A principled decision. White is going to advance e4-e5 so Black should accept the sacrifice otherwise he will be much worse.' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: '!"[Δ e4-e5] Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' '!' Timman,Jan H: '[Δ e4-e5]' Timman,Jan H: '[Δ e4-e5] R.Scherbakov: 'A principled decision. White is going to advance e4-e5 so Black should accept the sacrifice otherwise he will be much worse.'" Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' Timman,Jan H: '[Δ e4-e5]'' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A principled decision. White is going to advance e4-e5 so Black should accept the sacrifice otherwise he will be much worse." "

[13.Ne5= 0.00/18]

13...b5 0.15/19 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman, Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' R. Scherbakov: 'A good idea - Black

activates his queenside pawns before accepting the gift.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Immediate' Tsesarsky: ''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'A good idea - Black activates his queenside pawns before accepting the gift.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Immediate'' ' R. Scherbakov: 'A good idea - Black activates his queenside pawns before accepting the gift."

[13...Qxg2∓ -0.46/21 14.0-0-0

A) 14...Qd5 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman, Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' 15.Rhg1 Bd7 16.Rg3 *(16.e4 Qh5 17.f4 Rfd8 18.Qf2 Be8 19.Rg5 Qh3 20.Rg3 Qh6 21.Rdg1 g6 22.Rg5⩱)* 16...Rfd8 17.Rdg1 g6 18.Rg5! *(18.Ne5 Be8∓)* 18...e5 19.Nxe5±;

B) 14...b5 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman, Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya''

B1) 15.Rdg1 Qd5 16.e4 Qh5 17.Ne5 c5∓;

B2) 15.Rhg1!? Qd5 16.e4 *(16.Ne5 Rd8 17.Rg3 Qd6 18.Kb2 Bb7 19.Rdg1+-)* 16...Qh5 17.Ne5 c5 18.f4 cxd4 19.Qg2 Qh6 20.cxd4 Bb7 21.Kb2 Rfd8-+;

B3) 15.Ne5!? Qd5 16.Rhg1 Rd8 17.Rg3 Qd6 *(17...c5 18.Rdg1 g6 19.Bxg6+-)* 18.Kb2 Bb7 19.Rdg1 Tsesarsky,Ilya: '+-' '+-' '+-' '+-' Tsesarsky: '+-' '+-' '+-' '+-' 'Timman,Jan H: '+-' '+-' 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: '+-' '+-' '+-' Tsesarsky: '+-' '+-' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '+-' ''+-' Tsesarsky. ''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '+-' ''+-' Tsesarsky. ' Qf8 20.Rf3 *(20.Rxg7+ Qxg7 21.Rxg7+ Kxg7 22.Qd1±)* 20...Qe7 21.Bxh7++-;

C) 14...Qh3]

14.e4=

[14.Ne5 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H' Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H'' c5 15.Ng4 Bb7!∞ Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'led to unclear consequences, according to Jan Timman.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'led to unclear consequences, according to Jan Timman.']

14...Qg5

[But not 14...Nxe4? 15.Ne3 Qd7 16.Bxe4+-]

15.Ne5 -0.33/20 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: '∓?' '∓?' '∓?' '∓?' Tsesarsky: ' ∓?' ''Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: ' ∓?' '∓?' '∓?' Tsesarsky: '∓?' '∓?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and''' ∓?' '∓?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and''

[15.Ne3= 0.14/19 might be stronger. e5 Timman,Jan H

A) 16.h4?! Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman, Jan H: '?!'' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: '?!''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '?!''' ' Qf4 17.g3 Qf3∓ Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: ' ∓'' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: '∓''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '∓''' ' 18.0-0 Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' Re8 19.Be2 *(19.d5 Bb7 20.Rab1 cxd5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.Be4 Nxe3 24.Bxf3 Nxc2 25.Bxb7 Nxa3 26.Ra1 Rab8 27.Bg2 Nc4 28.Rxa7 f6=)* 19...Qxe4 20.Bd3 Qf3 21.Be2=;

B) 16.0-0

B1) 16...Rd8 Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' 17.Rfd1 Be6 *(17...exd4 18.cxd4 Rxd4 19.Qxc6 Rb8 20.Qc7 Ra8 21.Be2 Rxe4 22.Qc6+-; 17...Ng4 18.Nxg4 Bxg4 19.Be2 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Rd6=)*

B1a) 18.a4? b4! 19.dxe5 b3! 20.Qb2 Qxe5 *(20...Ng4 21.Nxg4 Bxg4 22.Be2 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Qxe5 24.Qb2 Qe6∓)* 21.Nc4 Qb8 *(21...Bxc4 22.Bxc4 Nxe4 23.Qxb3=)* 22.e5 Ng4 23.Qe2 Rd5 24.Re1 Qd8 25.Be4 Rc5∓;

B1b) 18.Be2 Rd6 19.dxe5 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qxe5∓;

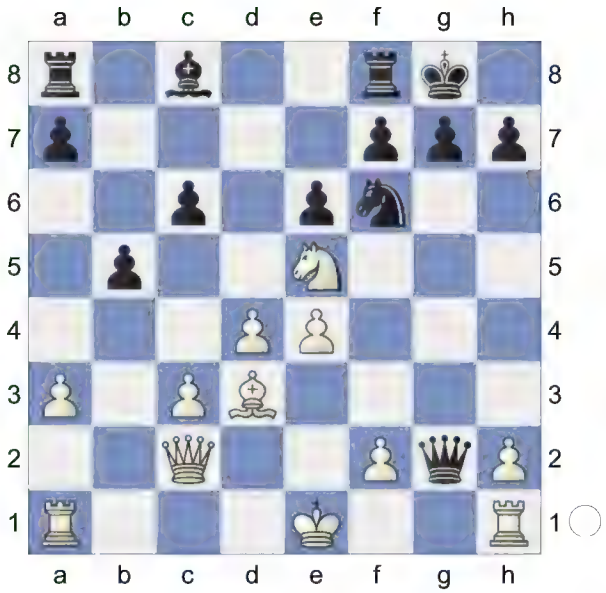
B2) 16...Ng4 Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H' Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H'' 17.Rae1± Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'would promise a small edge for White, according to Jan Timman. In my opinion, Black can be satisfied with the position in both lines.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'would promise a small edge for White, according to Jan Timman. In my opinion, Black can be satisfied with the position in both lines.']

[Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'Other retreats were also worthy of consideration. After''' R. Scherbakov: 'Other retreats were also worthy of consideration. After' 15.Nd6 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H' Tsesarsky: '(Timman, Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H'' Qxg2 16.0-0-0 Qg5+ 17.Kb2 e5!∞ Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'Black was fine''' *(17...Ne8 18.e5±)*]

[Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'both''' 15.Na5!? (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H' Tsesarsky: '(Timman, Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H'' c5! *(15...Qxg2* (Tsesarsky,Ilya) Timman,Jan H *16.0-0-0)* 16.e5! *(16.0-0 c4 17.Be2 e5!=)* 16...c4 *(16...Qxg2* (Tsesarsky,Ilya) Timman, Jan H *17.0-0-0)* 17.Be4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Rb8 19.a4±]

15...Qxg2∓

[15...c5 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H' Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H'' 16.Qd2!±]



Timman,Jan H: '!' □ Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' '!' Timman,Jan H: '□' Timman,Jan H: ' □'' Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' Timman,Jan H: '□'' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: '!'' □ Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' '!' Timman,Jan H: 'F' Timman,Jan H: ' □'' Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!'

Timman,Jan H: '□ ''' '' **16.0-0-0** aiming for h2-h4! **16...Qg5+**

[16...c5? (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' 17.Rhg1 Qxh2 18.Qd2

A) 18...cxd4 19.Rxg7+ Kh8 *(19...Kxg7 20.Qg5+ Kh8 21.Qxf6+ Kg8 22.Ng4+-)* 20.Qg5 Qxf2 21.Ng4+-;

B) 18...h6 19.Rh1 Qg2 20.Rdg1+-]

17.Qd2!

[17.Kb2 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'would have led to interesting complications but Black seems to be okay:''' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'would have led to interesting complications but Black seems to be okay:' Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'would have led to interesting complications but Black seems to be okay:''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'would have led to interesting complications but Black seems to be okay:'' c5 18.f4 *(18.Rhg1 Qf4 19.Rg2 Bb7 20.Rdg1 g6∓)* 18...Qxf4 19.Rdf1 Qh6 20.Rhg1 cxd4 21.cxd4 Bb7 22.Qf2 Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'and now even''' Rad8!∓ Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: '!?' '!?''' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '!?' 23.Qxf6 (Tsesarsky,Ilya) Timman,Jan H Qxf6 24.Rxf6 Rxd4∓ would promise better chances to Black, according to Timman. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'would promise better chances to Black, according to Timman.']

[17.Kb1?! (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' c5 18.Rhg1 Qf4 19.Rg3 *(19.f3 cxd4 20.cxd4 a6 21.Rg2 Nd7 22.Rg4 Qh6 23.Rdg1 g6 24.Nc6 Qe3∓)* 19...c4∓]

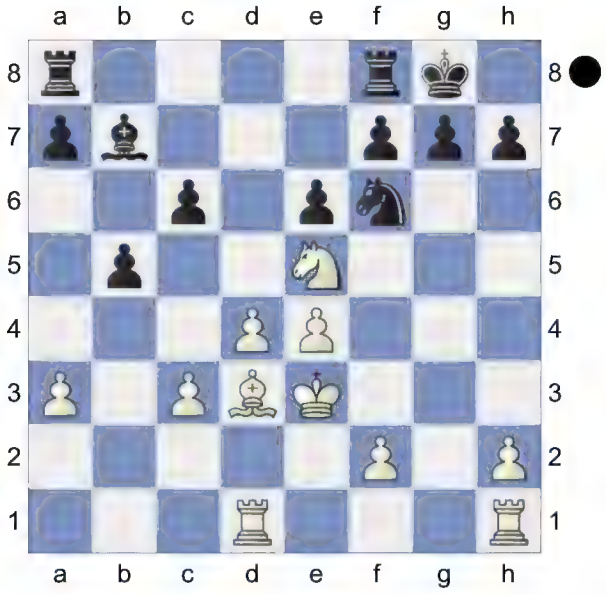
17...Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Timman,Jan H: '"Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: ' ' Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'In the ending White has a superior position but his chances are reduced to rough equality because he happens to be a pawn down.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'In the ending White has a superior position but his chances are reduced to rough equality because he happens to be a pawn down.' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: '"Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: ' ' Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'In the ending White has a superior position but his chances are reduced to rough equality because he happens to be a pawn down.''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'In the ending White has a superior position but his chances are reduced to rough equality because he happens to be a pawn down." " **18...Bb7**

[18...Bd7!? (Timman,Jan H) Δ Rfb8, Be8 Tsesarsky,Ilya: '(Timman,Jan H) F Ffb8, Fe8 Timman,Jan H: ' Δ Rfb8, Be8 R.Scherbakov: 'deserved attention with the idea ..Rfb8 and ... Be8 (Timman).''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'deserved attention with the idea .. Rfb8 and ...Be8 (Timman).' Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) Δ Rfb8, Be8 Tsesarsky,Ilya: '(Timman,Jan H) F Ffb8, Fe8 Timman,Jan H: ' Δ Rfb8, Be8 R.Scherbakov: 'deserved attention with the idea ..Rfb8 and ... Be8 (Timman).''' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'deserved attention with the idea .. Rfb8 and ...Be8 (Timman)."]

[18...a6 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,

Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya" 19.Nxc6 *(19.a4 Bb7 20.Ke3 Rfd8∓)* 19...Bb7∓]

19.Ke3



c5 0.20/22 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: '=?' '=?' '=?' '=?' Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: 'The most reliable way to avoid possible problems.'" Tsesars"Tsesarsky,Ilya: '=?' '=?' '=?' Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'The most reliable way to avoid possible problems.''' Tsesarsky: '=?' '=?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'The most reliable way to avoid possible problems. '=?' Tsesarsky. " ' ky: '=?' '=?' '=?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The most reliable way to avoid possible problems. '=?' Tsesarsky. "

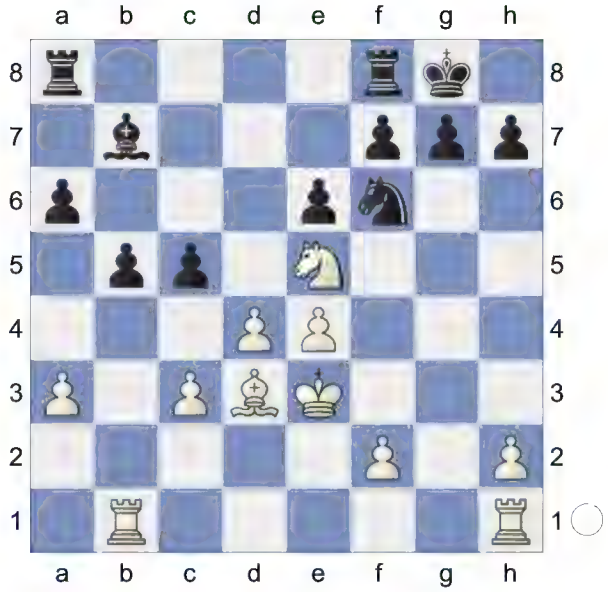
[19...a6 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' 20.a4 Rfd8 Tsesarsky,Ilya: ' ∓' '∓' '∓' '∓' Tsesarsky: '∓' '∓' '∓' 'F'Timman,Jan H: ' ∓' '∓' 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: ' ∓' '∓' '∓' Tsesarsky: '∓' '∓' Scherbakov,Ruslan: ' ∓' "F' Tsesarsky. '" š' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '∓' "∓' Tsesarsky. ' 21.Ra1 Nd7∓]

[19...Rfd8 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya" 20.Rb1 Nd7∓]

20.Rb1=

[20.Bxb5 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya" Nxe4∓]

20...a6



21.a4!

[21.dxc5 Rfc8 22.c6 Bxc6=]

21...Rfc8

[21...cxd4+ (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman, Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya" 22.cxd4 Rfc8 23.f3F]

22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxb5 cxd4+ 24.cxd4 Ba6 25.Rc5 Threatens to win with Bd3xa6. 'Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman, Jan H: '!' '!" Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: '!"Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' '!"" " Timman,Jan H: '!'

[25.Rb3 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya" Bxd3 26.Kxd3=]

25...Bxd3

[25...Rxc5 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H:

'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' 26.dxc5 Bxd3 27.Nxd3±]

26.Rxc8+

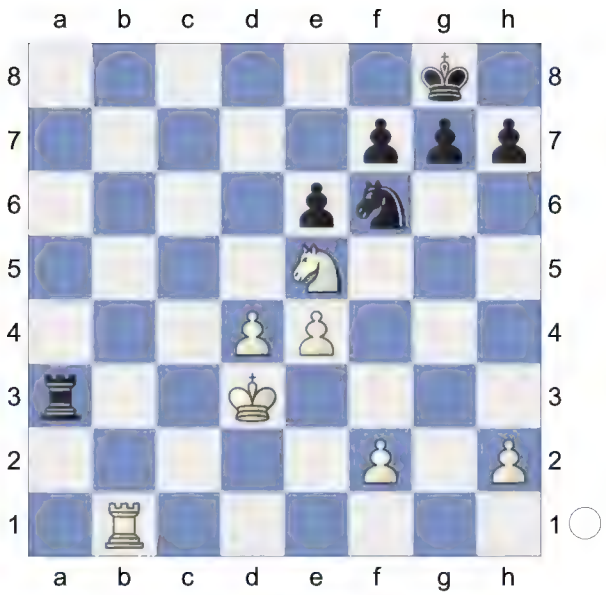
[26.Nxd3 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: 'Tsesarsky,Ilya'' Rd8=]

26...Rxc8 **27.Kxd3** KRN-KRN **27...Ra8** Against Rh1-a1 Timman,Jan H: ''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' '!'' Tsesarsky: 'Timman,Jan H: '!''Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: '!' '!''' '' !' **28.Rb1**

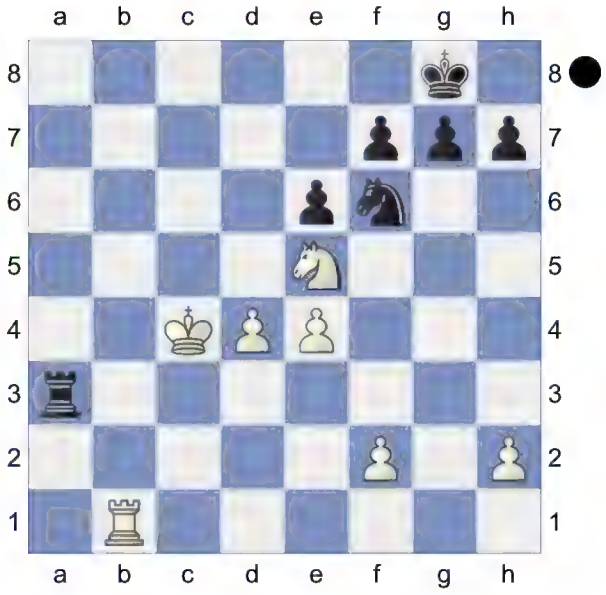
[28.f3 (Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H' Tsesarsky: '(Timman,Jan H) Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H'' Ra3+ 29.Kc4 Ra4+ 30.Kc5 Ra5+ 31.Kb6 Ra2=]

28...Ra3+ The position is equal. **29.Kc4** Rb1-b8+ would kill now. **29...Ra4+** **30.Kd3** White threatens Rb1-b8+ and mate. **30...Ra3+**

(Diagram)



31.Kc4



Weighted Error Value: Whit'Tsesarsky, Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R.Scherbakov: 'A draw was agreed.''' Tsesarsky: ''Tsesarsky,Ilya: 'Timman,Jan H: 'R. Scherbakov: 'A draw was agreed.'''' '' e=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

105 **D52**
□ **Mikhalevski,Victor** **2632**
■ **Stefansson,Hannes** **2566**
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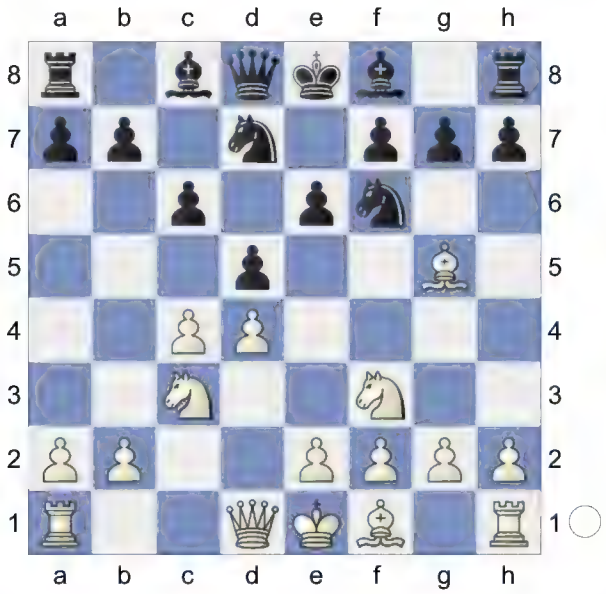
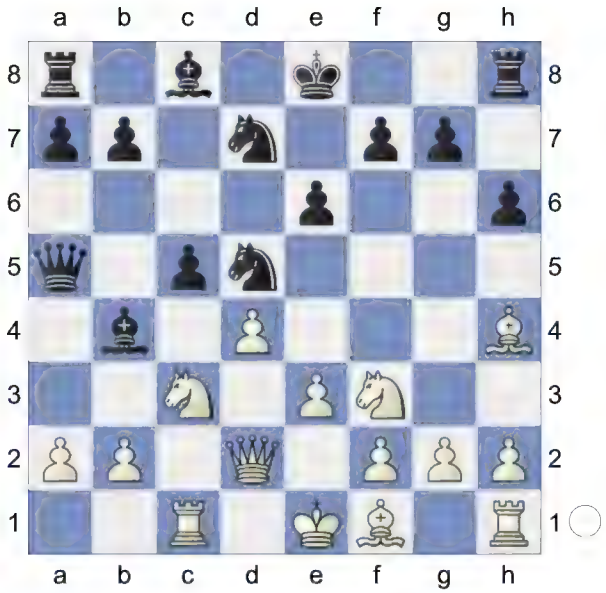
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Bojan Vuckovic: 'Current Reputation: Playable for both sides' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

(Diagram)



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.Ne5N -0.16/20
[13.c4± 0.38/18 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.f3 *(15.Bd3 Bb7 16.f3 f5 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Bc6 19.Rb1 Ba4 20.Bg3 Rhd8 21.Bc7 Rdc8 22.Bg3 Kf6 23.Nc1 e5 24.d5 b5 25.e4 Rab8 26.Na2 bxc4 27.Bxc4 Bc2 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Nc3 Nc8* (33) De Boer,E (2471)-Wastfelt,T (2679) Budapest FS03 GM 2007*)* 15...Nf5 *(15...Ba6 16.Be2 cxd4 17.exd4 Rc8 18.0-0 Nf5 19.Bf2 0-0 20.Rfd1 Rfd8 21.g4 Ne7 22.Bf1* Queen'S Gambit Declined,C-Cambridge Springs,P 269 Linz 2014*)* 16.Bf2 Nd6 17.Be2 Ba6 18.0-0 Ke7 19.Rc2 Rhc8 20.Rfc1 Nb7 21.Nb3 Nd8 22.Kf1 f6 23.Bg3 Bb7 24.Bd3 Bc6 25.Rb2 Nb7 26.h4 Rd8 27.Be2 Rac8 28.Bf2 Ba4 Queen'S Gambit-11.a3 ♗c3 12.bc3 b6 Survey 2012]

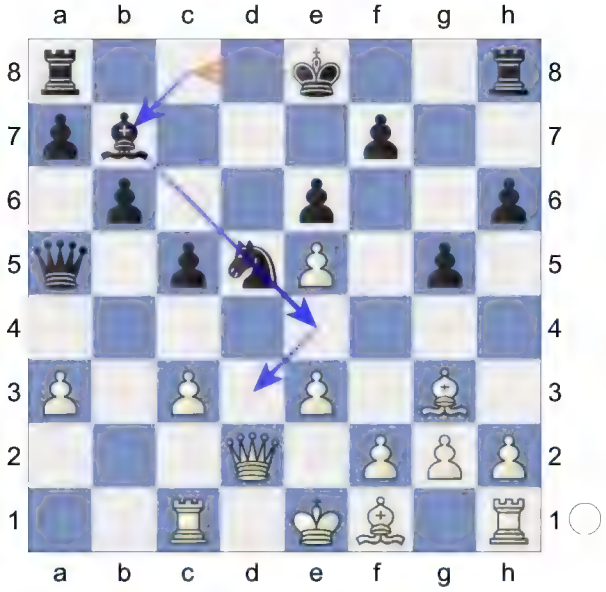
13...Nxe5=
[13...Qxa3 14.Nc4 Qb3 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.e4+-]

14.dxe5 g5
[14...Qxa3? 15.Bb5+ Bd7 16.Bxd7+

Kxd7 17.e4+-]

15.Bg3 Bb7

[15...Qxa3? 16.Bb5+ Kf8 *(16...Bd7? 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.e4+- Pin)* 17.0-0+-]



16.e4 Ne7 17.h4 Bxe4 18.hxg5 h5 19.Qb2 0-0-0 0.21/19

[19...Bc6∓ -0.46/19 20.Rd1 Nf5]

20.Qb4! Qxb4

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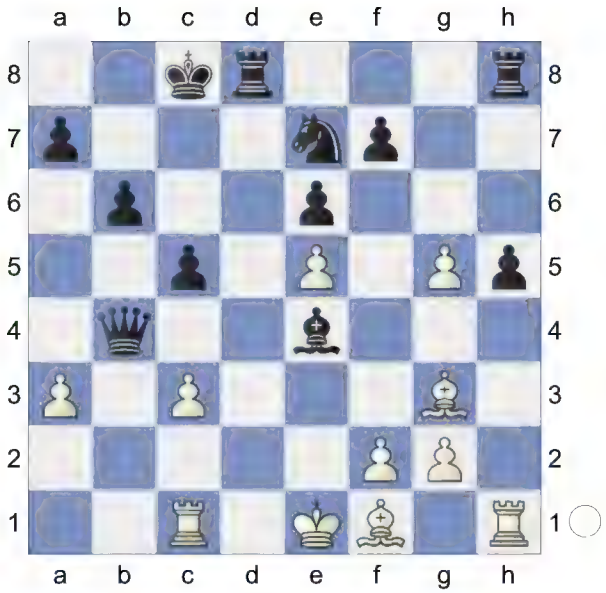
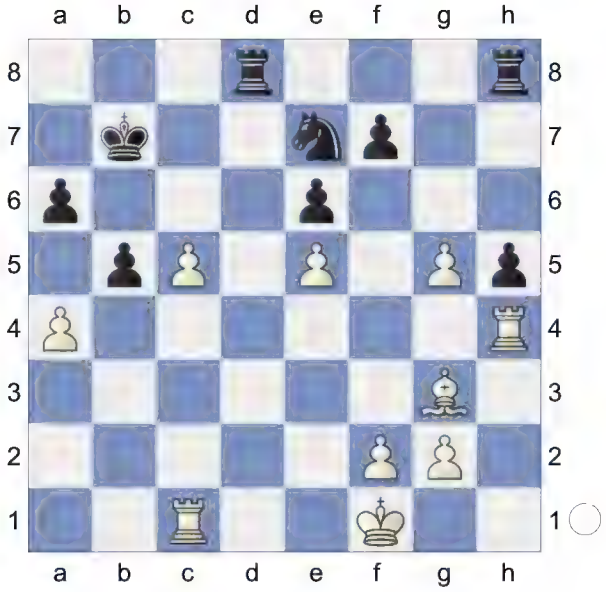


21.cxb4 Bd3 22.bxc5 b5 23.Rh4 Bxf1 24.Kxf1 Kb7 25.a4 a6



26.Rf4 Nf5? 1.60/26

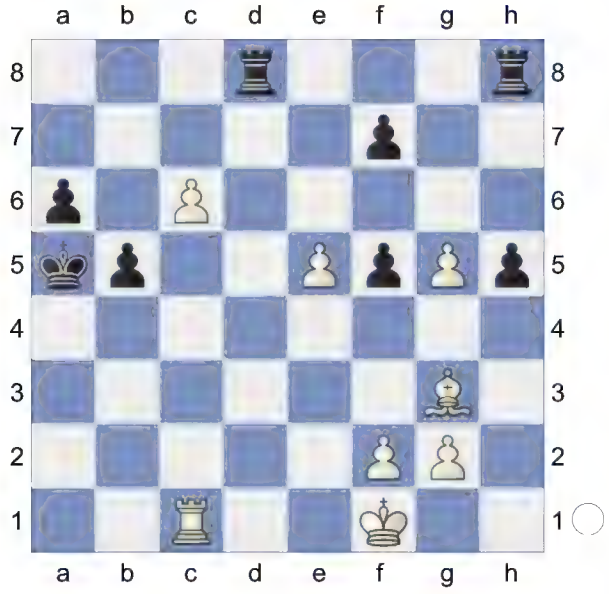
[26...Rhf8= 0.01/20]

27.c6+± Kb6 28.a5+! Kxa5? 3.78/21

[28...Ka7± 1.15/21]

(Diagram)

29.Rxf5!+- exf5± Endgame.
[29...h4 30.Rxf7]



KRR-KRB **30.e6! fxe6**
[30...f4 31.Bxf4]

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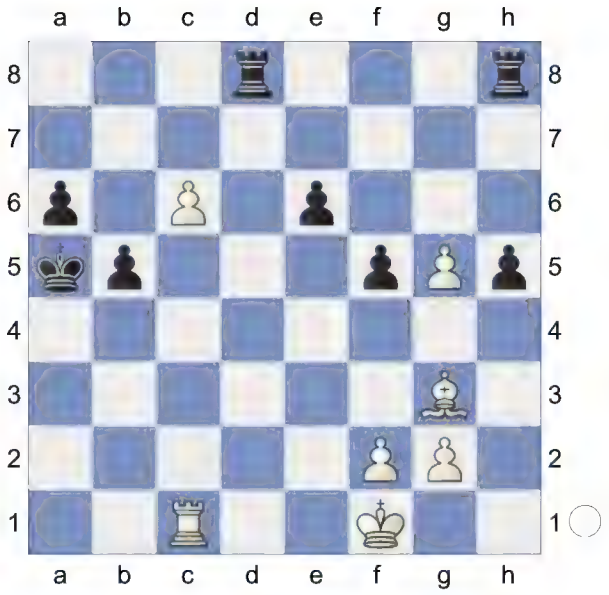
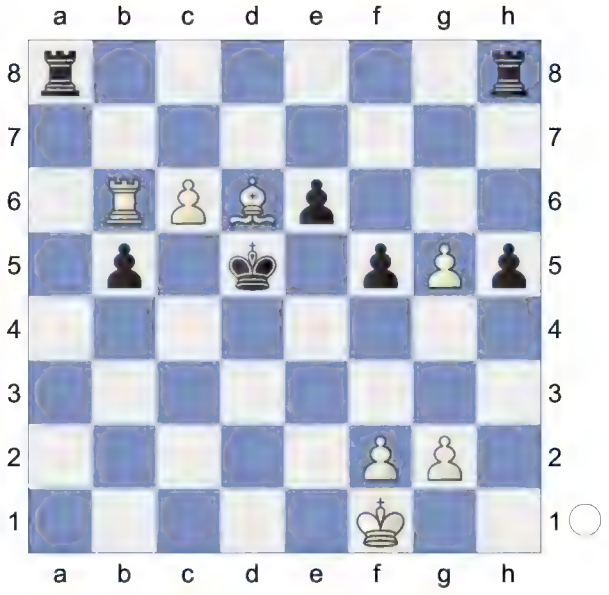


31.Bc7+ Ka4 32.Ra1+ Kb4 8.31/20
[⌓32...Kb3 4.85/22 33.Bxd8 Rxd8]
33.Rxa6? -0.61/22
[33.Bxd8+- 8.31/20 White threatens c6-c7 and mate. Rxd8 34.g6 *(34.Rxa6 Kc5±)*]
33...Ra8 -0.01/24
[33...Rd5∓ -0.61/22 34.g6 Rg8]
34.Bd6+= Kc4 35.Rb6 Kd5



36.c7 Hoping for f2-f4! **36...e5 37.Be7** And now Rb6-d6+ would win. White has compensation.
[37.Rxb5+? Kxd6 38.g6 h4-+

(38...Kxc7? 39.Rxe5 Rhe8 40.Rc5+ Kd6 41.Rc1-+)]

37...Rhc8!

[But not 37...Ra1+?! 38.Ke2 Rc8 39.g6 Ra2+ *(39...Rxc7 40.Rd6+ Ke4 41.g7±)* 40.Kf3 e4+ *(40...Rxc7? 41.Rd6+ Kc4 42.g7+-)* 41.Kg3 f4+ *(41...Rxc7 42.g7±)* 42.Kh3+- *(42.Kxf4 Rxf2+ 43.Kg3 Rc2±)*]

38.Rd6+ Kc4 39.Rd8? -3.36/21

Against Rc8xc7

[39.Rc6+= 0.01/22 and White is okay. Kd5 40.Rc5+ Ke6 41.Bd8]

39...Ra1+-+ 40.Ke2 Rxc7

41.Bf6 Rg1 -1.89/20

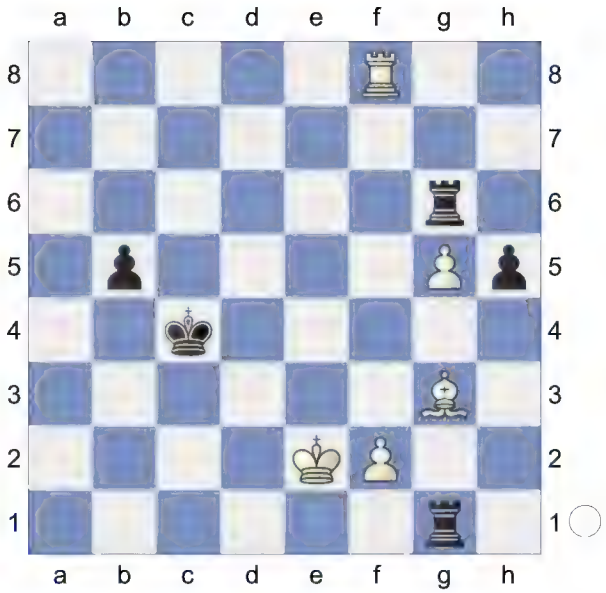
[⌓41...Ra2+ -3.25/19 42.Kf3 e4+ 43.Ke3 Rc6]

42.g3 Rc6 43.Rf8 -2.52/21

[⌓43.Kf3 -1.79/21]

43...f4 44.Bxe5 fxg3 45.Bxg3 Rg6

(Diagram)



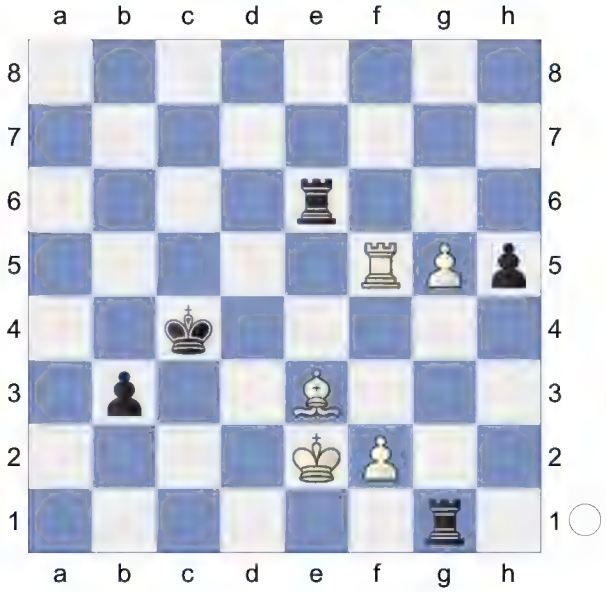
46.Rf4+ -4.11/23

[46.Rc8+ -2.88/19 might work better. Kb3 47.Bf4]

46...Kb3 47.Rf5 b4 White must now prevent ...Kb3-a4. **48.Bf4 Kc4 49.Bd2** -6.70/21

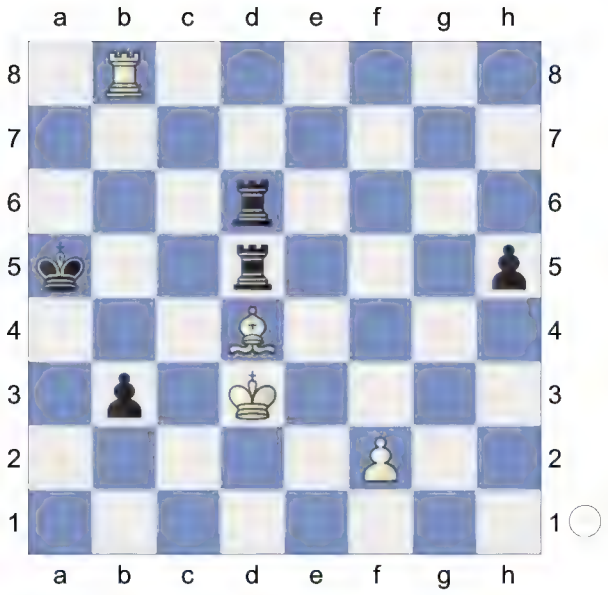
[⌓49.Rf8 -4.00/20]

49...Re6+ 50.Be3 b3

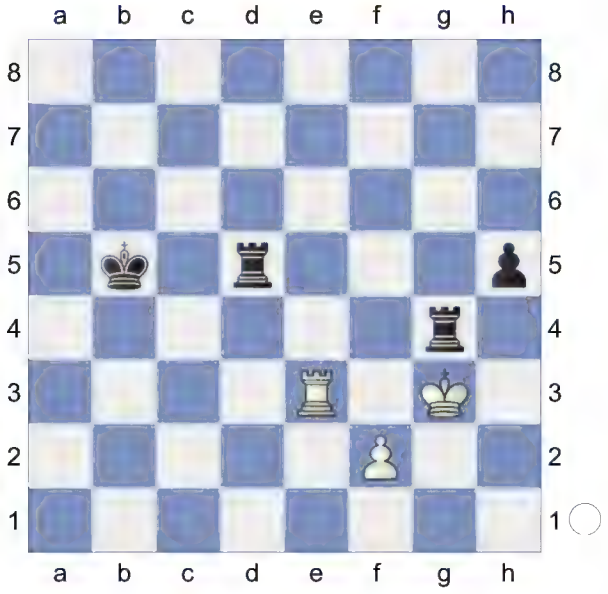


51.Rc5+ Kb4 52.Rc8 Rxg5 53.Kd3 Rd5+ 54.Bd4 Red6 55.Rb8+ Ka5

(Diagram)



56.Rxb3 Rxd4+ 57.Ke2 Rb4 58.Re3 Rd5 59.Kf3 Kb5 Strongly threatening ... Rd5-f5+. **60.Kg3 Rg4+**



61.Kh3 Kc4 62.f3 Rg1 63.Kh2 Rg8 64.Kh3 Kd4 65.Re4+ Kd3

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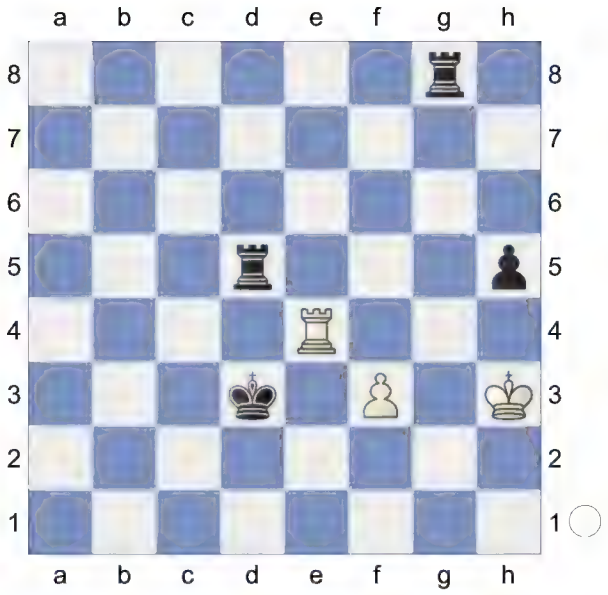
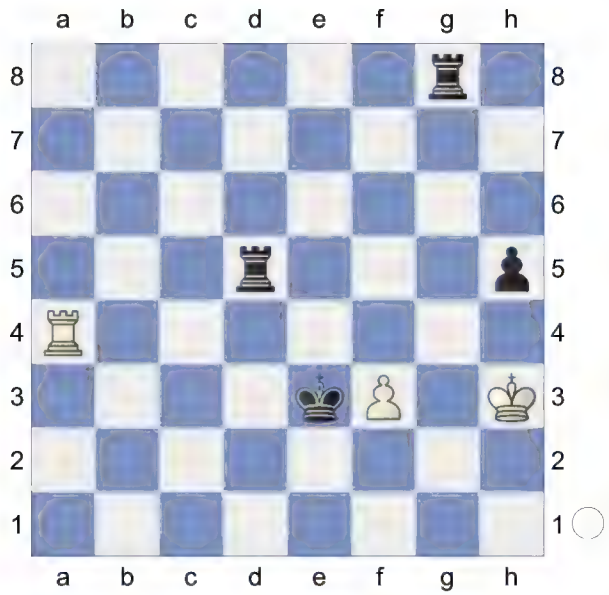


(-> ...Rd5-f5) **66.Ra4 Ke3** -18.67/24
[⌓66...Ke2 -#17/22 67.Ra6 Rd3 *(67...Kxf3* is a self mate. *68.Rf6+ Ke3 69.Re6+ Kf2 70.Rf6+ Kg1 71.Rc6 Rd3+ 72.Kh4 Rg2 73.Rc4 Kh2 74.Kxh5 Rh3+ 75.Rh4 Rgg3 76.Rxh3+ Kxh3 77.Kh6 Kh4 78.Kh7 Kh5 79.Kh8 Kg6 80.Kg8 Rf3 81.Kh8 Rf8#)* 68.Kh4 Rd1 *(68...Rxf3 69.Re6+ Kf2 70.Rb6 Rg4+ 71.Kxh5 Rfg3 72.Rb2+ Kf3 73.Rb3+ Kg2 74.Re3 Kh3 75.Rxg3+ Rxg3 76.Kh6 Kh4 77.Kh7 Kh5 78.Kh8 Kg6 79.Kg8 Rf3 80.Kh8 Rf8#)* 69.Ra2+ Ke3 *(69...Kxf3* gets mated. *70.Ra3+ Ke4 71.Ra4+ Kd5 72.Ra5+ Kc4 73.Rg5 Rh1+* Deflection *74.Kg3 Rxg5+ 75.Kf4 Rg7 76.Kf3 Kd4 77.Ke2 Rf7 78.Kd2 Rf2#)* 70.Ra3+ Kf4 71.Ra4+ Kf5 *(71...Kxf3 72.Ra3+ Ke4 73.Ra4+ Kd5 74.Ra3 Rh1+ 75.Rh3 Rxh3+ 76.Kxh3 Rg4 77.Kh2 Ke4 78.Kh1 Kd3 79.Kh2 Ke3 80.Kh3 Kf2 81.Kh2 Rh4#)* 72.Ra5+ Kf6 73.Ra6+ Ke7 74.Ra7+ Kd6 75.Ra6+ Kc7 76.Rg6 Rxg6 77.Kxh5 Rg2 78.Kh6 Rh1#]



What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.48
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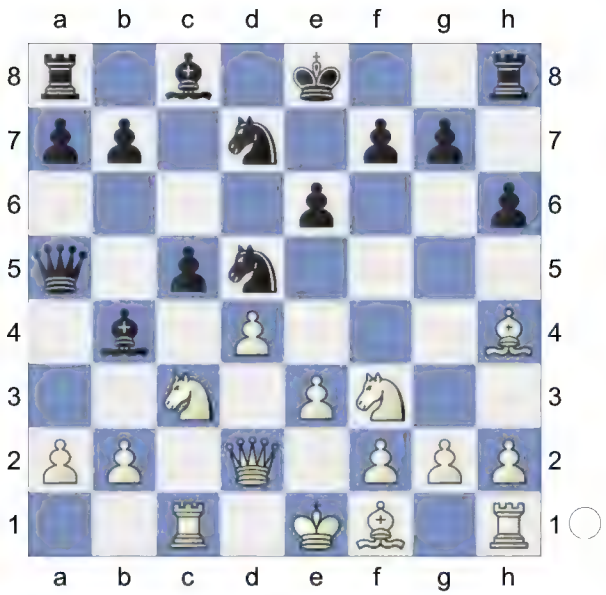
106 **D52**
□ **Lputian,Smbat G** **2629**
■ **Kveinys,Aloyzas** **2510**
EU-chT (Men) 15th (1.3) 30.07.2005
[Rogozenco,Dorian]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 ChessBase **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7**
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto,R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]
5.Bg5 c6

6.e3N
[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]
6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

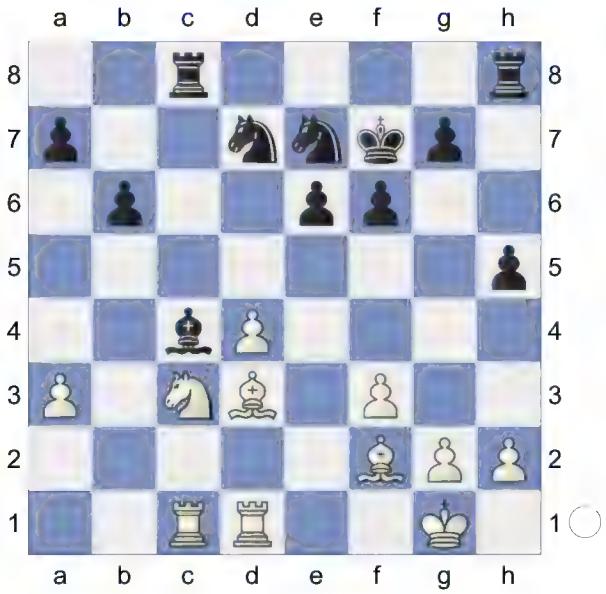
(Diagram)



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.c4 White is slightly better. **13...Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.f3**

[15.Bd3 Bb7 16.0-0 Rc8 17.f3 f6 18.Bf2 h5 19.Nb1 Ba6 20.Rfd1 Kf7 21.Nc3

A) 21...cxd4 22.exd4 Bxc4? 1.65/23 *(22...f5± 0.57/19)*



23.Ne4!;

B) 21...f5!? 22.Ne2 cxd4 23.exd4 h4 24.Be3 *(*After *24.h3* 0.14/20 24.Ne2-f4 0.68Black can continue to seize space on the kingside: *g5 25.a4 Nf6* Then Black can combine g5-g4 ideas, with the pressure on the c-file (♖c7, ♖hc8 etc). If *26.a5* Black simply takes the pawn *bxa5∓)* 24...h3 25.Bg5 Threatening Ne2-f4. hxg2 26.Nf4 Prevents Rh8-h3. Ng6 27.Nxg6 Kxg6 28.h4! e5 29.Be2 Rhe8 30.Kxg2 exd4 31.Kf2 Nc5 32.Rxd4 Re6 33.Rcd1 Rce8 34.Rd6 Kf7 35.Rxe6 Rxe6 36.Rd8 Re8 Prevents Rd8-a8. 37.Rd6 Re6 ½-½ Antic,D (2512)-Fontaine,R (2526)/Vrnjacka Banja 2005]

15...Nf5

[15...Ba6 16.Be2 Rc8 17.0-0 Nf5 18.Bf2 Ke7 19.Rfe1 g5 20.Bf1 Nd6 21.a4 Rhd8 22.Rc3 Nf6 23.Rc2 Nd7 24.Rec1 0.54/17 *(24.a5± 0.93/19)* 24...Nb8 0.94/20 *(24...Nb7± 0.54/17)* 25.a5!±

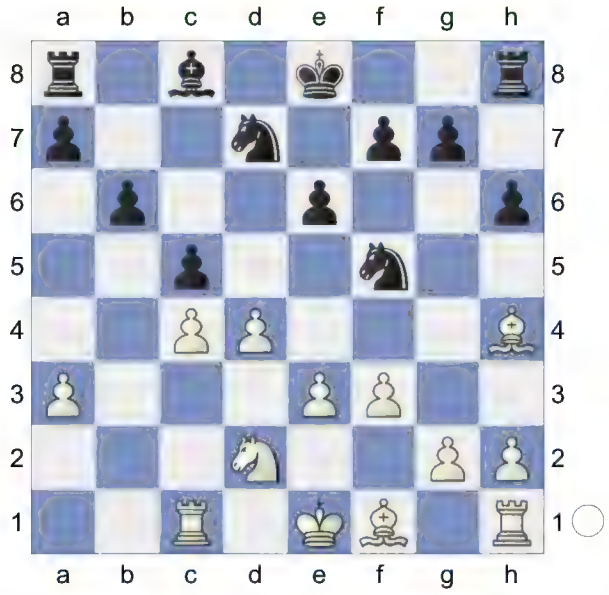
A) 25...bxa5 26.Ra2 Nc6 27.Nb3 cxd4 28.exd4 -0.19/23 *(28.c5!± 0.69/22 Nb5 29.exd4)* 28...Bxc4= 29.Bxc4 Nb4 30.Rxa5 Rxc4 31.Rxc4 Nxc4 32.Rxa7+ Kf6 33.Ra4 Rb8 34.Nc5 Inhibits Nb4-d3. Nb2!= (Erenburg);

B) 25...cxd4? 26.axb6 axb6 27.exd4

B1) Better was 27...Nf5 28.Nb3 Nd6 1.33/21 keeping the c4-pawn under attack. It is still difficult for White to increase his advantage. *(*Better is *28...Kf8* 0.91/18 *)*;

B2) 27...b5 28.c5 Nf5 29.Ra2 0.29/21 *(29.c6!±; 29.c6± 1.12/22 Rc7 30.Nb3)* 29...Nxd4= 30.Ne4 Ne4-d6 is the strong threat. e5 31.f4 gxf4? *(31...exf4 32.Nd6 Rxc5 33.Rxc5 Rxd6=)* 32.Bh4+ Ke6? 3.31/19 *(32...Ke8± 1.15/21)*

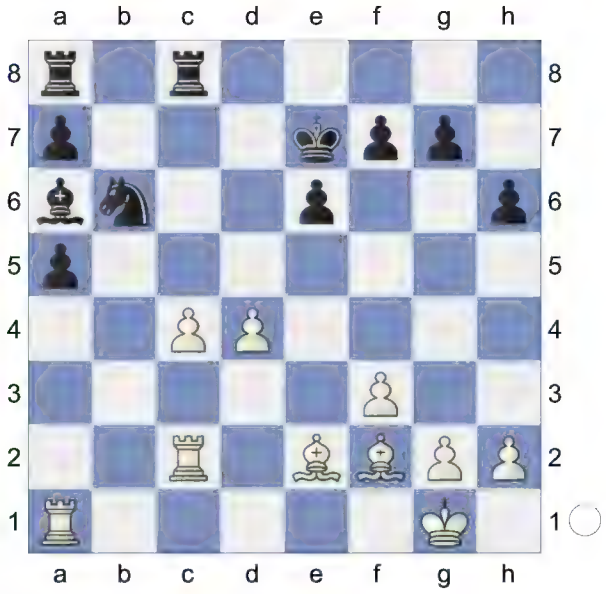
33.Bxd8+- Rxd8 34.c6! Wards off Ba6-b7 Rc8? 6.03/20 *(34...Ndxc6 3.44/20 35.Nc5+ Ke7 36.Nxa6 Nd4 37.Rc7+ Rd7 38.Rxd7+ Nxd7)* 35.c7 1-0 Grischuk,A (2710)-Dreev,A (2704)/Poikovsky 2005]



16.Bf2 Nd6 17.Be2 Ba6 18.0-0 Ke7 19.Rc2 Rhc8 20.Rfc1 Nb7

21.Nb3 Nd8 0.97/19
[21...Kf8± 0.53/17 is superior.]
22.Kf1

[22.a4 Nc6 23.a5 cxd4!? 24.exd4 Nxa5 25.Nxa5 bxa5 26.Ra1 Nb6



27.c5! Bxe2 28.Rxe2 Nd5 29.Rxa5 0.42/20 *(29.Bg3± 0.81/19)* 29...Rcb8± 30.Re1 a6 31.Rea1 Rb2 32.h3 Nb4=]

22...f6 23.Bg3 Bb7 24.Bd3 0.41/16 White is more active.

[24.a4

A) 24...e5!? 1.00/20 24...a7-a5 0.60

A1) 25.a5 cxd4 26.exd4 Ne6 27.axb6 0.53/19 *(White should play 27.Rd1± 1.04/18)* 27...axb6± 28.d5 Ng5!?=;

A2) 25.d5 Nf7 26.a5 Nd6 27.Ra2 Threatens to win with a5-a6. Ba6 28.axb6 0.52/21 *(28.Be1± 0.99/19)* 28...axb6± ...Ba6xc4! would now be deadly. 29.Rca1 Bb7=;

B) 24...Nc6=]

[24.a4± 0.82/20]

24...Bc6± 25.Rb2 Nb7

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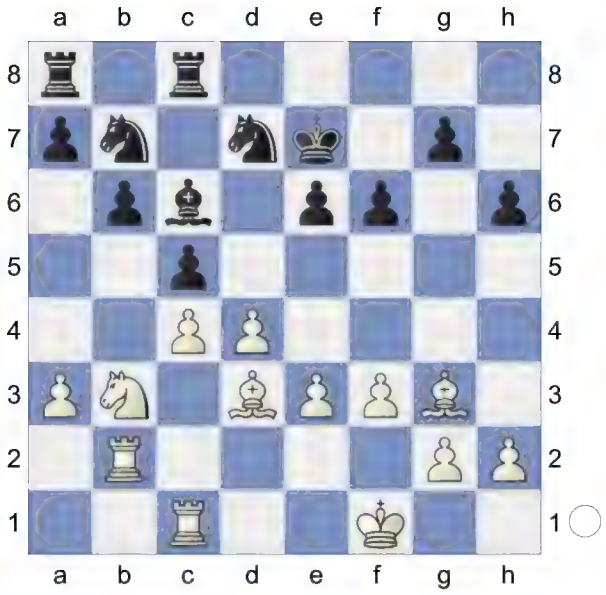
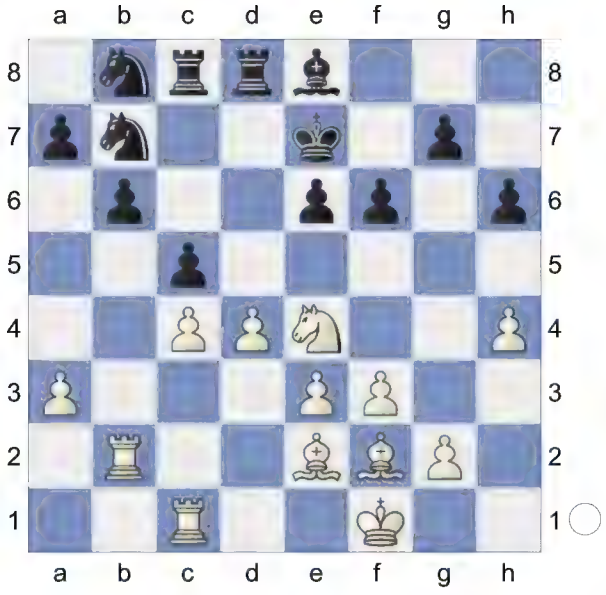


26.h4 Rd8 27.Be2 Rac8 Black prefers not to make any active pawn moves on the kingside and simply waits to see how White is going to make progress. **28.Bf2 Ba4 29.Nd2 Nb8 30.Ne4 Be8**



31.Nxc5 This leads to simplifications and a draw - a clear sign that the experienced Armenian Grandmaster failed to find a way for White to make further progress. **31...Nxc5 32.dxc5 Rxc5 33.e4 Rc7= 34.c5 Nd7!** The position is equal. **35.Rbc2 Nxc5**

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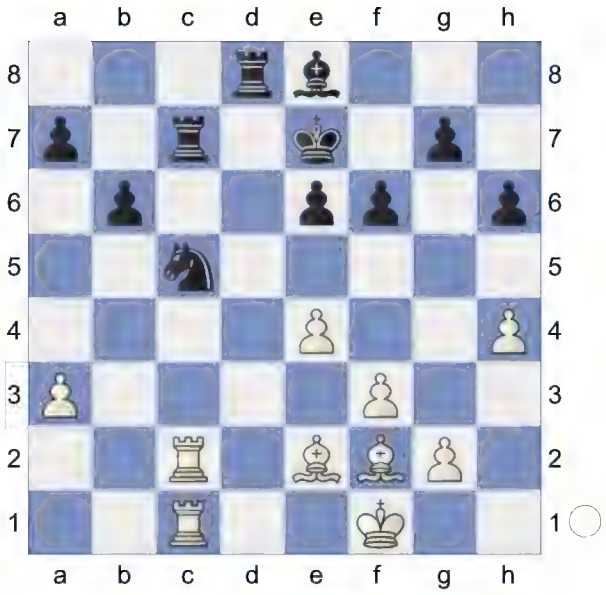
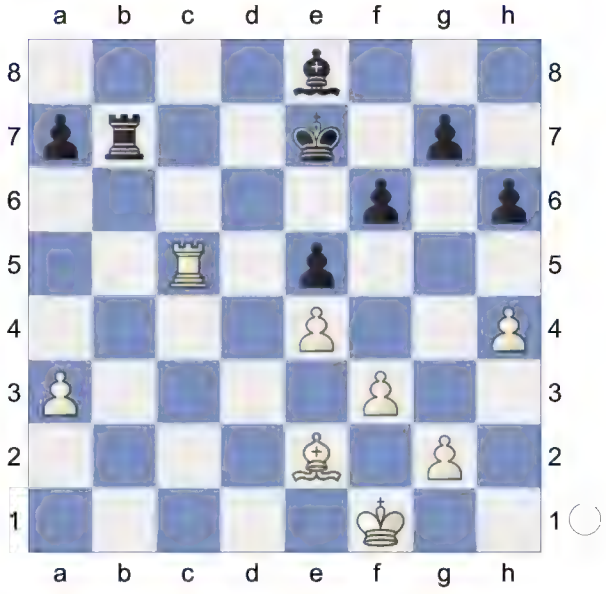


36.Bxc5+ bxc5 37.Rxc5 Rb7 38.Rc7+ Rd7 39.Rxb7 Rxb7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **40.Rc5 e5**



41.Ra5 g5 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.Bc4 Rc7 44.Bd5 Bd7 45.Kf2 Rc2+

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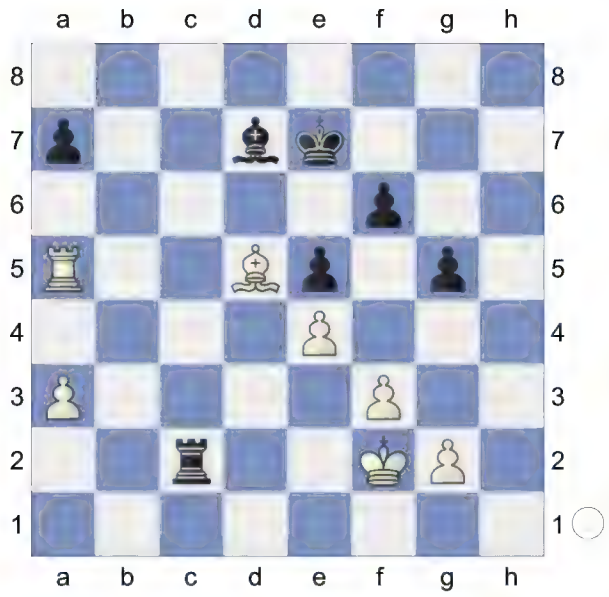
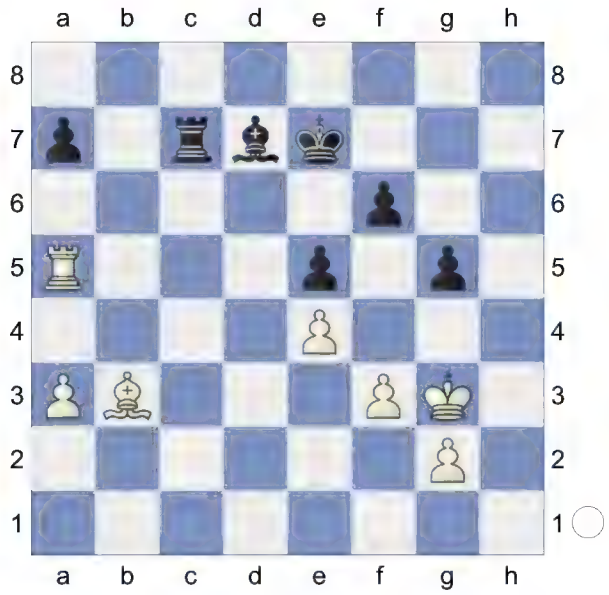


46.Kg3 Rc7 47.Ra6 Bc8 48.Ra4 Bd7 49.Ra5 Kd6 50.Bb3 Ke7



51.Bd5

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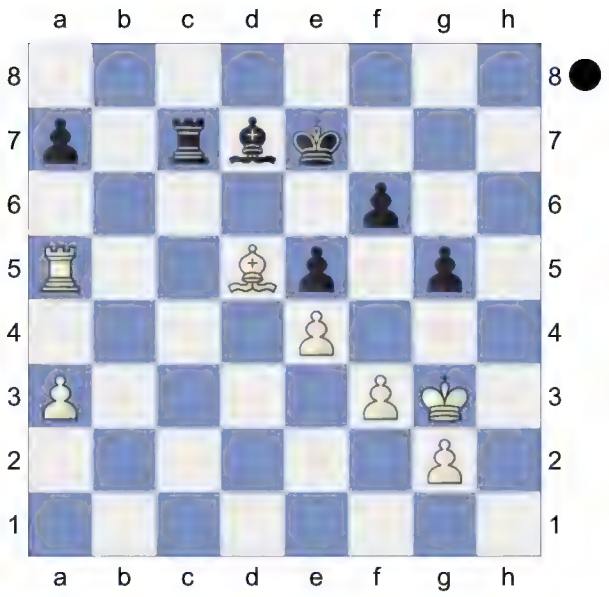

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½-½

107	**D52**
□ **Azmaiparashvili,Zurab**	**2625**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl**	**2695**
Tilburg NED (4)	1994
[Hansen,Curt]	

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6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0

[8...e5!? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.0-0 Bd6 13.h3 Re8?! 14.Rad1 exd4 15.Nxd4 Be5 16.f4! Bxd4 17.Rxd4! Rxe3 18.Rfd1± Kramnik,V-Kamsky,G/Linares/1993/]

[8...dxc4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7 11.Be2 0-0

A) 12.a3 Be7 13.0-0 *(13.b4 Nd5 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Ne4 Bd7 16.Rfc1 Be8 17.Nc5 Bf8 18.g3 Qe7 19.Qe4 g6 20.h4 Rab8 21.Bf1 Bg7 22.Rab1 Nf6 23.Qf4 Nd5 24.Qe4 Nf6 25.Qf3 Nd7 26.Bh3 e5 27.Bxd7 Bxd7 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Qxe5* Gurevich,M-Panchenko,A/URS-chT 1988/½-½ (63) *)* 13...Rd8 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.b4 *(15.e4 c5 16.d5 exd5 17.exd5 Bd6 18.h3 Re8 19.a4 Re7 20.Kf1 a6 21.Qb3 Rae8 22.Qb6 Qxb6 23.Nxb6 Bf5 24.Nc4 Bf4 25.Bd3 Re1+ 26.Rxe1 Bxd3+* Saemisch,F-Bogoljubow,E/Karlsbad 1929/0-1 (39) *)* 15...Nd5 16.Ne4 b6 17.Ne5 a5 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.a4 Rda8 21.Rdc1 Nb4 22.Qb3 b5 23.Nc3 Qa7 24.Bd1 e5 25.dxe5 Nd3 26.Rcb1 Nxe5 27.Ra2 b4 28.Ne4 Rd8 29.Be2 Rad5 Nielsen,B-Bogoljubow,E/ Munich (07) 1941/½-½ (59);

B) 12.0-0

B1) 12...Bd6 13.f4 Bd7 14.Rad1 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Be6 18.Rxd6 Bxc4 19.Rfd1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Rad8 21.Qd2 Rxd6 22.Qxd6 Qa5 23.f5 Qxa2 24.f6 gxf6 25.Qxf6 Re8 26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Qxc5 Qxb2 30.Qxa7 Qe2 31.Rf1 Kg8 32.Qxb7 Qxe3+ 33.Kh1 Qf2 34.Qb1 Qc5 35.h3 Re6 36.Qb7 Qe7 ½-½ Janowski, D-Marco,G/Wien 1898;

B2) 12...b6 13.Rac1 Bb7

B2a) 14.Bf3 Rac8 *(14...c5??*

15.Nb5 Qe7 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 17.a3+-) 15.a3 Be7 *(15...Bxc3!? 16.Qxc3 Nd5 17.Qd2 c5 18.Ne5 Δ b4±)* 16.b4 ○ Rfd8 *(16...c5 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.b5±)* 17.Qb3 Qb8 18.Rfd1 Nd5 19.Ne4 h6? ✕g6 *(19...Qa8!□ 20.h3!± Δ c5? 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.b5!±)* 20.h3 Qa8 21.Ne5 a5 22.Nc3! axb4 23.axb4 Qb8 *(23...Nxb4 24.Ra1! Qb8 25.Bh5 Rf8 26.Nd7 Δ ♘f8±)* 24.Bh5! f6□ *(24...Rf8?! 25.Nd7; 24...g6 25.Bxg6! fxg6 26.Qb1! Δ ♕g6+-)* 25.Ng6 Qd6□ 26.e4 Nxc3 27.Rxc3 Bf8 28.Rg3→ Re8 29.e5!+- Qxb4□ 30.Qxb4 Bxb4 31.exf6 gxf6 32.Ne5+ Kf8 33.Nd7+ Ke7 34.Nxb6 Δ ♖g7 Kd6 35.Nxc8+ Rxc8 36.Rb1 Bd2 37.Rxb7 Ra8 38.Rb1 1-0 van Wely,L-Thorhallsson, Th/Manila (ol) 55/448 1992;

B2b) 14.Ne5 Rfc8 15.f4 c5 16.Bf3 cxd4 17.exd4 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 Qd6 19.Qd3 Nd5 20.f5 exf5 21.Rxf5 Qh6 22.Re1 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Rxc3 24.Nxf7 Burn,A-Janowski,D/ Wien 1898/½-½ (72);

B3) 12...Nd5 13.Ne4 *(13.Bd3 g6 14.a3 Be7 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.Ne5 Be8 17.Bc4 Rd8 18.Nd3 Bd6 19.g3 Qe7 20.Rfd1 Bd7 21.e4 Nb6 22.e5 Nxc4 23.Ne4 b5 24.b3 Bxa3 25.bxc4 Bxc1 26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Qxc1* Saemisch,F-Bogoljubow, E/Bad Nauheim-Stuttgart-Garmisch (3) 1937/1-0 (38)) 13...Be7 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.Rac1 Bd7 16.Kh1 Rac8 17.a3 Rfd8 18.Ng5 Be8 19.Bd3 g6 20.f4 Nd5 21.Rf3 f6 22.Nxe6 Qb8 23.Nxg6 Rd7 24.Ne5 fxe5 25.Bxh7+ Kh8 26.Rh3 Bf6 27.Be4+ Kg8 28.Bxd5 exd4 29.Nxd4+ Kf8 30.Qf5 Qd6 31.Rh8+ Ke7 32.Qe4+ Kd8 33.Rxe8+ Kc7 34.Nb5+ 1-0 Mowla,A-Mohamed,M/Novi Sad olm (13) YAR-LIB 1990;

B4) 12...Bd7 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Ng5 Be8 17.Bc4 g6 18.a3 Nd5 19.Ne4 c5 20.Qe2 cxd4 21.exd4 Qb6 22.Rfd1 Nf6 23.Ng5 Nd5 24.Ngf3 Rc7 25.Ba2 Rdc8 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.Bxd5 exd5 Finegold,B-Clemance,P/Saint John op-1 1988/0-1 (81);

B5) 12...Rd8 13.a3 *(13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.a3 b6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.b4 h6 19.Qb3 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Ng4 21.Ng3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b5 Bd5 24.Qc2 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Bc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4* Bogoljubow,E-Alekhine, A (10)/Heidelberg-Wch 1929/0-1 (49)*; 13.Rac1 Bd7 14.a3 Be7 15.e4 Be8 16.Rfd1 Rab8 17.Ne3 Qa5 18.g3 b5 19.e5 Nd7 20.Ne4 Rbc8 21.f4 Qb6 22.Kf2 f6 23.Qb3 Bf7 24.Qc3 Qb8 25.b4 f5 26.Nc5 Nb6 27.Qb3 Nd5* Makogonov,V-Ragozin,V/URS-ch11 Leningrad (13) 1939/½-½ (41)*; 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Ne5 Bd7 15.f4 g6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.g4 Be8 18.g5 Bxe5 19.fxe5 c5 20.Rad1 Qe7*

21.Rf6 Rac8 22.Qe4 cxd4 23.exd4 Qb4 24.b3 Qa3 25.Qxb7 Rc2 26.Rdf1 Qb2 27.Bb5 Rxd4 28.h3 Rdd2 29.Bc6 Qd4+ 30.R6f2 Rxf2 31.Bxe8 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qf2# 0-1 Shabtai,R-Pein,M/Tel-Aviv B 1992 *)* 13...Bf8

B5a) 14.Rac1 Bd7 15.Ne5 *(15.b4 Be8* ½-½ Razuvaev,Y-Smyslov,V/Sochi (13) 1986*)* 15...Be8 16.Rfd1 c5 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Ba4 19.Re1 Qb6 20.dxc5 Qxb2 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qxa4 Rd2 23.Qf4+ Kg8 24.Bc4 Qxa3 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.Qc7 Rad8 27.g3 Qb4 28.Rc4 R2d7 29.Bxd7 Qxe1+ 30.Kg2 Be7 31.Bf5 Rd2 32.Qb8+ Bd8 33.Rf4 Rd1 34.Bd3 1-0 Szigeti,M-Havasi,K/Budapest 1931;

B5b) 14.b4 Qe7 *(14...b6 15.Bf3 Bb7 16.Rfd1 a5 17.bxa5 b5 18.Ne5 Rxa5 19.a4 bxa4 20.Rxa4 Rda8 21.Rda1 Nd5 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Rxa5 Qxa5 25.g3 c5 26.Qb3 Qc7 27.Qb5 f6 28.Nd3 Bc6 29.Qb2* Arsovic,Goran-Subasic,Ilijas/Kladovo ch-YU (12) 1991/0-1 (61)*)* 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.Ne4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Be8 18.Bd3 g6 19.e4 Nb6 20.Na5 Rab8 21.Bf1 Bg7 22.e5 f6 23.Nc4 fxe5 24.dxe5 Rd5 25.Re1 Kh8 26.Rad1 g5 27.Nd6 Rxe5 28.Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Nxe8 Rxe8 Smagin,S-Panchenko,A.N/Tallinn 42/564 1986/1-0 (55)]

9.Be2

[9.Nb3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' Qa4 10.cxd5 Bxc3+! 11.bxc3 cxd5 12.Bd3 b6 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.c4 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Qxc4 16.Bxc4 1/2-1/2;Mikhalchishin,A-Akopian,V/Lvov zt/1990/]

9...c5 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?'

[9...b6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ba6 12.Bh4! *(12.Bf4 Rac8 13.Bd6 c5 14.Bxf8 Nxf8* 1-0 Izmailov,P-Botvinnik,M/URS-ch06 Odessa sf1 1929*; 12.a4 dxc4 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Nxc4 Qd5 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Qxe2=)* 12...Rac8 *(12...dxc4 13.e4! b5 14.a4 Qb6 15.Rfb1±)* 13.a4! dxc4□ 14.Nxc4 Qf5 ⌓;Stempin,P. *(14...Qd5? 15.Nxb6±; 14...Bxc4 15.Bxc4±* ⧉ ± Stempin,P-Panczyk,K/Polska (ch) 43/(550) 1987 *)* 15.Bd3 Qg4 16.Bg3 c5 17.Nd6±]

[9...Re8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 10.0-0 *(10.f4 c5 11.0-0 h6 12.Bh4 cxd4 13.exd4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qd8 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Ncd6 Nxe4 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Nxe4 Nb6 19.Qd2 Nd5 20.Rf3 b6 21.Rg3 f5 22.Nf2 Bb7 23.Re1 Qd6 24.Nh3 Nf6* Martineau,G-Majeed,WR/Dubai olm (12) 1986/½-½ (43)*)* 10...dxc4 *(10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 dxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.f4 c5 15.Rf3 cxd4 16.Rg3+ Kh8 17.cxd4 Nf8 18.Ne5 Qe7 19.Ng4 f5 20.Ne5 f6 21.Nd3 Ng6 22.Bh5 Rg8 23.Qb3 b6 24.Bf3 Rb8 25.Nb4* Mousa,A-Rahman,Z/Dubai olm (14) 1986/½-½ (64)*; 10...e5 11.dxe5 Rxe5 12.Nb3 Qd8 13.Bf4 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Re8 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.Rac1 Ne5 17.Bg5 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Ne4 19.Bxe7 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Nxc4 21.Rxc4 Be6*

22.Ra4 Bxb3 23.axb3 Rxe7 24.Rxa7 Havasi,K-Vukovic,V/Debrecen 1925/ 1-0 (59) *)* 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Be7 15.Rac1 Bf6 16.Ne5 g6 17.h4 Bg7 18.h5 f6 19.f4 fxe5 20.fxe5 Re7 21.hxg6 h6 22.Rf7 Rxf7 23.gxf7+ Qxf7 24.Rf1 Qe7 25.Qg6 Qf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Bh5 Kg8 28.Qe8+ Bf8 29.Bg6 Kg7 30.Qf7+ Kh8 31.Qh7# 1-0 Astrom,Robert-Jensen,Leif/ Stockholm open (06) 1990]

[9...dxc4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ *(11...Qg5 12.0-0 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.f4 Qh6 15.Rf3 g6 16.Rh3 Qg7 17.Bf3 Nd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Qa4 Bd6 20.Qd7 Bxe5 21.fxe5 Ba6 22.Rc1 Rfd8 23.Qa4 Bd3 24.Rc7 Rdc8 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8 26.Qxa7 Rc1+ 27.Kf2 Rc2+ 28.Kg3 Bf5 29.Rh4 Rxb2* ½-½ Finegold-Stern/National Open 1988*)* 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Bf3 Rfd8 15.a4 Rac8 16.Kd2 Rc7 17.Rhb1 Bc8 18.a5 Nd7 19.Kc2 Kf8 20.Nb6 axb6 21.axb6 Nxb6 22.Rxb6 Ke7 23.Ra7 c5 24.Ra4 Rd6 25.dxc5 Rxc5 26.Rbb4 Rd7 27.Ra3 Rdc7 28.Rab3 e5 29.Bxb7 Bxb7 30.Rxb7 Rxc3+ ½-½ Alekhine,A-Bogoljubow,E (9)/Heidelberg-Wch 1929]

[9...e5 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu'

A) 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ndxe4 dxe4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 *(13...Re8 14.Rfd1 Qxe5 15.Bf4 Qa5* = Schmidt,Wl-Dorfman,I/ Warszawa 35/(529) 1983*)* 14.Qxe4 f6 15.Bf4 Bf5 16.Qd4 Rad8 17.Bxe5 Rxd4 18.Bxd4 c5 19.e4 cxd4 20.exf5 dxc3 21.Bf3 b6 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Rfe1 g6 24.fxg6 hxg6 Gruenfeld,E-Bogoljubow,E/ Maehrisch-Ostrau (8) 1923/½-½ (49);

B) 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.cxd5 *(12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc3 14.Qxc3 Nxc3 15.Bf3 dxc4 16.Nxc4 Be6 17.Nd6 Rab8 18.a4 Rfd8 19.Rfc1 Na2 20.Rcb1 b5 21.axb5 cxb5 22.Nxb5 a5 23.Nd4 Rxb1+ 24.Rxb1 a4 25.h3 a3 26.Nxe6 fxe6* Mantovani,R-Stavru, A/Forli op (09) 1992/1-0 (39)*)* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Rc1 Bxe5 15.dxc6 Rd8 *(15...bxc6; 15...bxc6 16.0-0 Be6 17.Bc4 Rfe8 18.Nb3 Qb6 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Nc5 Rh6 21.h3 Bd6 22.Rfd1 Rd8 23.Rb1 Qc7 24.Rb7 Qa5 25.Ne4 Bf8 26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Rxa7 Re6 28.Ra4 h6 29.Rd4 Qa8 30.a4* Zak,U-Temanlis,Y/Tel Aviv-B (03) 1991/1-0 (52)*)* 16.Bd3 bxc6 17.0-0 Ba6 18.Nc4 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Rac8 *(19...Qc7 20.g3 c5 21.Rfd1 Bf6 22.Bd3 g6 23.Qxc5 Qxc5 24.Rxc5* Bukic,E-Nikolac,J/ Jugoslavija 21/475 1976/1-0 (44)*)* 20.Bb3 Qc7 21.f4 Bf6 22.Kh1 Qe7 23.Rf3 c5 24.Rh3 g6 25.Bc4 Qd7 26.f5 Kg7 27.Rf1 g5 28.Qe2 h6 29.Qh5 Rh8 30.Be6 Qe8 31.Bxc8 Qxc8 32.e4 Qc7 33.Qe2 c4 34.e5 Qxe5 35.Qxc4 Pastor,K-Kalivoda,J/Luhacovice ch-CZ 1993/½-½ (51);

C) 10.0-0

C1) 10...Bd6 11.cxd5 *(11.Nb3?!* Thomas,I. *Qc7 12.cxd5 cxd5!∓)*

C1a) 11...cxd5 N; 11...ed4± 12.Nb5 Bb8 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nf3 ✕d5 Ne4 *(14...a6!?* Spraggett,K.*)* 15.Bh4 Bf6

16.Nc7 Rb8 17.b4!+- +- Spraggett,K-Thomas,I/Toronto 43/(550) 1987;

C1b) 11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5!?;

C1c) 11...exd4 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.Nxd6 dxc3 14.dxc6 Qxc6 15.Rad1 Nd5 16.Bf3 cxb2 17.Qxb2 Qxd6 18.Rxd5 Qe6 19.Rc1 Nb6 20.Re5 Nc4 21.Rxe6 Nxb2 22.Re7 h6 23.Bh4 Nd3 24.Rcc7 Be6 25.Bxb7 Rivas Pastor,M-Nikolac,J/Rome (06) 1984/1-0 (41);

C2) 10...exd4 11.Nb3 *(11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc7 14.Ne3 Be6 15.Bf3 Rfd8 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.a3 Ba5 18.Na4 Bb6 19.Nc5 Bd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Qf5 g6 22.Qg4 Nf6 23.Qg5 Kg7 24.b4 Re8 25.Rac1 Rcd8* Trojacek,P-Kalivoda,J/Luhacovice ch-CZ 1993/½-½ (48) *)*

C2a) 11...Qb6!? 12.Nxd4 *(12.exd4!?)* 12...dxc4 *(12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Bxc4=)* 13.Bh4! Qc5 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Bxc4! *(15.a3 Bd6 16.Bxc4 b5-+)* 15...c5? *(15...Qh5 16.Bg3 Nb6! 17.Be2 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7±; 15...b5? 16.Nxc6 Qxa4 17.Bb3 Qa6 18.Nxb4+-)* 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nd6 b5 18.a3 bxc4 19.axb4 Qxb4 *(19...cxb4 20.Qxc4±)* 20.Qxc4! Rb8 21.Rfc1 Ne5 *(21...Qxc4 22.Rxc4 Nb6 23.Rxc5 Nxa4 24.Rxa4 Rxb2 25.h3±)* 22.Qxc5? *(22.Qxb4 Rxb4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Nxc5 Rxb2 25.Nce4+-)* 22...Qxh4 23.Qxe5 Qxf2+! 24.Kxf2 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Nxe5 26.Nxc8 Rfxc8 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Nb6 Rc2 29.Rxa6 h5 30.b4?! Nd3 31.Nd5 Ne1 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.b5 Rxg2+ 34.Kf4 Rxh2 Van der Sterren,P-Yusupov,A/Munich SKA (09) 1994/½-½ (47);

C2b) 11...Qc7 12.Nxd4 dxc4 *(12...Bxc3 13.Bf4? Qxf4! 14.exf4 Bxd4∓)* 13.Bxc4

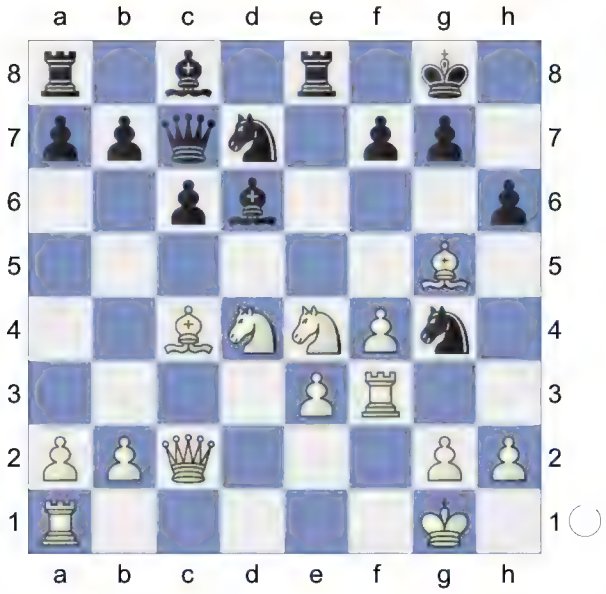
C2b1) 13...Qe5 14.Nf3 Qe7 15.a3 Ba5 16.Rad1 Bc7 17.Ba2 Re8 18.Bh4 h6 19.Rd4 Qc5 20.Rfd1 Qh5 21.g4 Nxg4 22.Rxd7 Bxd7 23.Rxd7 +- Beliavsky,A-Smagin,S/USSR (ch) 41/(500) 1986;

C2b2) 13...Bd6?

C2b21) 14.Kh1 Be5 15.Rad1 Nb6 16.Be2 Ng4 17.h3 *(17.Nf3 Bxh2 18.g3 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Qxg3∞)* 17...Bxd4 18.hxg4 Be5 19.f4 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 f6 21.Bh4 Be6 22.a3 Bd5∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: ' ∓' 'Hansen,Cu: ' ∓' Hansen, Cu: 'Cramling P.-Smagin, Denmark 1991' ' *(22...Bd5∓* Cramling P.-Smagin, Denmark 1991*; 22...Nd5)* 23.Bf3! Bxf3 24.gxf3 Rad8 25.Bf2 f5! 26.Qb3+ Kh8 27.Rxd8?! Qxd8 28.Rd1 Qe8 29.Qb4? fxg4 30.fxg4 Nd5∓ 31.Qd4 Rf7 32.Kg1 a6 33.f5 Re7

34.Qc4 h6 35.Rd4 Nxe3 36.Bxe3 Rxe3 37.Kf2 b5!? 38.Qc2 c5 39.Rd5 Rh3! 40.Kg2 Rh4-+ 41.Rxc5 Rxg4+ 42.Kf2 Rf4+ 43.Kg2 Qh5 44.Rc8+ Kh7 45.f6+ Rf5 46.Rc3 Qg6+ 47.Rg3 Rg5 0-1 Cramling,P-Smagin,S/Kobenhavn 53/432 1991;

C2b22) 14.f4 Re8 *(14...h6 15.Bxh6 Ng4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nf5+ Kh8 18.Rf3 Ndf6 19.Rh3+ Kg8 20.Nxd6 Kg7 21.Nxc8 Rfxc8 22.Rg3 Kf8 23.Qf5 b5 24.Be2 b4 25.Na4 c5 26.Bxg4 Ke7 27.Bf3 Rab8 28.b3 c4 29.bxc4 Qxc4* Van Beers,E-Stavru,A/WchJ-Mamaia 1991/1-0 (42) *)* 15.Rf3 Ng4 *(15...Nb6!? 16.Bxf6? Nxc4)* 16.Ne4 h6? *(16...Nb6)*



17.Bxf7+! Kxf7 18.Qc4+ Kg6 *(18...Kf8 19.Ne6+ Rxe6 20.Qxe6 Nc5 21.Qxd6+ Qxd6 22.Nxd6 hxg5 23.fxg5++-)* 19.Ne6 Rxe6 20.Qxe6+ Ndf6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd6 hxg5 23.h3! Nh6 24.fxg5 Kxg5 25.Rg3+ Kh4 26.Rxg7 Nf5 27.Nxf5+ Bxf5 28.Rf7?! Kg5 29.Rf1 Rh8? 30.e4 Kg6 31.Rxf6+ Kxf6 32.exf5 Weber 1-0 Weber,K-Scheil,D/corr 6/7 ICCF Cup pr. 1990\92 CCYB 8 1990;

C2b3) 13...Ne5 14.Be2 *(14.Bb3±; 14.Bb3!± Neg4 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.h3 Ne5 17.Bg5 Δ f4, e4 h6 18.Bh4 Ng6? 19.Qxg6±* Spraggett *)* 14...Neg4 15.Bf4 Qe7 16.h3 Ne5 17.Rad1 Ng6 18.Bg3 Rd8 19.a4 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Rxd6 21.b4 Bd7 22.a5 Nh4 23.Rfe1 Rd8 24.g3 Ng6 Spraggett,K-Saeed,S/Taxco izt (9) 1985/1-0 (47);

C2b4) 13...Ng4 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Ncb5 cxb5 16.Nxb5 Bxf4 17.Nxc7 Bxc7 18.Be2± *(18.Bxf7++-)*;

C2b5) 13...Bxc3 14.bxc3

C2b51) 14...Ne5 15.Bb3!± N *(15.Be2 Qe7 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.h3 Δ ♔h2, f4, e4 ±)* 15...Qe7 *(15...c5?! 16.Nb5 Δ c3-c4, ♘b5-c3-d5; 15...Neg4 16.Bf4 Qe7*

17.h3 Ne5 18.Bg5) 16.h3 h6 17.Bh4 Kh8 Δ 18...♘g6 *(17...c5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 c4 20.Bc2±)* 18.Nf5! Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Ng6 *(19...Ned7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Rd4±)* 20.Bxf6 gxf6 *(20...Qxf6? 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rfd1* Δ 23.♖d7 *Rad8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Bxf7±)* 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.Rd4! Rxd4?! *(22...c5!? 23.Rd5 Rxd5 24.Bxd5 b6 25.c4±)* 23.cxd4+- Kg7 24.Rc1 Re8 25.g3 Qe4 26.Qc5 Qd3 Δ 27...♖e3 27.Rc3 Qe2 28.Rc2 Qe1+ 29.Kg2 a6 30.Qf5 Qb4 31.Rc5 Qb6 32.h4 Qc7 33.Qg4 Kh8 34.Rh5 1-0 Matlak,J-Swierczynski,S/IX Polish Team Ch 1990/91 CCYB 5\246 1991;

C2b52) 14...Qe5

C2b521) 15.Nf3!? Qc5 16.Bb3;

C2b522) 15.Bf4 Qc5 16.Bd3! *(16.Bb3 Nd5 17.Bg3 Qxc3 18.Bxd5 Qxc2 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Nxc2∞)* 16...Ne5 17.Nb3 *(17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.e4 c5 19.Nf3 Qh5 20.e5 Nd5 21.Be4 Be6 22.Rad1 Rad8±)* 17...Qd5!? 18.Be2!? Bf5 19.c4!? *(19.Qb2!?)* 19...Bxc2 20.cxd5 Ng6 21.dxc6 Nxf4 22.exf4 bxc6 23.Ba6?! *(23.Bf3= Cvetkovic,S)* 23...Rab8 24.Rfc1 Be4∓ = Tesic,D-Cvetkovic,S/Vrbas 58/(491) 1993;

C2b523) 15.Bh4?! Qe4! 16.Qxe4 Nxe4 17.Rfc1 g5?! *(17...Ne5! 18.Be2 Ng6 19.Bg3 Bd7 20.Rab1 b6=)* 18.Bg3 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Ne5 20.Be2 Bd7 21.f4 *(21.Rab1! Rab8 22.f4 Ng4 23.e4±)* 21...Ng4 22.e4 Rad8 23.Re1?! *(23.Rab1 b6 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.Nxc6 Rd2 26.Rb5 h6!±)* 23...Nf6! 24.Bf3 *(24.Bc4 Nh5 25.f5 Nxg3 26.Kh2 Nh5 27.e5 c5 28.e6 cxd4 29.e7 dxc3∓)* 24...g4!? 25.Bd1 c5 26.Nc2? h5 27.e5 Nd5 28.c4 Nc3! 29.Ne3 Bc6 30.Be2?! Rd2 31.Bf1 Be4? 32.a4! Bc6 33.Ra3 Nxa4 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.cxd5! Nb6 36.d6 c4 37.Rxa7 c3 38.Rxb7 c2? 39.Rxb6 Rd1 40.Rc6 Rxe1 Ruban,V-Cvetkovic,S/Jugoslavija 58/491 1993/1-0 (57)]

10.0-0 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'N' 'N' Azmaiparashvili,Z: 'N'

[10.Nb3 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'deserves attention. Black can continue with a typical'

A) 10...Qa4!∞ R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!'

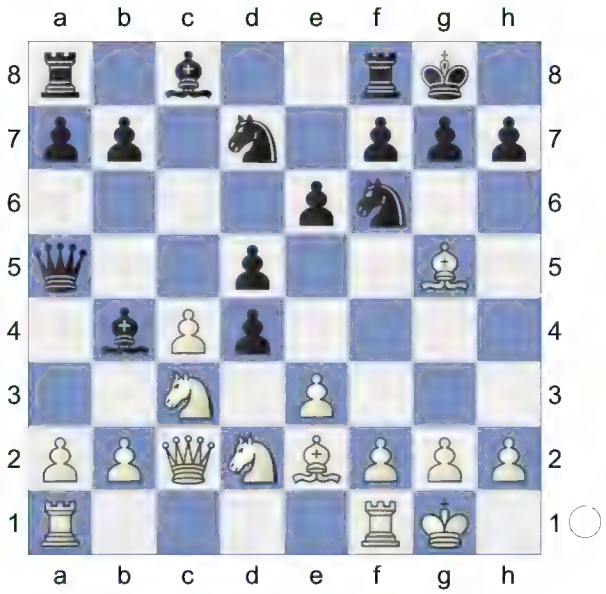
Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Ü 60/(442) Hansen,Cu: ' ∞!' Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '!' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '- 60/(442)' 11.Bxf6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen, Cu' *(11.cxd5?* (R.Scherbakov) suddenly loses a piece after *c4! 12.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 Ne4* Δ ed5, Ng5 ∓*)* 11...Nxf6 12.dxc5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bxc5 R.Scherbakov: 'and now ac cording to Eric Lobron White could have gained a small edge by playing' R.Scherbakov: 'and now ac cording to Eric Lobron White could have gained a small edge by playing'R.Scherbakov: 'after' 15.Be2 *(15.Nxc5!?* R.Scherbakov *Qxc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qe5±* although Black should hold on this position without too much problem. R.Scherbakov: 'although Black should hold on this position without too much problem.'*)* 15...Bd6 16.Rfd1 Bd7 17.h3 Be5 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Bb5 Qxb5 ½-½ Lobron,E-Ivanchuk,V/Munikh(04) 1994 R. Scherbakov: 'a draw was agreed in the game Lobron - Ivanchuk, Munich 1994 - we already touched this line in the notes to the game Capablanca - Alekhine, Wch13 Buenos Aires 1927' R.Scherbakov: 'a draw was agreed in the game Lobron - Ivanchuk, Munich 1994 - we already touched this line in the notes to the game Capablanca - Alekhine, Wch13 Buenos Aires 1927';

B) 10...Qa4!∞ Ftacnik;

C) 10...Qc7!? (R.Scherbakov) is also worthy of consideration as (curiously enough!) was played in the game Ivanchuk - Kasparov, Frankfurt (rapid) 1998. After R. Scherbakov: 'is also worthy of consideration as (curiously enough!) was played in the game Ivanchuk - Kasparov, Frankfurt (rapid) 1998. After' 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4 cxd4 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.N5xd4 Bd6 15.f4 h6 16.Bh4 a6 17.Be2 Nd5 18.Qd2± White had the slightly better chances;

D) 10...Bxc3+ Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' Azmaiparashvili, Z: '- 61/(487)' 11.bxc3 Qa4 12.cxd5 c4 13.Qb2 Nxd5 14.Nd2 h6 15.Bh4 b5 16.a3 N7b6 17.Rc1 Qa5 18.Nb1 Bd7 19.0-0 f5 20.Bg3 f4 21.exf4 Nxf4 22.Qd2 Nbd5 23.Bf3 Nd3 24.Be4 Qd8 Azmaiparashvili,Z-Ivanchuk,V/ Moscow PCA 3(6'-5') 1994/½-½ (43)]

10...cxd4



11.Nb3

[R.Scherbakov: 'In the game Kramnik - Ivanchuk, Luzern WchT 1993 White

tried' 11.exd4 R.Scherbakov: 'but has not achieved too much:' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' dxc4

A) 12.Bh4 Nb6! 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7= 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.d5□ R.Scherbakov: ' □' '□' Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxe6! *(17...fxe6* R.Scherbakov *18.bxc3±)* 18.Bxe6 fxe6 *(18...Be5* R.Scherbakov *19.Bf5±)* 19.bxc3 Rac8 ½-½ Kramnik,V-Ivanchuk,V/Luzern WchT (RUS-UKR) (5) 1993 R. Scherbakov: 'and here a draw was agreed.';

B) 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qd8=]

11...Qb6

[11...Qd8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Bxc4 Nxe4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qe5 Qb4 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Bxb5 a6 20.Be2 Bd7 1/2-1/2;Cramling,P-Hansen,LB/Rilton Cup/1993-94/]

12.exd4

[12.Nxd4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' dxc4 13.Bh4 *(13.Bxc4?! Qc5∓)* 13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd5 15.Qc2 Ne5 16.Bg3 Nb4 17.Qc3 Nd5 18.Qc1 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Qxc4 Qxc4 21.Bxc4 Bd7 22.Rfd1 Bc6 23.Rd4 Nb6 24.Bf1 Rfd8 25.Rad1 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 f6 27.f3 Kf7 Alonso,Rene-Fuentes, Manuel/Holguin ch-CU (01) 1991/½-½ (61)]

12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 ɔb3 R.Scherbakov: 'The Bishop on c8 is still at home and everything would be fine for White... if only his Knight was on f3 instead of b3.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'ɔb3" R.Scherbakov: 'The Bishop on c8 is still at home and everything would be fine for White... if only his Knight was on f3 instead of b3.' **13...Qc7** R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Winning a tempo for ...Nb6, ...Bd7-c6 or ...b6, ...Bb7.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '!' **14.Qe2**

[14.Nb5!? Ftacnik R.Scherbakov: 'was worthy of consideration and would lead to complications after' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!?' Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik" Qc6 15.a3 Be7 16.Na5 Qb6 17.b4 a6 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Rad1 Qg4 20.f4∞ R.Scherbakov: 'with unclear consequences, according to Zurab Azmaiparashvili.' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '∞"]

14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4!

[R.Scherbakov: 'An excellent resource which is in fact an improvement on the game Bass - Lein, New York 1983 which continued with' R.Scherbakov: 'An excellent resource which is in fact an improvement on the game Bass - Lein, New York 1983 which continued with' 15...b6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 16.Rac1 Bb7 17.Bd3± R.Scherbakov: 'followed by c4 with a small advantage for White. It's curious that the arisen position is very similar to the one of the critical positions of Nimzo Defence (!) but with a small difference - the Knight is on b3 instead of f3.' R.Scherbakov: 'followed by c4 with a small advantage for White. It's curious that the arisen position is very similar to the one of the critical positions of Nimzo Defence (!) but with a small difference - the Knight is on b3 instead of f3.']

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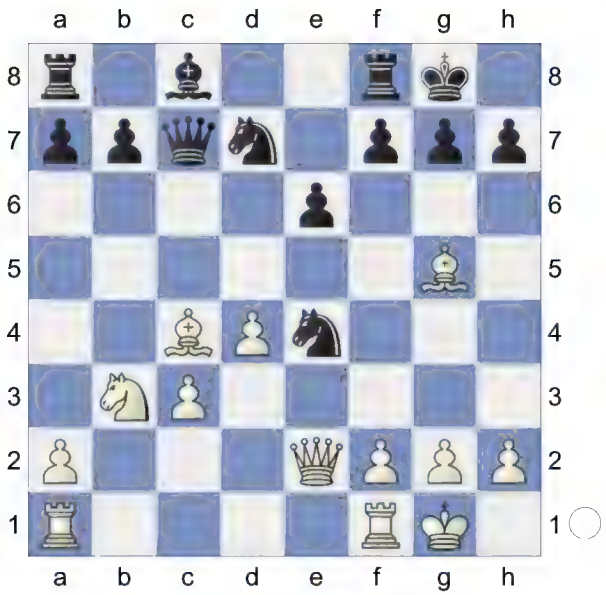

16.Qxe4 Qxc4 17.Rfe1?! Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!?' '!?' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?!" Azmaiparashvili,Z: '!?'

[17.Rac1= R.Scherbakov: 'also came into consideration but White is playing more ambitiously.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' R.Scherbakov: 'also came into consideration but White is playing more ambitiously.']

17...Nb6

[R.Scherbakov: 'Of course not' 17...Qxc3? Ftacnik R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '(Hansen, Cu) Ftacnik' 18.Be7 Re8 19.Rac1 Qb2 20.Re2 R.Scherbakov: 'and the Queen is trapped.']

18.Be7?! R.Scherbakov: 'Continuing active play which leads to the tangible positional concessions.' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?!"

[R.Scherbakov: 'Both' 18.Rac1∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu']

[R.Scherbakov: 'and' 18.Re3 Ftacnik R.Scherbakov: 'were more accurate although Black is already slightly better:' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik" R.Scherbakov: 'were more accurate although Black is already slightly better:' Qd5! Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!" *(18...f6?? R.Scherbakov 19.Rh3 g6 20.Qh4+-)* 19.Qh4 f6∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: ' ∓" 20.Bf4 R.Scherbakov e5 21.dxe5 Nc4∓]

18...Re8 19.Bc5 Nd5 Δb7-b6,♗c8-b7 ∓ R.Scherbakov: 'If Black could play ... b6 and ...Bb7 White will be in trouble so he continues in the same style.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δb7-b6,♗c8-b7 ∓" R.Scherbakov: 'If Black could play ...b6 and ...Bb7 White will be in trouble so he continues in the same style.' **20.Nd2 Qxc3**

21.Qe2 Δ♘d2-e4-d6 R.Scherbakov: 'Intending to invade with the Knight by Nd2-e4-d6.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♘d2-e4-d6"

[21.Qxd5?? Ftacnik R.Scherbakov: 'was impossible due to' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' Qxa1!-+ Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: '-+' '-+' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '-+!'' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '-+']

21...b6 22.Ne4 Qa5 23.Bd6 Bd7-+

R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' R.Scherbakov: 'Starting to lose the thread of the game.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '?' '?' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '-+" Azmaiparashvili,Z: '?'

[R.Scherbakov: 'After' 23...Ba6 Ftacnik R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: ' Ftacnik' ' 24.Qf3 *(24.Qh5 R.Scherbakov Bd3)* 24...f6∓ R.Scherbakov: 'Black would have nothing to worry about.']

24.Qh5 Δ♘g5 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♘g5" **24...h6?!**

[R.Scherbakov: 'The threat of Ng5 should have been parried by' 24...f6!?∓ ✕g5,✕e5 R.Scherbakov: 'at the same time covering no less important square e5.' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: ' ∓' '∓' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: ' ∓!?' Hansen,Cu: 'F g5, F e5" F g5,F e5 Azmaiparashvili,Z: ' ∓' R.Scherbakov: 'at the same time covering no less important square e5. ']

R.Scherbakov: 'It is also possible, in my opinion, that White refrained from repetition by' R.Scherbakov: 'It is also possible, in my opinion, that White refrained from repetition by' **25.Be5!?=** F F g4 R.Scherbakov: ' ⩱' 'because of a possible' R.Scherbakov: 'Intending Qg4. It looks like White has good attacking possibilities.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: ' ⩱' '=!?' ' ⩱' '=!?' Hansen, Cu: 'Δ♕g4" R.Scherbakov: 'Intending Qg4. It looks like White has good attacking possibilities.' **25...Re7**

[25...Rf8!? (R.Scherbakov) followed by ...f6. R.Scherbakov: 'deserved attention with the idea of putting the pawn on f6.']

26.Bd6 Ree8 27.Red1?! Δ♖d1-d3-g3 R. Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'White was lucky to get enough initiative to compensate the pawn but he is playing for all! The idea of the last move is to include the Rook in the attack by Rd3-g3.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '[Δ ♖d3-g3] Hansen,Cu: '?!' Hansen,Cu: 'Δ♖d1-d3-g3" Δ♖d1-d3-g3 Azmaiparashvili,Z: '!' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '[Δ ♖d3-g3]' R. Scherbakov: 'White was lucky to get enough initiative to compensate the pawn but he is playing for all! The idea of the last move is to include the Rook in the attack by Rd3-g3.' **27...Ne7 28.Be5 Bc6 29.d5□** R.Scherbakov: '□' '□' R.Scherbakov: 'A spectacular move which was actually forced.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: ' □" Azmaiparashvili,Z: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'A spectacular move which was actually forced.' **29...Bxd5** R.Scherbakov: '□' '□'

[R.Scherbakov: 'The alternatives were much worse:' 29...Nxd5 Ftacnik R. Scherbakov: '?' '?' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: '(Hansen,Cu) Ftacnik' 30.Qg4

g6 31.Qh4→]
[R.Scherbakov: 'or' 29...exd5 Ftacnik R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '(Hansen,Cu) Ftacnik' 30.Nd6 Rf8 31.Bxg7! Kxg7 32.Qe5+→ R.Scherbakov: 'with an attack in both lines.']

30.Bc3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '!' '!' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '!'
[R.Scherbakov: 'After' 30.Nf6+? Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?' Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' gxf6 *(30...Kf8* Azmaiparashvili,Zurab *31.Rd3!±)* 31.Bxf6 Nf5 32.Rd4 R.Scherbakov: 'White in fact had no threats so something like' Rec8-+ R.Scherbakov: 'was quite possible.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '-+" R.Scherbakov: 'was quite possible. ']

30...Qa3
[R.Scherbakov: 'Of course not' 30...Qa4?? R.Scherbakov: 'as after' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 31.Qg4 R.Scherbakov: 'Black loses the Queen:' Ng6 32.Nf6+ gxf6 33.Qxa4+-]

31.Bxg7 R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!'
[R.Scherbakov: 'According to Azmaiparashvili, White could have made a draw by means of' 31.Qe5 Ftacnik Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: 'Ftacnik'' Nf5 32.Nf6+ gxf6 33.Qxf6
A) in my opinion 33...e5!? (R.Scherbakov) was interesting: 34.Rd3 Rac8 35.Bxe5 *(35.Qxf5?* looks weaker: *Rxc3 36.Rxd5 Rc1+ 37.Rd1 Rxd1+ 38.Rxd1 Qxa2!* followed by ...Qe6*)* 35...Rc1+ 36.Rd1 Rxd1+ 37.Rxd1 Rxe5 38.Qxe5 Ne7 with the better chances for Black although it is very difficult to consolidate his pieces R.Scherbakov: 'with the better chances for Black although it is very difficult to consolidate his pieces';
B) 33...Kf8 34.Rab1 a5 35.Rxb6 Qa4 36.Rxd5 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' exd5 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Qe5+ Kf8 39.Qh8+= R.Scherbakov: 'with a perpetual check.' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: '=' '=' Azmaiparashvili, Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '='' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '=']

31...Bxe4 R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' R. Scherbakov: 'A big mistake in a terrible time trouble.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '?' '?' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '?'
[31...Kxg7!? R.Scherbakov: '!' R. Scherbakov: 'was correct. A possible continuation was:' 32.Qe5+ Kf8
A) 33.Nf6 R.Scherbakov: 'and now in my opinion it was interesting to test White's attacking chances by playing'
A1) 33...Ng6 Ftacnik 34.Nh7+ R.Scherbakov: 'with a repetition' Kg8 *(34...Ke7??* Azmaiparash

vili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' *35.Qc7#)* 35.Nf6+

A1a) 35...Kh8? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?'' 36.Qd4 Red8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' *(36...Qc5* R.Scherbakov *37.Qb2+- e5 38.Rxd5 Qc6 39.Nxe8 Qxd5 40.Nc7)* 37.Nxd5+ e5 38.Qe4↑;

A1b) 35...Kf8;

A2) 33...Rec8! (R.Scherbakov) and there is no perpetual by 34.Nh7+ Ke8 35.Nf6+ as the King has the d8 square: Kd8 with reasonable chances to survive a piece up. R.Scherbakov: 'with reasonable chances to survive a piece up.';

A3) 33...Ng6∓ Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '=' '=' Azmaiparashvili,Z: '=';

B) 33.Qh8+ R.Scherbakov: 'gave nothing:' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' R.Scherbakov: 'gave nothing:' 33...Ng8 34.Nf6 *(34.Rxd5 exd5 35.Nf6 Ke7 36.Re1+ Kd6∓)* 34...Ke7∓ 35.Nxe8 R.Scherbakov Rxe8∓]

32.Qxh6 Bh7? Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '?''

[32...Ng6!-+ R.Scherbakov: 'was indicated by some commentators as winning (!) but it was in fact not better due' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen, Cu' R.Scherbakov: 'was indicated by some commentators as winning (!) but it was in fact not better due'

A) 33.Rd4! (R.Scherbakov) and White is winning the Bishop while continuing the attack, for example: Red8 *(33...Qb2 34.Rad1* with the idea Bf6*)* 34.Rxe4 *(34.Bf6)* 34...Qxa2 35.h4;

B) R.Scherbakov: 'of course not' 33.Bf6 R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' 33...Qf8 *(33...Qf8* Ftacnik *34.Qh5 Rac8∓* R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' *35.Rd4* R.Scherbakov *Rc5-+* followed by ... Rf5 R.Scherbakov: 'followed by ... Rf5' *)*]

33.Be5+- R.Scherbakov: 'Here Black's flag fell but his position was probably lost by force.' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '+-'' R.Scherbakov: 'Here Black's flag fell but his position was probably lost by force.' **33...Nf5** R.Scherbakov: ' □''□' **34.Qf6 Kf8** R.Scherbakov: ' □ '' □ ' **35.g4!** Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!''

[R.Scherbakov: 'in the case of' 35.Rd7

A) 35...Bg8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 36.Rad1! Rac8 *(36...Re7 37.Bd6+-)* 37.Bd6+ Qxd6 *(37...Nxd6 38.Qh6#)* 38.R1xd6+-;

B) 35...Re7□ R.Scherbakov: '□' '□' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen, Cu: ' □ '' 36.Bd6 Qxd6 37.Rxd6 Nxd6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '⇄' '⇄' Azmaiparashvili,Z: ' ⇄' 38.h4 F h5-h6 R.Scherbakov: ' ±' '±' R. Scherbakov: 'Black would be happy' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '(Hansen,Cu) Δ h5-h6' R. Scherbakov: 'Black would be happy' *(38.Qh6+* Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' *Kg8 39.Qg5+ Kf8 40.Qh6+=)* 38...Rd7 39.h5 Be4 *(39...Kg8= Δ♘e4/Δ♘e8)* 40.Rd1± *(40.h6 Ne8∞)*]

35...Qf3

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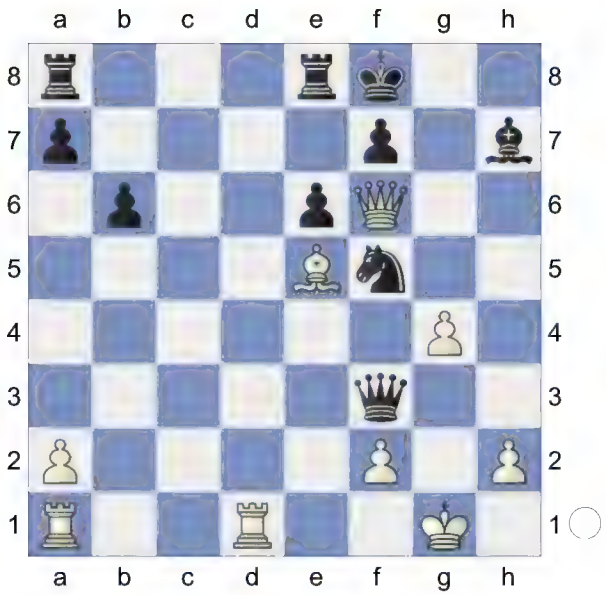


R.Scherbakov: 'and now the quiet' **36.h3!** Martin Slowik Δ37.gf5 R. Scherbakov: 'with the idea just to take on f5 seems to be winning: Some lines which were indicated by Curt Hansen:' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: '+-!!' '+-!!' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu: '!' Hansen,Cu: 'Martin Slowik Δ37.gf5" Martin Slowik Δ37.gf5 Azmaiparashvili,Z: '+-!!' R.Scherbakov: 'with the idea just to take on f5 seems to be winning: Some lines which were indicated by Curt Hansen:'

[R.Scherbakov: 'the immediate' 36.gxf5 R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' R. Scherbakov: 'wasn't dangerous:' Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' Qg4+ 37.Bg3 Bxf5 38.Rd7 Qg6 39.Qh8+ Qg8 40.Qc3 Qg7=]

36...Qe4 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen, Cu'

[36...Qxh3 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu'

A) 37.Qh8+ Bg8 *(37...Ke7 38.Bf6#)* 38.Qxh3+-;

B) 37.Qh8++-]

[36...Bg8 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 37.gxf5 R.Scherbakov: '+-' '+-' Qxf5 38.Bd6++-]

[36...Bg6 Azmaiparashvili,Zurab: 'Hansen,Cu' 37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Bf6#]

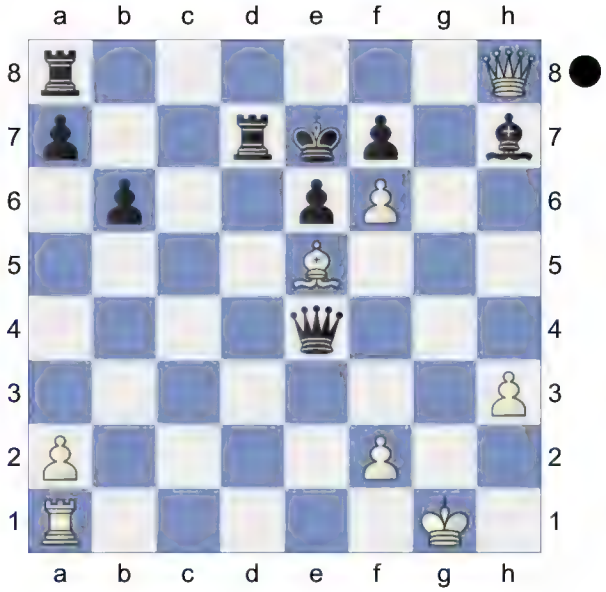
37.Rd7 Re7

[37...Bg8 38.gxf5+-]

38.gxf5 Rxd7 39.Qh8+

[39.Qg7+ Ftacnik Ke8 40.Qh8+ Bg8 41.Qxg8+ Ke7 42.f6# R.Scherbakov: 'checkmate!']

39...Ke7 40.f6#



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□ **Berg,Emanuel** **2623**

■ **Topalov,Veselin** **2791**

Olympiad-38 Dresden (9) 22.11.2008

[Ftacnik,Lubomir]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 Kovalov,Andrei **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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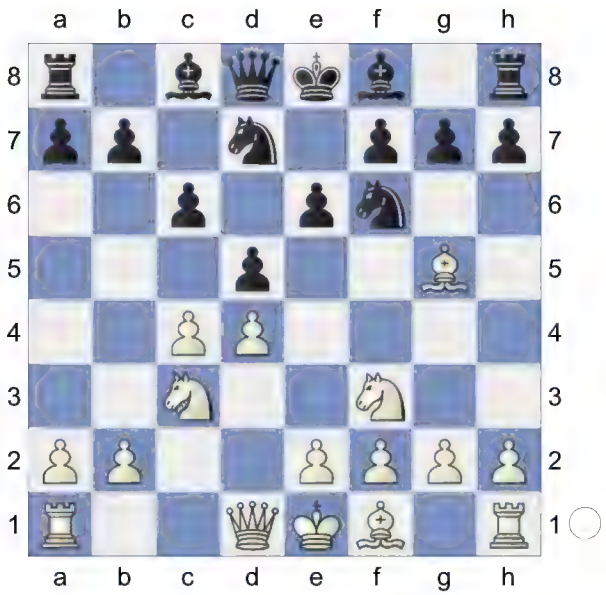


6.e3 Qa5

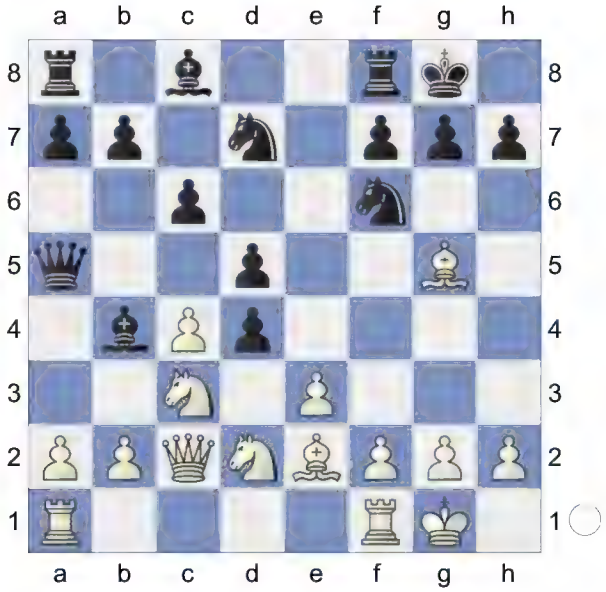
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

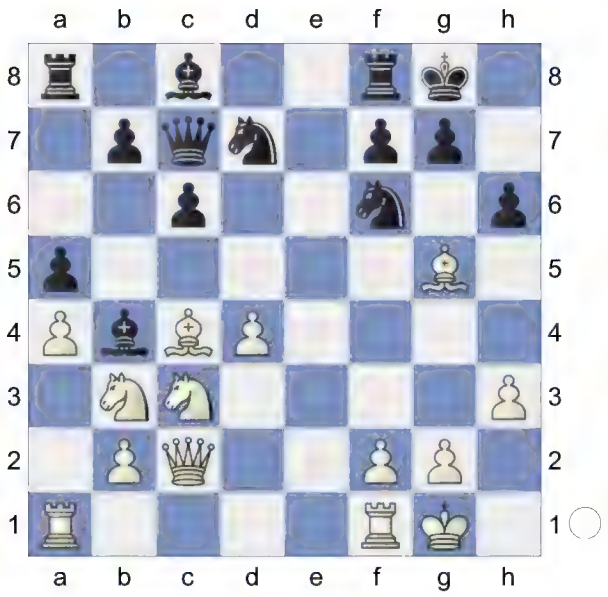
7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



11.Nb3 Qb6 Kovalov,Andrei: '!' Topalov is the first player on the world rating list and the level of his theoretical preparation is excellent. Black have been testing immediate activity with the b7-b5 advance, but the position was not ripe for it. **12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5** The position is equal.Kovalov,Andrei: 'An updated version of Kobalia's plan. ' **14.a4** Black's setup with the bishop on b8 supporting the diagonal b8-h2 is very resilient, even though it seems a bit passive. Probably the most problems for him would result from the modest advance of the white h-pawn. **14...Qc7 15.h3**

[15.Rae1]

15...h6



16.Bh4
[16.Bxh6? -1.61/21 16.Bg5-h4 0.05 gxh6 -1.07/19 *(16...Nb6*-+ -1.61/21 *17.Bd3 gxh6)* 17.Qg6+∓ Kh8 18.Qxh6+ *(18.Bxf7*+- -1.95/21 18.Qg6xh6+ -0.98 1-0 Nisipeanu,L (2707)-Korneev,O (2601)/Benidorm 2005 (28) *Qf4)* 18...Nh7]
16...Nb6 17.Bd3
[17.Bxf6 Threatening mate with Qc2-g6! Nxc4 0-1 Belov,V (2582)-Kobalia, M (2634)/Moscow 2005 (41) 18.Na2! Be6 19.Nxb4± axb4 20.Nc5 -0.75/21 *(20.Rfe1*∓ -0.31/20 feels stronger.*)* 20...Bd5∓ 21.Be5 Qe7 -0.47/20 *(*Black should try *21...Nxe5*∓ -1.10/20 *22.dxe5 b6)*]
17...Nbd5 18.Bc4
[18.Rfe1 Bd6]
18...Qf4 19.Bg3 Bf5
[19...Qg5]
20.Bd3 Kovalov,Andrei: '?'Berg has much improved as a chessplayer and he obviously likes active solutions. The conservative move 20.♗d4 centralised the bishop with a modest advantage.
20...Bxd3

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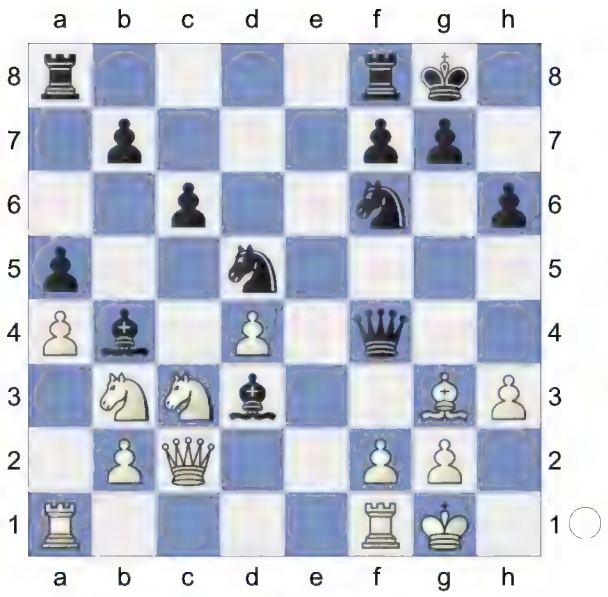
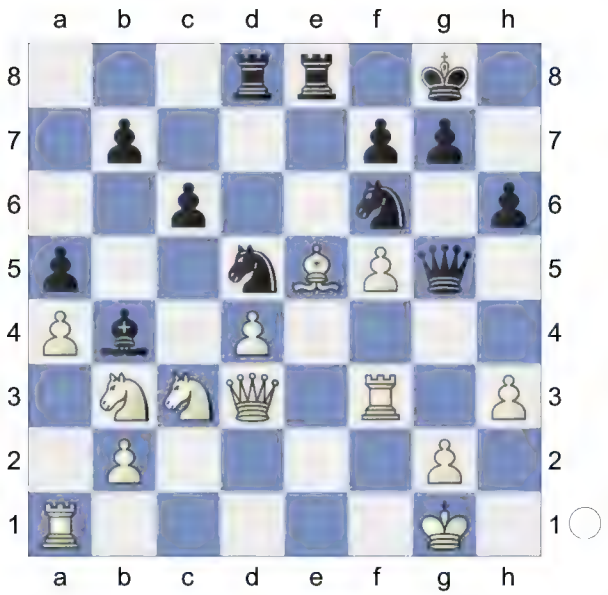


21.Qxd3 Qg5 Kovalov,Andrei: '!' Kovalov,Andrei: 'After this move, Black has the advantage. Understanding this, Berg seeks complications.' **22.f4!?** White simply has to succeed on the kingside, where he enjoys the advantage in number of pieces. The investment of the knight is bringing him closer to the enemy king. **22...Qg6 23.f5 Qg5 24.Rf3** Wards off Qg5-e3+ **24...Rfe8 25.Be5!** Youth loves activity, but this move is pushing things way too far. Topalov's defensive combination will be quite charming. **25...Rad8**↑

(Diagram)



Kovalov,Andrei: '-+'. Strongly threatening ...Nd5xc3. Black has the initiative. **26.Rg3**

[26.Re1 h5]

26...Qh4 aiming for ...Nd5xc3. **27.Qf3 Bd6 28.Qf2**

[28.Nxd5 cxd5 29.Qf2! 1/2 Delchev, A (2669)-Korneev,O (2601)/Benidorm 2005 Kh8 30.Bxd6 Rxd6]

[28.Re1? -4.32/23 28.Qf3-f2 -0.55 Bxe5 29.Rxe5 *(29.dxe5 Nh5)* 29...Nxc3 30.bxc3 Rxe5! 31.dxe5 Nh5 32.Rg4 Qe1+ 33.Kh2 -8.74/21 *(⌓33.Qf1 -5.08/22 Qe3+ 34.Kh1)* 33...Rd1]

28...Kh8 29.Bxd6

[29.Nxd5 -2.00/22 29.Be5xd6 -0.71 Bxe5 30.dxe5? -4.79/20 *(30.Rf3 -2.20/23* only move. *Bxd4* Decoy *31.Nxd4 Qxf2+ 32.Rxf2 Rxd5 33.Ne2)* 30...Ne4!]

29...Rxd6

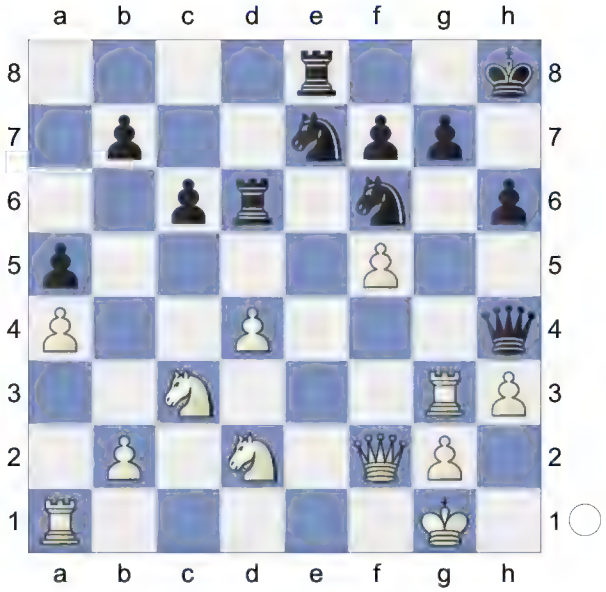
[29...Nxc3 0.29/23 29...Rd8xd6 -0.37 30.bxc3 Hoping for Qf2-f4. Ne4? 2.11/22 (Black should play *30...Rxd6±* 0.40/22 *31.Re3 Qxf2+ 32.Kxf2 b6)* 31.Qf4]

30.Nd2 -0.99/20

[30.Rf3 Qxf2+ 31.Kxf2 b6 32.Re1]

[30.Rf3∓ -0.47/22 Qxf2+ 31.Rxf2]

30...Ne7∓



Black is much more active. **31.Nf3**

[31.Nc4 -1.73/24 31.Rg3-e3 -0.86 Rxd4 32.Ne5 Threatens to win with Ne5-f3! Nxf5 33.Nxf7+ Kg8 34.Rf3 Kxf7 35.Rxf5 Qxf2+ 36.Rxf2= Maybe 36...Kg6 Kovalov,Andreipromises more?]

[31.Rd3 Qxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Red8 -0.81/20 *(⌓32...Nxf5* -1.17/21 *33.Nc4 Rxd4 34.Rxd4 Nxd4 35.Nxa5 Kg8)*]

31...Qf4 The final check pointedly elevates the bishop to the role of the hero, as he was descreetly supporting Black's play for the whole game. **32.Ne5 Qxf2+-+**

[32...Qxd4? 33.Nxf7+ Kg8 34.Nxd6 Qxd6 35.Re1 Nxf5 36.Rxe8+ Nxe8 37.Rf3+-]

33.Kxf2 Kg8

[33...Rxd4 34.Nxf7+ Kh7]

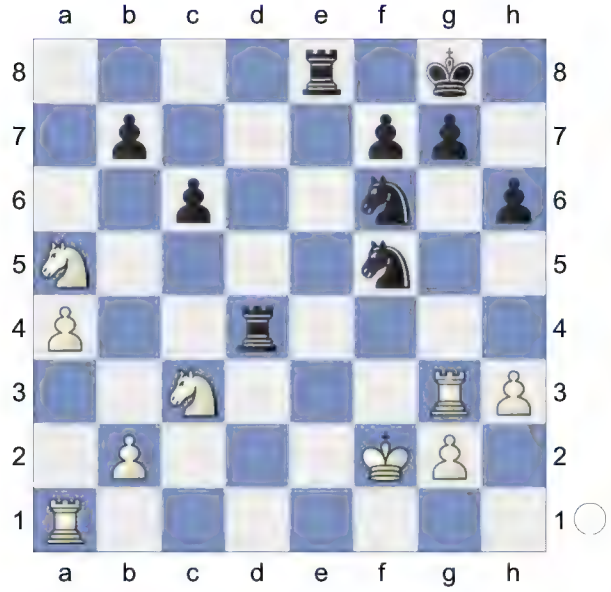
[33...Nxf5? 34.Nxf7+ Kh7 35.Nxd6 Nxd6 36.Re1+-]

34.Nc4? -3.00/22

[34.Rd3 Nxf5 ...Re8xe5! would now be deadly. 35.Nc4 Rxd4 36.Rxd4

Nxd4 37.Nxa5 Re7± -0.81/18
(⌓37...b5 -1.32/21 38.Rd1 Ne4+ 39.Nxe4 Rxe4)]
[34.Rd1∓ -1.17/25]

34...Rxd4 35.Nxa5 Kovalov,Andrei: 'Rather more stubborn was ' **35...Nxf5**



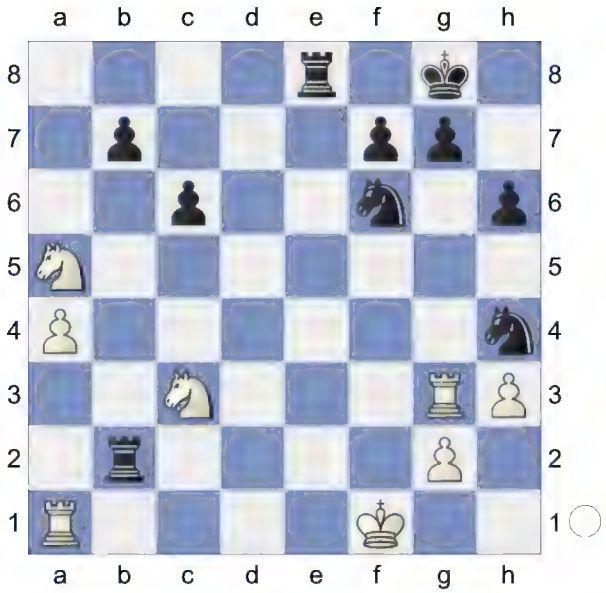
36.Rf3 Nh4 37.Rg3 Nf5? 0.01/20
[Better is 37...Re5-+ -3.85/23 38.Nxb7 Rd7]

38.Rf3= Nh4 0.01/21
[38...Re5-+ -2.86/21 39.Nxb7 Rd7]

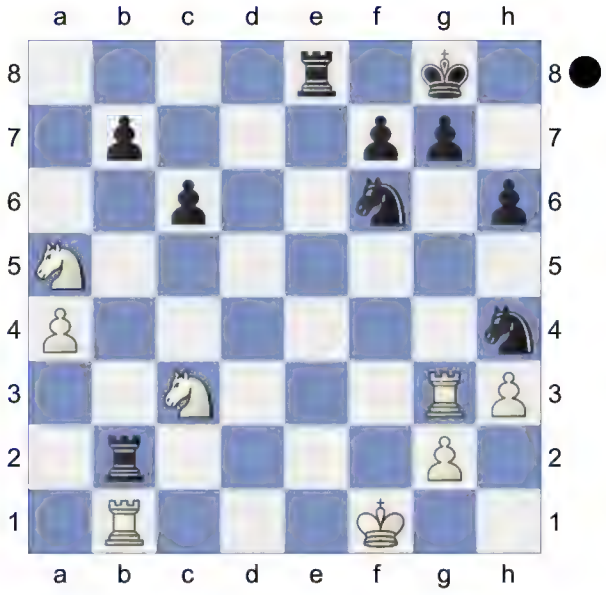
39.Rg3! Rd2+
[39...Rb4 40.b3 Re5 41.Nc4∓ 0-1 Jimenez,P (2292)-Diamant,A (2384)/Havana 2007 (36) Kovalov,Andrei: 'Or' 41...Rf5+! Kovalov,Andrei: '!?' 42.Kg1 Rxb3]

40.Kf1 Rxb2
[40...Nf5 41.Rf3 Nd6 *(41...Ne3+ 42.Rxe3* Decoy *Rxe3 43.Nc4∓)* 42.Rf2 Rxf2+ 43.Kxf2∓]

(Diagram)



And now ...Nf6-h5 would win. **41.Rb1**



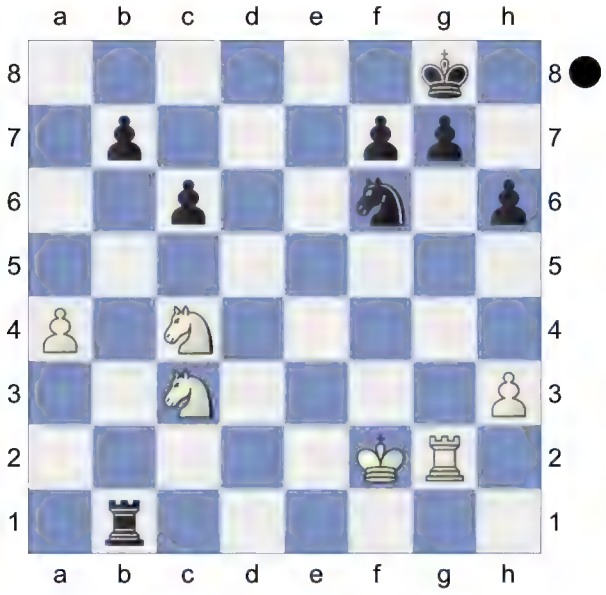
Ree2 Deflection **42.Nc4** Kovalov,Andrei
[42.Rxb2 Rxb2]

42...Rf2+
[42...Rxg2? 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.Nxb2-+]

43.Ke1 Rxb1+
[43...Nxg2+ 44.Rxg2=

(Diagram)

Rxb1+! 45.Kxf2



Rc1! 46.Nd6 Rxc3 47.Nxb7± Rxh3 48.Kg1 Ra3 Dodges Rg2-a2 49.a5 Ra1+ 50.Kh2 g5]

[But not 43...Nxg2+ 44.Rxg2 Rxb1+ 45.Kxf2]

[Resist 43...Rxg2 44.Rxg7+ Kxg7 45.Rxb2 Nf3+ 46.Kd1 Rxb2 47.Nxb2-+]

44.Kxf2 Rb4 45.Nd6 Rb2+

(Diagram)

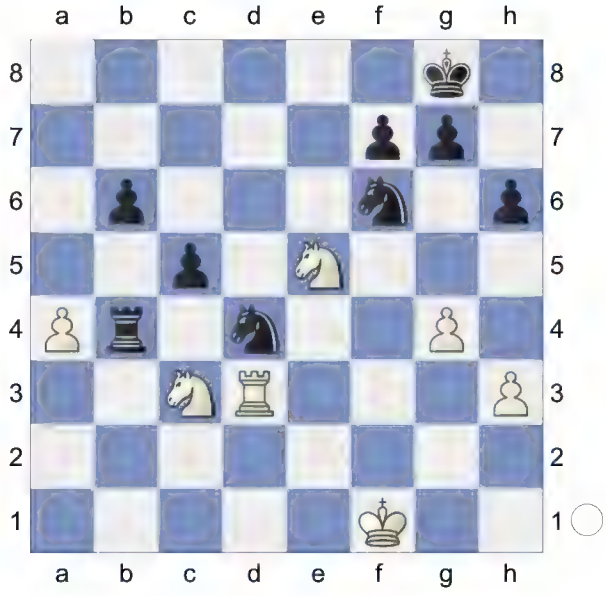
46.Kf1! although here too, Black's victory is only a matter of time. **46...b6? 47.Nc4**

[47.Rd3]

47...Rb4 48.Ne5+- Nf5 49.Rd3 Nd4 50.g4-+

[50.Kf2± c5 51.Ke3 Kf8]

50...c5



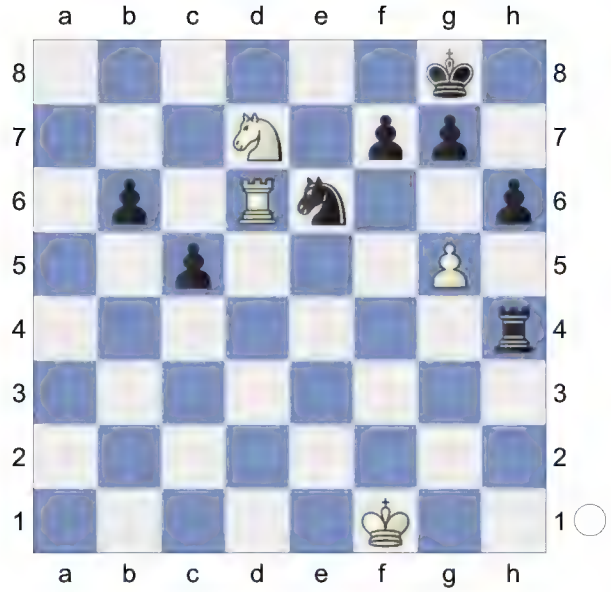
51.h4 Ne6 52.Rd6 -5.39/22

[52.Rg3 -3.80/20 keeps fighting.]

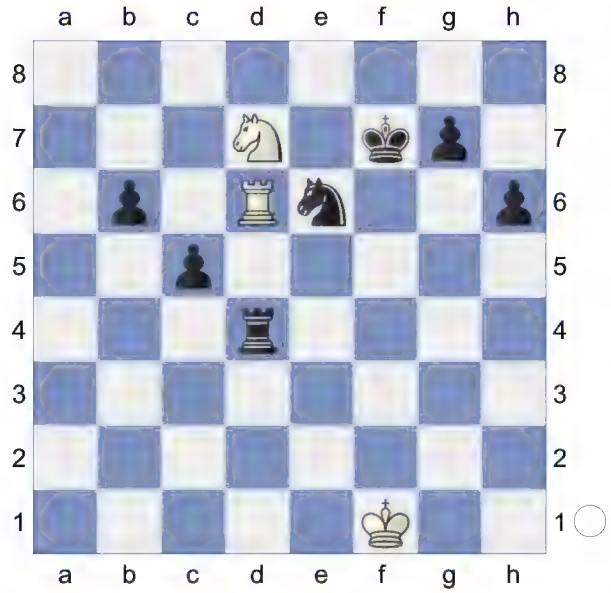
52...Ne4 Black is clearly winning.

53.Nxe4∓ Kovalov,Andrei: 'Essential was' **53...Rxe4 54.Nd7 Rxa4 55.g5**

Rxh4



56.g6
[56.gxh6 Rd4 57.Rxd4= cxd4 58.hxg7 b5]
56...Rd4± 57.gxf7+ Kovalov,Andrei
with equality. **57...Kxf7**

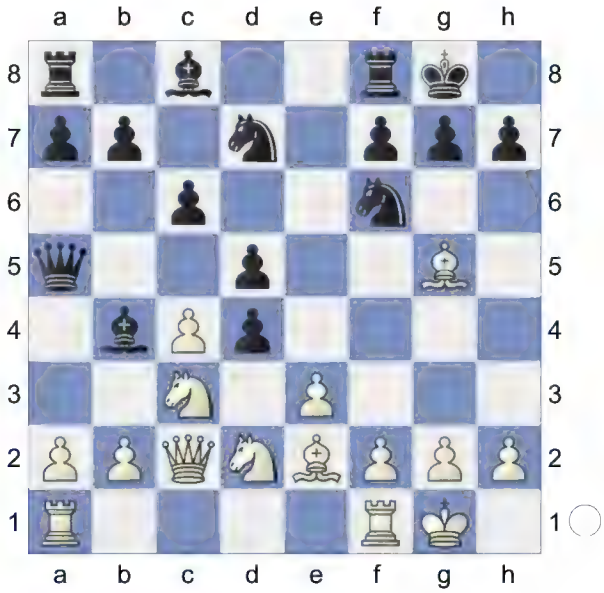


Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.33
0-1

109 **D52**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2620**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2582**
Capechecs Online Trophy A rapid (2)
[Flear,Glenn]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



11.Nb3 A key moment. Black has to decide which square she will retreat her queen to and each of them has their positive and negative points. There has already been some discussion on ChessPublishing in one of the summaries, but as this was a few years ago it's time to bring matters up to date.

11...Qb6

[Retreating back to c7 has the disadvantage that White can recapture on d4 without any downsides. He thus avoids being saddled with an IQP (which doesn't suit everyone!). Although the queen isn't bad on c7, with White's development flowing I don't see a way to equalize (as White's bishop pair is too strong): 11...Qc7 12.Nxd4

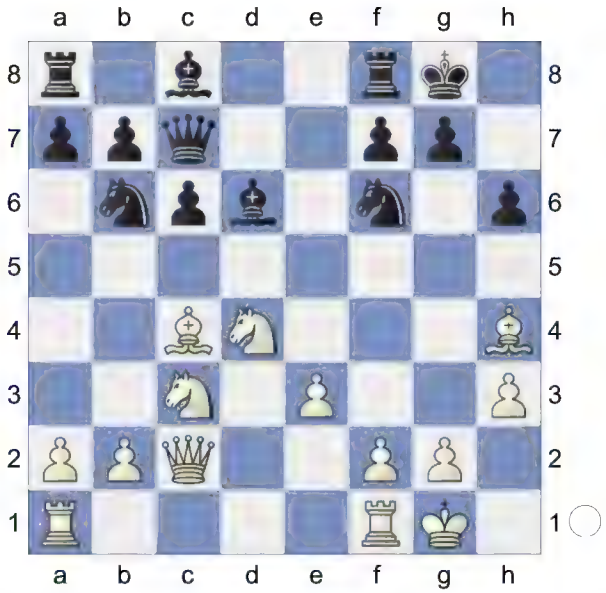
A) 12...dxc4 13.Bxc4

A1) more active, but not necessarily any better is 13...Qa5 14.Bh4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Re8

A1a) 16.Nf5 Ne5 0.68/22 *(16...Qc5= 0.25/21 17.Bd3 Ne5 18.Nh6+ Kh8)* 17.Bxf6± gxf6 18.Be2 Nf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bxf5 Adelseck, H - Knudsen, J e-mail 2014, and White only has a minimal edge;

A1b) 16.Rad1! Keeping the tension is best. 16...Qh5 17.Bg3 Nc5 18.Rfe1 Nce4 19.Bf4 g5 20.Bg3± Compagnone, G - Leone, C e-mail 2016, and Black has generated some play, but at the cost of some concessions;

A2) 13...Bd6 14.h3 (simplest) *(14.f4)* 14...h6 15.Bh4 Nb6 (Diagram)



16.Bb3! Nfd5 *(16...g5?? 8.45/20* 16...Bd6-h2+ 0.70 *17.Qg6+)* 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Rac1± Vives, G - Mueller, H e-mail 2002, with ongoing pressure;

B) 12...Bxc3 (Black often makes this exchange at this point because White has to recapture with the pawn) 13.bxc3 *(13.Qxc3??* -0.51/19 13.b2xc3 0.30 *Ne4-+)* 13...dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qe5 15.Nf3 *(*also promising is *15.Bf4 Qc5 16.Bb3 Ne5 17.e4 Re8 18.f3±* Paschall, W - Gonda, L Budapest 2006, and the centre holds firm*)* 15...Qc5 16.Bd3 h6 17.Bh4 Nd5 18.Rac1 N7b6 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Rfe1 Qa3 21.e4± Sasikiran, K - Sriram, J Nagpur 2002, and White clearly has the better minor pieces.]

12.exd4

[After 12.Nxd4?! Black has a forcing line that steers the action towards equality:

A) also possible is 12...dxc4 first, but this gives White an interesting possibility: 13.Bh4!?

(whereas the tame 13.Bxc4 -0.18/20 13.Bg5-h4 0.24 is met by *Qc5* which hits both bishops, after which the forced *14.Bxf6!* allows Black to obtain easy equality *)* 13...Qc5 14.Na4 *(14.Rfd1 Re8 15.Na4±* 12 is given by Stockfish*)* 14...Qa5 15.Bxc4 c5 0.66/20 *(15...Qh5=* 0.28/18 should be considered. *16.Bg3 Ne5)* 16.Nb5± a6 17.Nd6 b5 18.a3 bxc4 1.14/20 *(* Better is *18...Qxa4±* 0.54/21 *19.Qxa4 bxa4)* 19.axb4± Qxb4 20.Qxc4± Van der Sterren, P - Yusupov, A Munich 1994, and Black was struggling to complete development;

B) 12...Bxc3! 13.bxc3 dxc4 (Black continues the 'liberating' simplification) 14.Bxf6 *(*or *14.Bxc4 Qc5 15.Bxf6 Qxc4=)* 14...Nxf6 15.Bxc4 Qc5 16.Be2 Re8 *(* or *16...Qe7)* 17.Rfd1 Bd7 18.Bf3 Qe5 19.Qb3 Rab8= Tunik, G - Smagin, S St. Petersburg 1998.]

12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5! This wing thrust is the best chance to equalize, as the threat of . ..a4 (hitting the knight and thus undermining the defence of the d-pawn) improves Black's chances of obtaining counter chances. **14.a3N**

[After 14.Ne4 the best idea is to withdraw the bishop: Be7! *(* instead *14...Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Qc7 16.Bd3 f5 17.Qh4 Nb6 18.a3 Bd6 19.Rfe1* Rozenberg, D - Bures, J e-mail 2013, leaves White with the slightly easier game. *)* 15.Rfe1 Qd8 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bd2 (keeping pieces on the board is usually the right strategy) a4 18.Nbc5 Nb6 19.Bd3 Bg4 *(* or *19...Nbd5 20.a3 Nxe4 21.Bxe4* and Black has to be careful about his a-pawn *)* 20.f3 -0.10/21 *(20.Rc1±* 0.31/18 deserves consideration.*)* 20...Bc8 De la Rosa Solorzano, J - Krzyzanowski, A e-mail 2019, and White retains good 'positional IQP' pressure.]

[The advantage of playing 14.a4 is that there is no longer a worry about Black advancing his a-pawn any further. However, it turns out that the bishop can be quite handy on the b4 outpost: Qc7 15.Rae1 h6 16.Bh4

A) this improves on 16...Bd6?! 17.h3 Nb6 18.Bxf6 Nxc4 19.Ne4 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 Nd6 1.75/21 *(20...b5±* 0.46/20 *)* 21.Kxh2+- Black must now prevent Bf6-e5. Nxe4+ 22.Be5 Nd6 23.Qc5 1.38/23 *(23.d5+-* 1.80/23 *)* 23...Rd8± 24.d5± Carlsen, M - Kasparov, G Reykjavik rapid 2004. A game featuring arguably the best two players of all time! Qd7 25.Nd4 Nf5 26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Nxc6 Re8 28.Rd1 Qe6 29.Rfe1 Bb7 30.Nd4 Nxd4 31.Qxd4 Qg6 32.Qg4 Qxg4 33.hxg4 Bc6 34.b3 f6 35.Bc3 Rxe1 36.Rxe1 Bd5 37.Rb1 Kf7 38.Kg3 Rb8 39.b4 ½-½ (52) Molina,R-10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 44/70 Oostende 1987 axb4 40.Bxb4 Bc4 41.a5 Ba6 42.f3 Kg6 43.Kf4 h5 44.gxh5+ Kxh5 45.Rh1+ Kg6 46.Bc5 Rb2 47.Kg3 Ra2 48.Bb6 Kf7 49.Rc1 g5 50.Rc7+ Kg6 51.Rc6 Bf1 52.Bf2 ½-½ Molina,R (2484)-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2831) Saint Louis 136/152 2018 (1. 1);

B) 16...Nb6! 17.Bd3 *(*after *17.Bxf6* -0.68/21 17.Bc4-d3 -0.06 *Nxc4*

Black is already better e.g. *18.Bh4 b6 19.d5 Bb7* with the bishop pair and good development*)* 17...Nbd5 18.Bg3 Bd6= Alexa, J - Bures, J e-mail 2006.]

14...Bd6

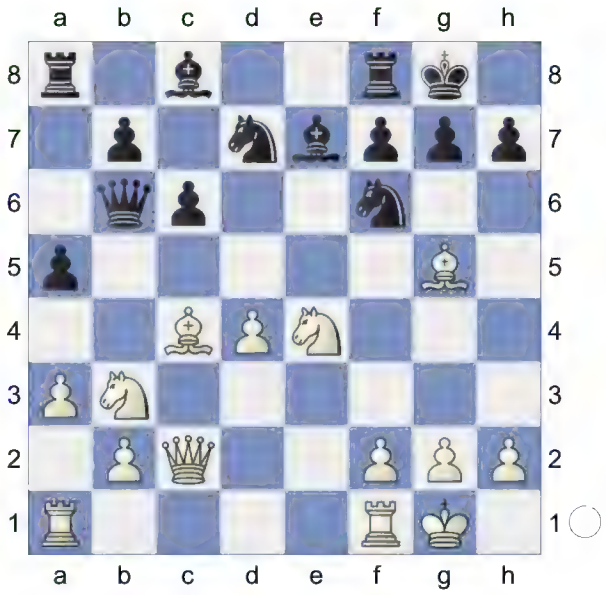
[I tried 14...Bxc3?! last year, but soon regretted giving my opponent such a strong bishop pair: 15.bxc3 a4 16.Nd2 Qa5 17.Nf3 b6 0.96/20 *(17...b5± 0.60/17 18.Ba2 c5)* 18.Rfe1± Ba6 19.Ba2 Rae8 was Laurent-Paoli, P - Flear, G French league 2020, when 20.Bf4!± 0.90/20 would have been very unpleasant. *(⌓20.c4 1.28/20)*]

15.Ne4 Be7

[The following is the key line: 15...Nxe4! 16.Qxe4 Qc7 17.Bd3 (offering a seemingly hot pawn) Bxh2+ (this is playable, but Black needs to be capable of walking on ice) 18.Kh1 f5! (on the database, four draws and one Black win from here!) 19.Qe6+ Kh8 20.g3! (the bishop is cut off and in serious danger on h2, but surprisingly Black has enough resources) *(20.Bxf5?? -4.29/21 20.g2-g3 -0.01 Nf6-+)* 20...Nf6! 21.Qe2

A) not bad, but not best is 21...Ng4 22.Nd2 Qd7 1.48/22 *(⌓22...c5* 0.76/20 *)* 23.f3 0.78/21 *(⌓23.Rae1* 1.48/22 *)* 23...Re8± 24.Qg2 Qxd4 25.fxg4 Qxd3 26.Kxh2 fxg4± the three pawns almost fully compensating for the piece;

B) 21...Re8 22.Qf3 *(22.Qc2* -0.29/21 22.Qe2-f3 0.24 looks plausible, but Black seizes the initiative with *Bxg3! 23.fxg3* Hoping for Bg5xf6. *Qxg3* after which *24.Rg1! Qh3+ 25.Qh2 Qf3+! 26.Qg2 Qh5+ 27.Qh2* Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. *Qf3+* drawing, seems to be best play*)* 22...Be6! (with two threats, the deadly ...Bd5 as well as the knight on b3). And now ...Be6-d5 would win. 23.Kxh2 aiming for Bg5xf6. Bxb3 24.Bxf6 *(24.Qxf5?!* -0.31/22 24.Bg5xf6 0.34 is suspicious as after *Be6 25.Qf3 Rf8∓* Black has the safer king, Marez, S - Mazera, L e-mail 2013*)* 24...gxf6 25.Qxf5 Red8! and (after all that!) the chances are balanced, as suggested by a few e-mail games that have reached this point. The most recent of these concluding as follows: 26.Rae1 Rxd4 27.Re3 Qg7 28.Rfe1 Qh6+ 29.Kg1 Bg8 30.Bc2 Bd5 31.Be4! Prevents Qh6-h1+ Bg8 32.Qc5 Rd7 33.Qc3 1/2-1/2 Biedermann, T - Pavlicek, M e-mail 2012.]



This is new. We almost have the same position that arises from 14. Ne4 Be7 (see the note to White's fourteenth

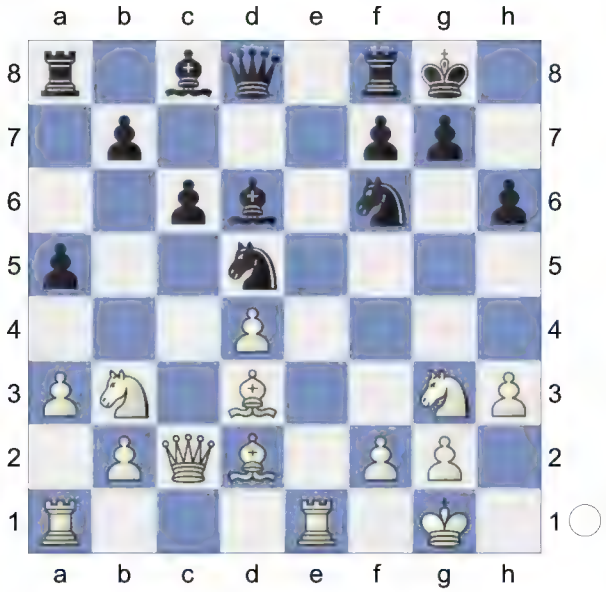
move) except that here White has the additional move a2-a3. This doesn't change matters a great deal. **16.Rfe1 Qd8** Black goes into her shell. Everything is covered for now, but hopes of counterplay are gone. **17.Ng3**

[Otherwise 17.Rad1± must be worth an edge.]

17...Nb6 18.Bd3 h6 19.Bd2 Nbd5

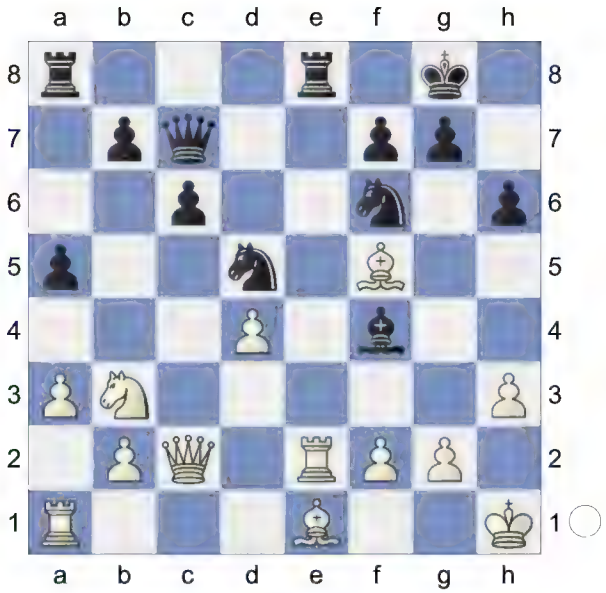
[The alternative continuation 19...a4 20.Nc5 Qc7 21.h3 Rd8 also looks plausible.]

20.h3 Bd6

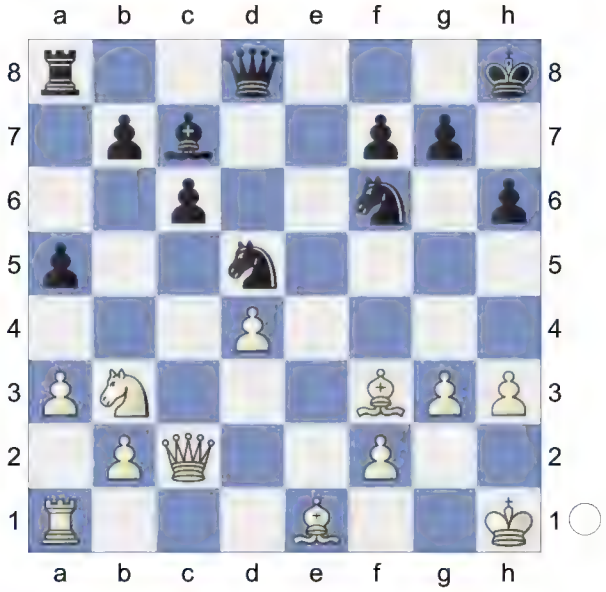


21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.Bxf5 Qc7 Black has accepted the need to cede the bishop pair, but in return obtains a very solid position. **23.Re2 Bh2+ 24.Kh1 Bf4** Angling to reduce the opponent's bishop's scope. **25.Be1 Rfe8**

(Diagram)



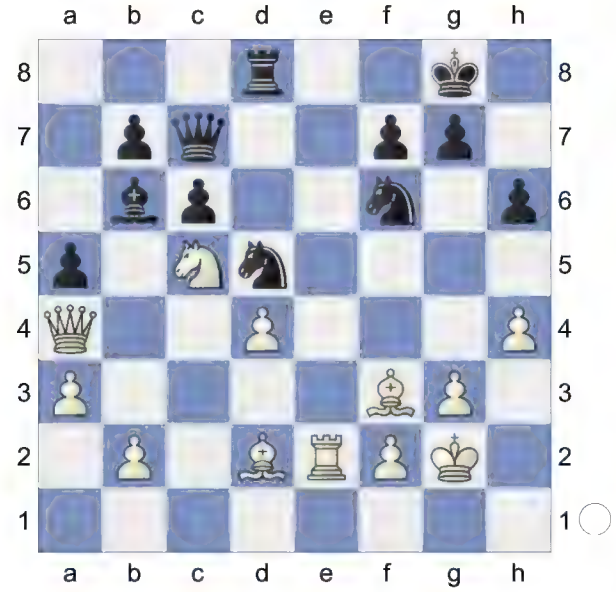
26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 A dynamic duo of knights. **27.Bh7+ Kh8 28.Be4 Nef6 29.Bf3 Qd8 30.g3 Bc7**



31.Bd2 Bb6 32.Kg2 Black's position is not seriously threatened, but the fact that White has the bishop pair might give him some interesting options. In a similar IQP position, but without queens, I once faced Tony Miles who managed to generate some play by advancing his g-pawn. However I had the other bishop. Here, if White tries g3-g4 at some point he'll weaken the f4-square. **32...Qc7**

33.Re1 Rd8 34.Qc4 Kg8 35.Qa4 Ra8

36.Re2 Qd8 37.Qc4 Qc7 38.h4 Rd8 39.Qa4 Ra8 40.Nc5 Rd8



41.Qb3 Rb8 42.Qc2 Qd6 43.Re1 Bc7 44.Nb3 White has more active pieces.
44...Ra8 45.Nc5 -0.01/17
[45.a4± 0.57/19]
45...Rb8!=

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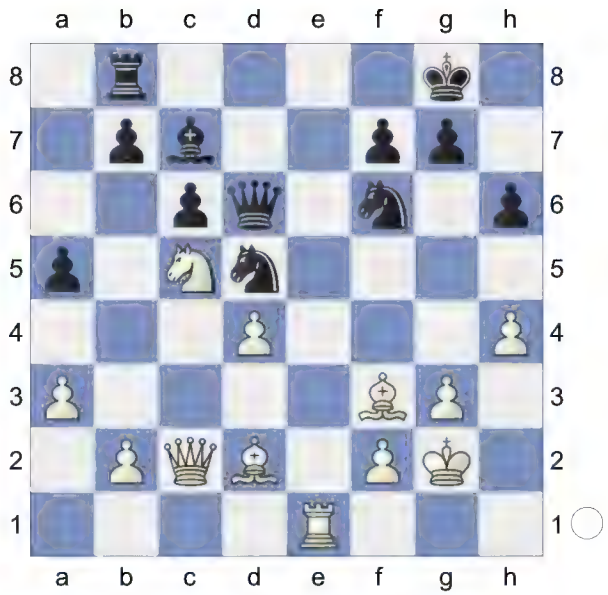
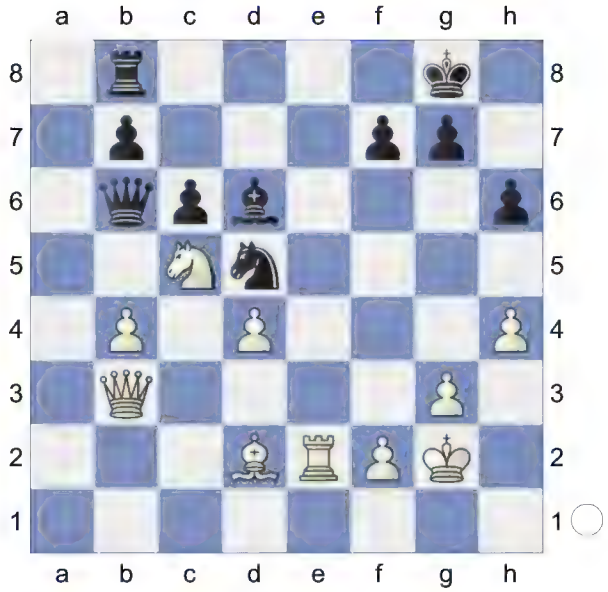
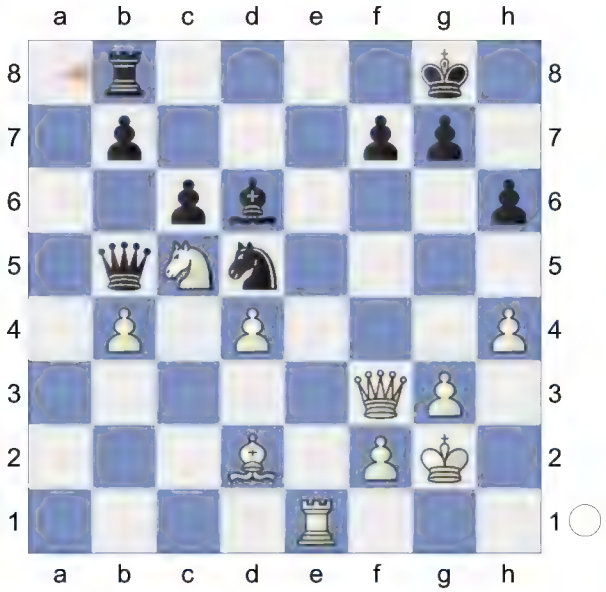


46.Re2 0.01/17
[White should try 46.b3± 0.59/19]
46...Qd8 0.59/17
[46...Bb6= 0.01/17]
47.b4 Finally trying something new, but Black holds firm. **47...axb4 48.axb4 Bd6 49.Qb3 Qb6 50.Bxd5** -0.17/22
[50.Qc4± 0.38/18]
50...Nxd5



51.Qf3 Qb5 52.Re4
[52.Bxh6!? Bxc5 *(52...gxh6 53.Qg4+ Kh8 54.Qh5=)* 53.bxc5 gxh6 54.Re4=]

52...Nf6 It's risky to capture on b4 as the kingside is too vulnerable.
[52...Nxb4? loses. 53.Bxh6 Bf8 *(53...gxh6? 54.Rg4+ Kf8 55.Qf6+-)* 54.Rg4+-]
53.Re1 Nd5 -0.01/23
[53...Ra8∓ -0.48/21]
54.Re4 Nf6
[54...Nxb4? too greedy. 55.Bxh6 Bf8 *(55...gxh6? perishes. 56.Qg4+ Kh7 57.Qf5+ Kg8 58.Rg4+ Kf8 59.Qh7+-)* 56.Rg4+-]
55.Re1 Nd5



56.Re4

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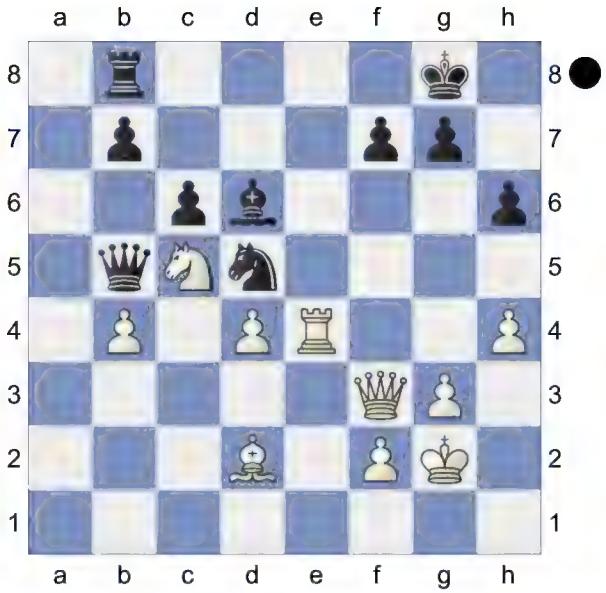

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110 **D52**
□ **Moiseenko,Alexander** **2620**
■ **Mchedlishvili,Mikheil** **2570**
Pavlodar Online Open 2020 rapid (9)
[Flear,Glenn]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5

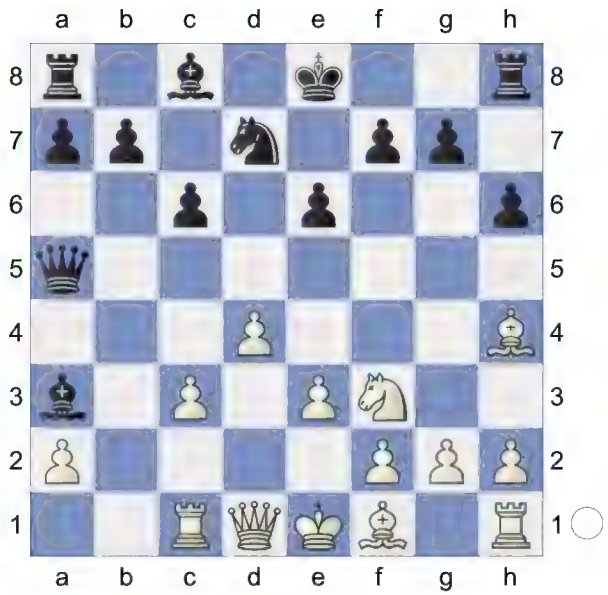
[For 7...exd5 see Kobalia, M - Alekseev, E Russian league 2020, in the same update.]

8.Rc1 h6

[Black can continue with the same development plan as in the game, but without throwing in (x) ...h6 (x+1) Bh4. So, for example, 8...b6 9.Be2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3 11.Rc2 Ba6 is analogous to the main game, but the bishop stays on g5. 12.0-0 Bxe2 and now Tomashevsky captured on e2 with the rook, but Dreev has already faced 13.Qe2. See the archives for more details.]

9.Bh4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 The position is equal. **10...Ba3**

(Diagram)



11.Rc2 b6

[The move order starting with 11...0-0?! 12.Bd3 b6 allows White to avoid the trade of light-squared bishops with 13.Qe2!± e.g. Bb7 14.Nd2 Rfe8 15.0-0 *(the simplest way to keep an edge is with 15.Nc4 Qa4 16.Nxa3 Qxa3 17.0-0±)* 15...Qa4 16.Nc4 Ba6 (got there in the end, but at the cost of a tempo) 17.e4 *(17.Nxa3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Qxa3* isn't very much now that an extra pair of bishops are off the board *)* 17...Bf8 18.Rd2 *(18.e5!?; 18.f4!?; 18.e5!?)* 18...c5! Kuzubov, Y - Mammadov, Z Dubai 2015, but Black had wriggled out anyway and was doing fine. Still, it's clear that 11...b6 is objectively the better choice.]

12.Bd3

[There have also been a number of GM-level games with 12.Be2 e.g. Ba6 13.0-0 Bxe2 and just as in the analogous position with the bishop on g5, White can recapture either way. I think that 14.Rxe2 would have arguably been the biggest challenge a year or two ago, but the surprise

value is gone:

A) as I once previously explained (with the white bishop on g5) it's suspicious to capture on c3 as White is better placed to exploit the opening of the c-file: 14...Qxc3?! 0.78/22 14...0-0 0.01 15.Rc2 Qa5 1.25/21 *(⌓15...Qb4 0.77/23)* 16.Rxc6± 0-0

A1) the way to keep Black tangled is with 17.Rc7! Nf6 *(17...Qb5!? 18.d5!)* 18.Ne5!±;

A2) 17.Rc7!± 0.97/23 Nf6 18.Ne5;

A3) 17.e4?! 0.01/22 17...Rac8= transposes to Craming, P - Goryachkina, A above, which wasn't a problem for Black 18.Qc2 *(18.d5∞* is the logical follow-up to her previous move*)* 18...Qa6 19.h3 -0.32/19 *(19.d5=* 0.10/22 *)* 19...Nb8! Cramling, P - Goryachkina, A Monaco 2019, and Black seized the c-file;

B) 14...0-0! 15.e4 *(*maybe *15.c4)* 15...Rfe8 *(*possible is *15...Qxc3!* as *16.Rc2 Qa5 17.Rxc6 Rac8* transposes to Craming, P - Goryachkina, A above, which wasn't a problem for Black. Prevents Rc6-c7.*)* 16.c4 b5 *(16...e5!?)* 17.d5 cxd5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rfe1 -0.27/21 Martirosyan, H - Hovhannisyan, R Yerevan 2020, with a tense middlegame where Black isn't worse. *(20.Rd2* 0.11/16 was preferrable. *)*]

12...Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.Bg3N

[The timing of c3-c4 can be significant: 15.c4!? Rfe8

A) 16.Bg3 Rad8 17.Qb3 Bf8 *(*or perhaps *17...Be7!?)* 18.h3 Nf6 19.Ne5 Rc8 20.Rd1 Qa6 21.a4 c5 +=/= Sargissian, G - Smirnov, A PRO league internet rapid 2018. When Black reacts in this way it's alway a key moment. White has more options but (as Black's pieces are on good 'waiting squares') he doesn't have anything significant.;

B) 16.Nd2

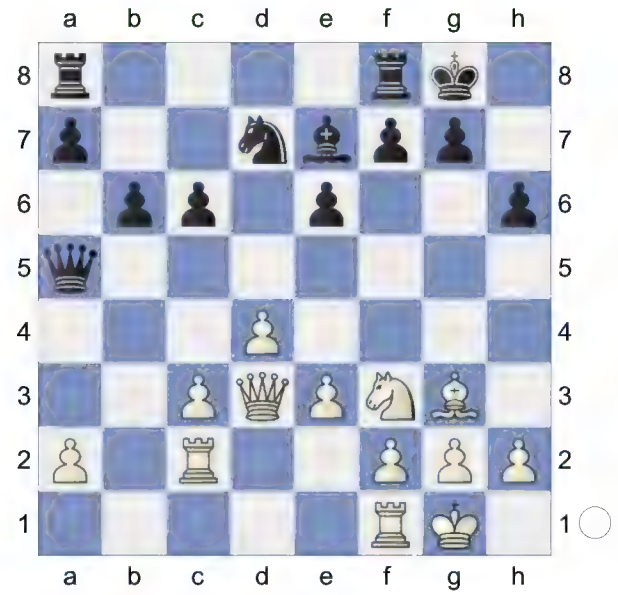
B1) 16...Bf8 17.Bg3 *(17.f4 Qh5 18.Nf3 c5 19.Be1 Rad8 20.Qe2 Nf6 21.Bh4 cxd4 22.exd4 Qf5 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Rd2 Rd6 25.Kh1 Red8 26.Qe4 g6 27.g4 Bg7 28.Rdd1 Rc8 29.Ne5 Qd8 30.Rd3 Rc7 31.Rfd1 Qe8* 0-1 (83) Nomindalai,T (2189)-Rogic,D (2378) Split op 13th 2024 (8)*)* 17...Rad8 18.Nb3 Qa4 19.Bh4 Rc8 20.Rd1 c5 21.Bg3 b5 22.Rdc1 Nb6 23.Nxc5 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Nxc4 25.Qb3 Qa5 26.Bd6 Red8 Smirnov,A (2410)-Ganguly,S (2603) 125/(138) Canberra 2015;

B2) 16...Be7!? 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.c5 bxc5 19.Nb3 Qa4 0.5-0.5 Cmilyte, V - Gurevich, M Turkish league 2012. If White captures with pieces she could have 'the better of the draw': 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Rxc5 Qxa2 22.Rxc6 a5 23.Qc3 but Black should be fine anyway.]

15...Be7

[Moiseenko had already faced 15...Rfd8 16.c4 e5? 1.27/19 against Navara in a blitz game and went on to lose. Here, however, he

could have continued with (so it seems that *16...Be7!* is a better try, with various options including ...e5 up his sleeve; *16...Bf8*= 0.18/20) 17.Nxe5! Nxe5 18.Bxe5 the point being that Qxe5 19.Qxa3 leaves White a clear pawn to the good.]



16.c4 c5 0.89/20 A radical choice. Black will often centralize a rook or two before hitting back.

[A case could be made for so it seems that 16...Rfd8! when ...c5 and ...e5 are both in the air. is a better try, with various options including ...e5 up his sleeve]

[16...Rac8= 0.23/20]

17.d5!±

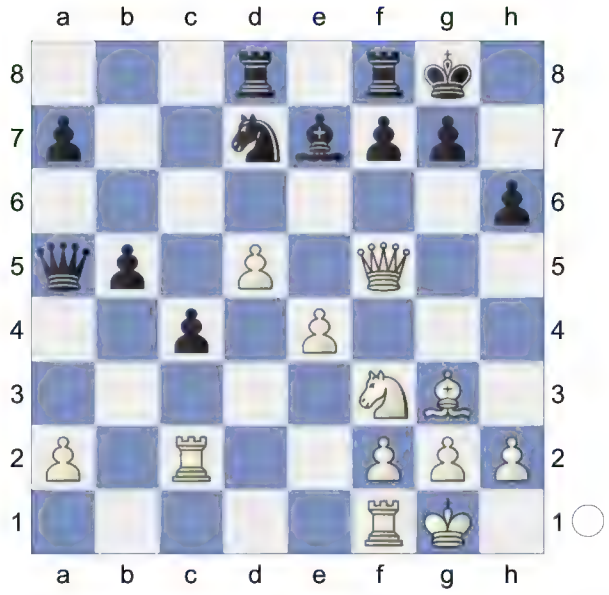
[The alternative line 17.Rd1 0.01/19 17.d4-d5 0.88 cxd4 18.exd4 Rac8 is probably OK, but in this case a future d4-d5 will give away the c5-square.]

17...exd5 18.cxd5 b5 Now the struggle becomes highly complex. **19.Qf5 Rad8 20.e4** White is much more active.

20...c4?! 1.65/19

[Instead Black could try and wait in ambush with 20...Rfe8 21.e5 Qa4 1.28/20 but I would still prefer to have White: (Black should try *21...c4* 0.72/20) 22.Re2± 0.78/19 (⌓*22.Rd2!* 1.28/20)]

[20...Rfe8± 0.83/21 was necessary.]



21.e5 0.38/18 It's the centre versus the queenside! A common danger for Black with such a scenario is that the queenside majority only has 'long-term utility', whereas further progress by White before that could lead to all the action being around Black's kingside.

[21.Nd4+- 1.65/19 aiming for Nd4-c6. g6 22.Qh3]

21...Bc5 1.21/18

[21...b4!± 0.38/18]

22.Bh4 0.63/18

[22.d6!± 1.21/18]

22...f6± Forced, but not bad. **23.d6** 0.39/21

[23.Qe6+!± 0.91/16 Kh8 24.d6]

23...Nxe5! The exchange sacrifice is Black's best chance. **24.Nxe5 fxe5 25.Qe6+ Kh8**

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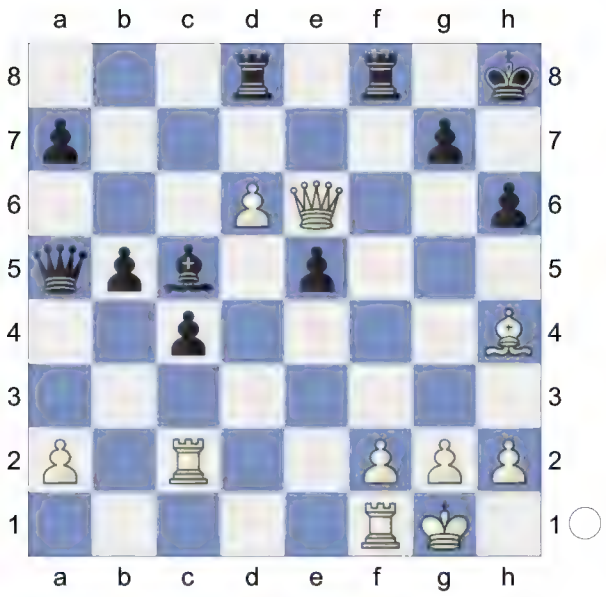
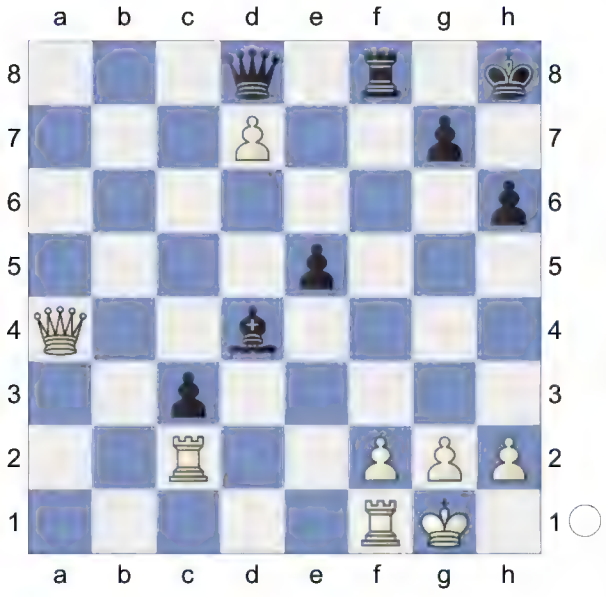
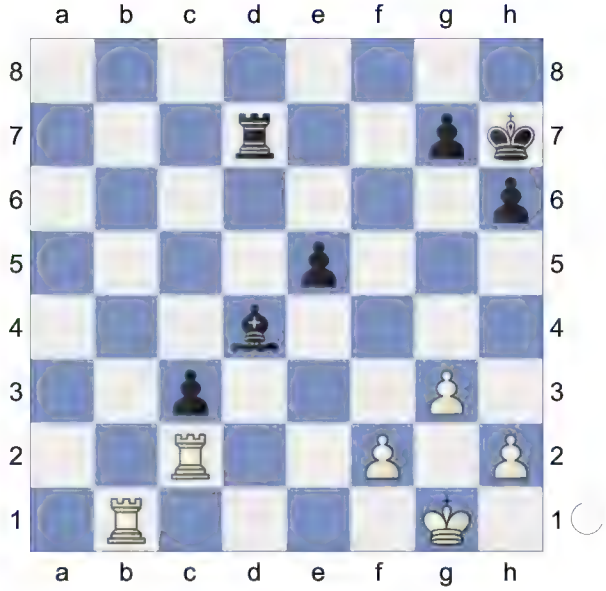


26.Bxd8 Qxd8 1.28/19
[The superior 26...Rxd8! 27.d7 Bd4 would keep Black more or less on level terms. Note how the white rooks will then struggle to participate actively.]
[26...Rxd8± 0.44/22 27.d7 *(27.Qxe5 Bxd6 28.Qh5 Qb6±)* 27...Bd4]
27.d7± Bd4 28.a4! Breaking up the queenside. **28...a6** 1.97/20
[28...c3± 1.16/22]
29.Qxa6+- Black must now prevent Qa6-e6. **29...bxa4 30.Qxa4 c3**



31.Rb1 Qc7 1.65/25 Repels Qa4-c6
[31...Qf6± 1.23/21]
32.Qb5 0.31/23
[Maybe 32.Kh1!? to get off that dangerous dark-squared diagonal and unpin the f-pawn.]
[White should play 32.Rd1+- 1.65/25]
32...Rd8± 33.Qb7 Qxd7 34.Qxd7 Rxd7 Endgame. One feels that such a sturdy dark-squared blockade should enable Black to hold, but Moiseenko still wants to try and win, his plan involving a daring king walk... KRR-KRB
35.g3 Kh7



36.Kg2 Ra7 37.Rb8 Ra1 38.Kf3
[38.Rb4 simplifies Rd1 39.Rc4 Kg6 40.R4xc3 Bxc3 41.Rxc3 h5 42.h3]
38...h5 39.h4 0.01/22
[39.Ke4± 0.38/21]
39...Kh6 40.Ke4!?
[40.Rc8 simplifies Kg6 41.R2xc3 Bxc3 42.Rxc3 Kf5 43.Kg2]
40...Re1+

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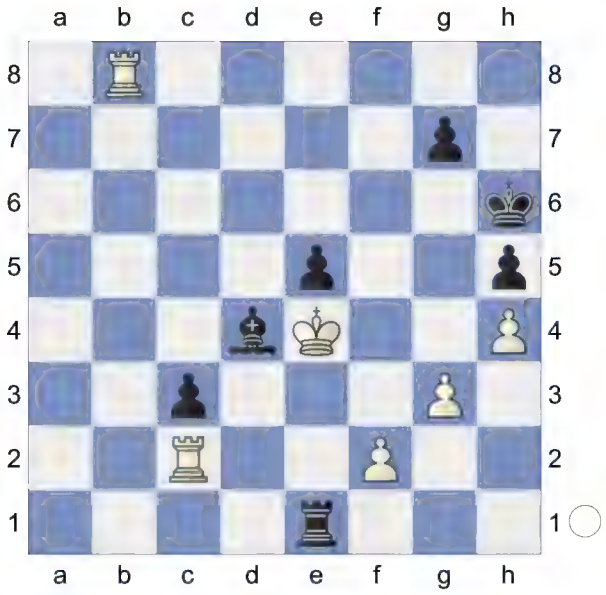

41.Kf5 g6+ 42.Ke6 e4?! 1.29/27
[If 42...Rf1 43.Kf7 0.01/28 maybe Black can still hold (albeit only just!) with *(43.Rc8± 0.43/24)* 43...Kh7!= 44.Rg8 Intending Rg8-g7+ and mate. e4!]
[42...Rd1± 0.31/24]
43.Kf7 0.01/23
[Instead 43.Kd5! would disrupt Black's set-up and kill off most of his counterplay. Then if Bg7 44.Re8! Rd1+ 45.Kc4! Rd4+ 46.Kb3! Black loses one of his pawns.]
[43.Kd5!± 1.29/27 Bg7 44.Rb4]
43...Rf1? 1.83/26
[43...e3= 0.01/23 and Black stays safe.]
44.Kg8? 0.28/27
[White must play 44.Rd8!+- 1.83/26 Bg7 *(44...Rxf2+ 45.Rxf2 Kh7 46.Rxd4 e3 47.Rf6 e2 48.Rxg6 e1Q 49.Rg7+ Kh8 50.Rd8+)* 45.Re8]
44...Ra1!=
[Although you may have suspected that 44...Rxf2? 8.42/27 44...Rf1-a1 0.24

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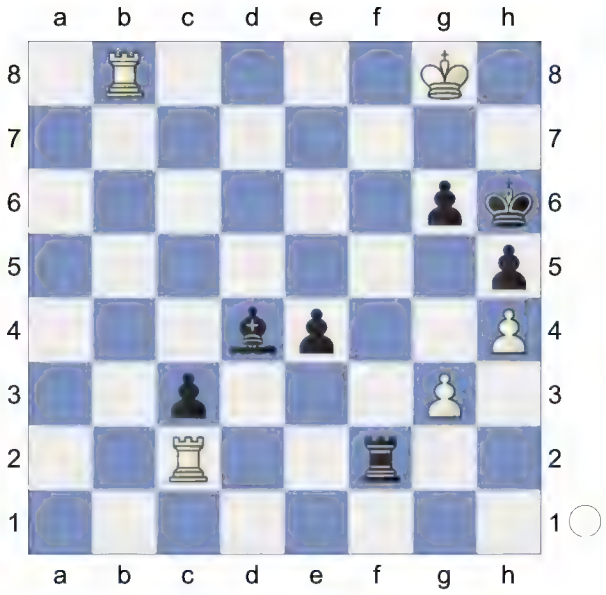
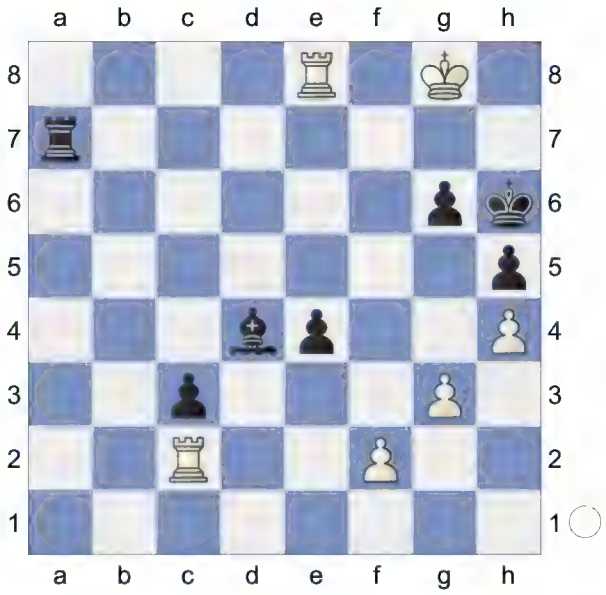
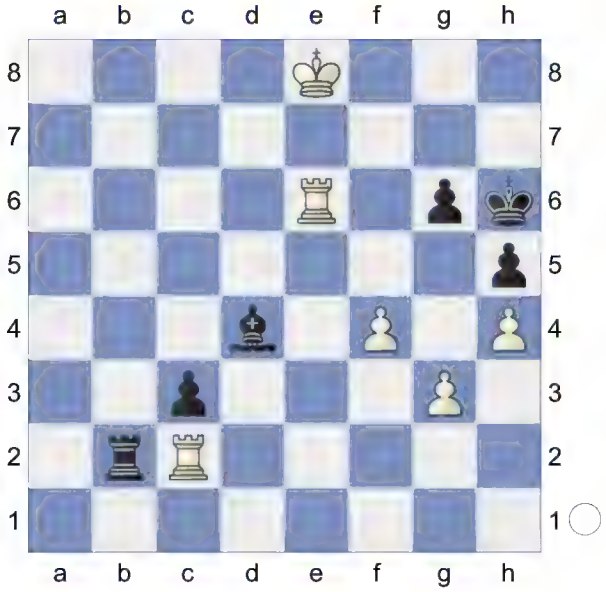


loses, it requires a fine move to make the difference felt: 45.Rd8! with Rxc2 46.Rd7 and mate in mind.]
[44...Rxf2? 45.Rd8! Rf6 46.Rxd4+-]
[44...Bxf2 45.Rb7 g5 46.Rxf2 gxh4 47.Rxf1 *(47.Rh7+ Kg5 48.Rg7+ Kh6 49.Rxf1 hxg3 50.Rf6#)* 47...hxg3 48.Rh7+ Kg6 49.Rg7+ Kh6 50.Rf6#]
45.Re8 Ra7



46.Rxe4 Bf6 1.60/26 The e-pawn falls, but Black can defend his king for now. However, it feels like he is on a slippery

slope.
[46...Bc5!= -0.01/26]
47.Kf8?! 0.01/25 A fresh king walk begins...
[The prophylactic 47.f4! keeps the lid on.]
[47.f4± 1.60/26]
47...Rd7?! 1.58/26
[Missing his chance for some breathing space with 47...g5!]
[Better is 47...g5!= 0.01/25]
48.Re6± Bd4 2.44/23
[48...Bg7+± 1.41/25 might work better. 49.Ke8 Rb7]
49.Ke8 1.39/25
[49.f4+- 2.44/23]
49...Rb7 50.f4 Now the kingside can't be opened by Black. **50...Rb2**



51.Ree2 Rb7 52.Kd8 Bf6+

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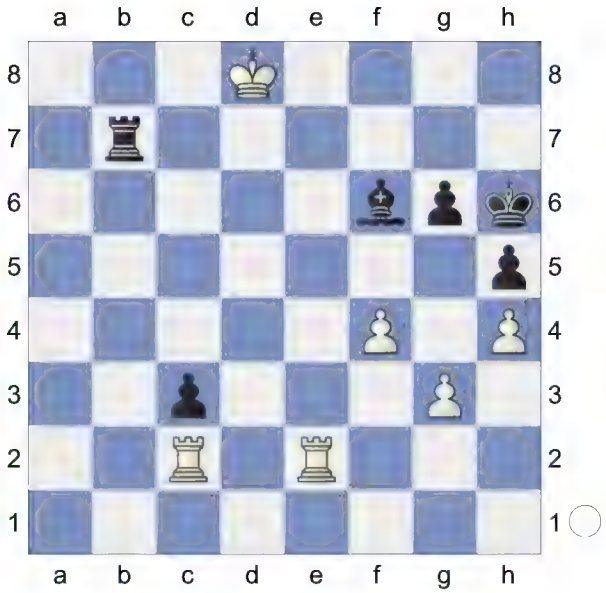
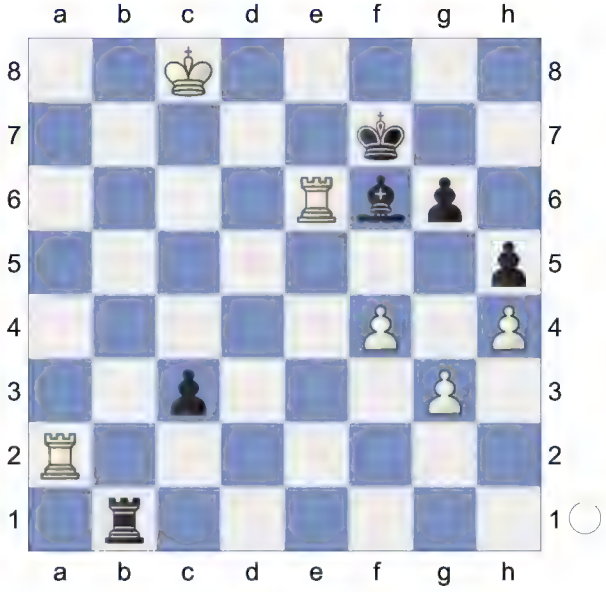


53.Kc8! Rb1 1.98/22
[53...Rb2± 1.43/23]
54.Re6+- Kg7 3.09/23
[54...Rb2± 1.56/22]
55.Ra2! Finally, the second rook wakes up from its long slumber. Ra2-a7+ would now be deadly. **55...Kf7**



56.Rc6 Re1 57.Ra7+ Re7 58.Rd7 Ke8 59.Rd8+ 2.37/5
[⌓59.Rdd6 5.89/25 Bg7 60.Rxg6]
59...Kf7 60.Rdd6 Bg7

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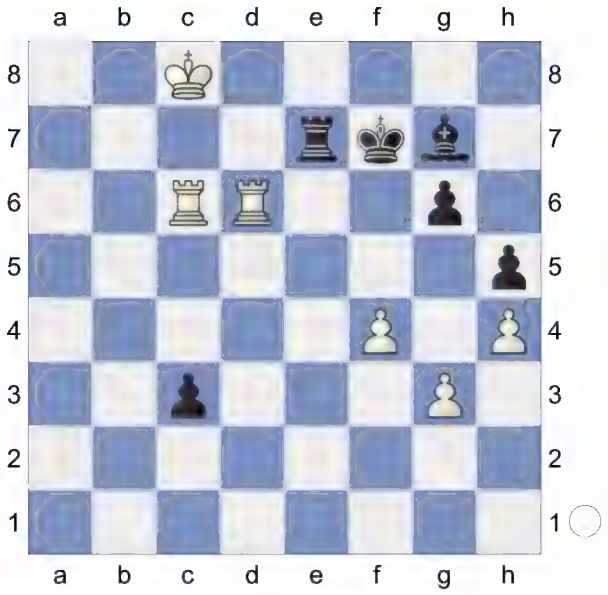
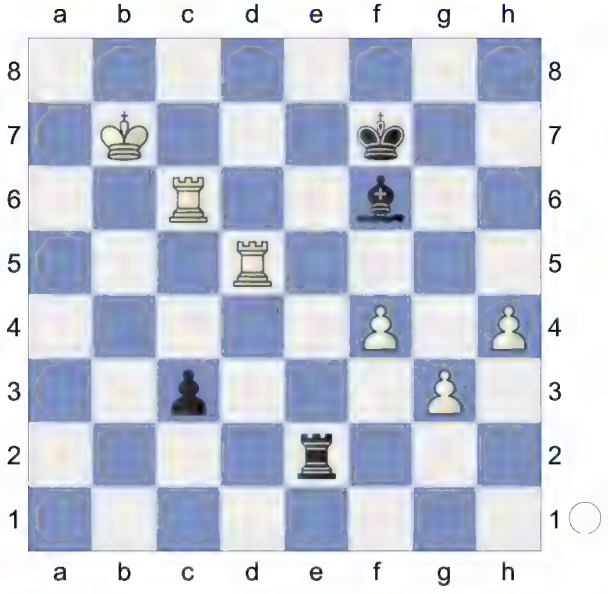
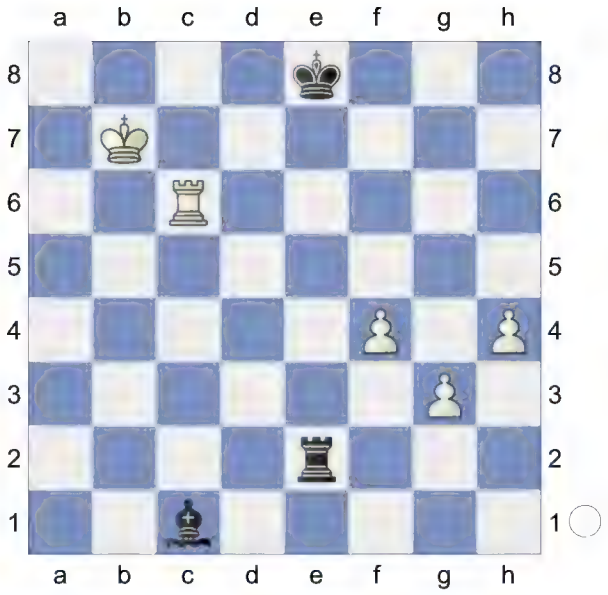


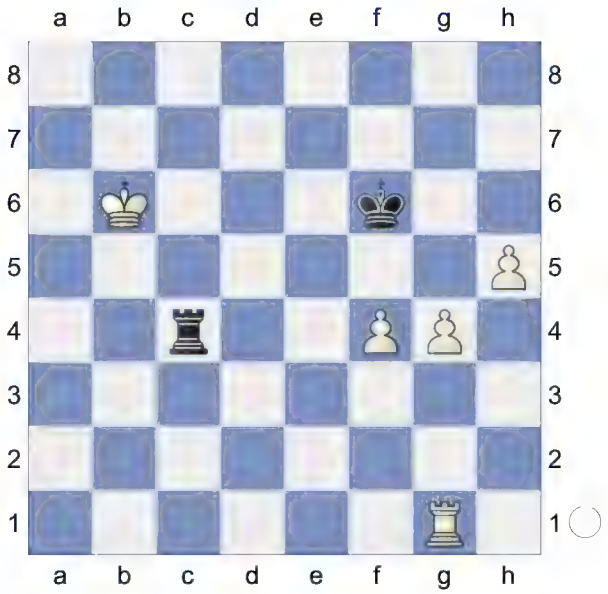
61.Rxg6 Another one bites the dust! **61...Re3 62.Rg5** Threatens to win with Rc6-c7+. White is clearly winning. **62...Re8+ 63.Kb7** Rc6-c7+ is the strong threat. **63...Bd4 64.Rxh5** ...and another one! The rest is for the record. **64...Re2 65.Rd5 Bf6**



66.Rd7+ Ke8 67.Rd3 c2 68.Rd5
[68.Rxf6 c1Q *(68...c1B? is the wrong capture. 69.h5+-)* 69.Rdd6 Re7+ 70.Kb6 Qb2+ 71.Kc5 Qc2+ 72.Kd5 Qa2+ 73.Kd4 Re1-+]
68...Bb2 69.Rdc5 c1Q 70.Rxc1 Bxc1



71.Rxc1 KR-KR **71...Re3 72.Rg1 Rc3** 7.19/23
[⌓72...Kd7 4.94/22 73.Kb6 Kd6]
73.g4 Kf7 74.Kb6 Kf6 75.h5 Rc4 13.06/20
[⌓75...Rf3 5.15/21 76.g5+ Kf7 77.g6+ Kg8]



76.g5+ Kf5 77.g6 White wants to mate with g6-g7. **77...Rc8 78.g7**

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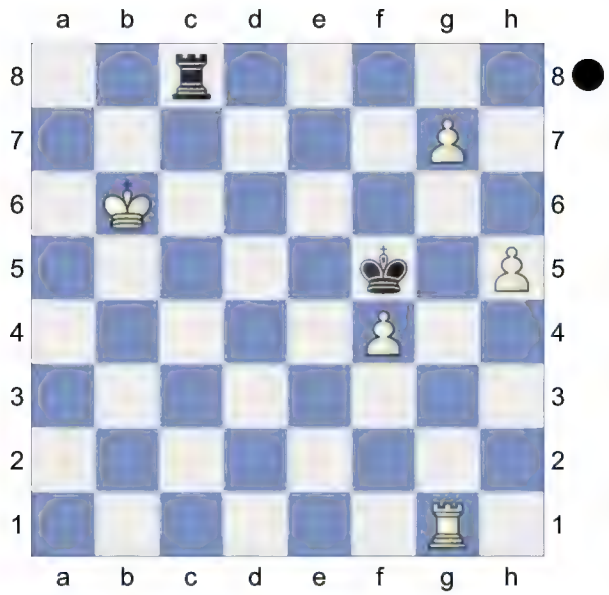

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111 **D52**
□ **Agdestein,Simen** **2620**
■ **Hansen,Curt** **2621**
Scandinavian Masters 2015 (5.1) 14.5.15
[Arsovic,Goran]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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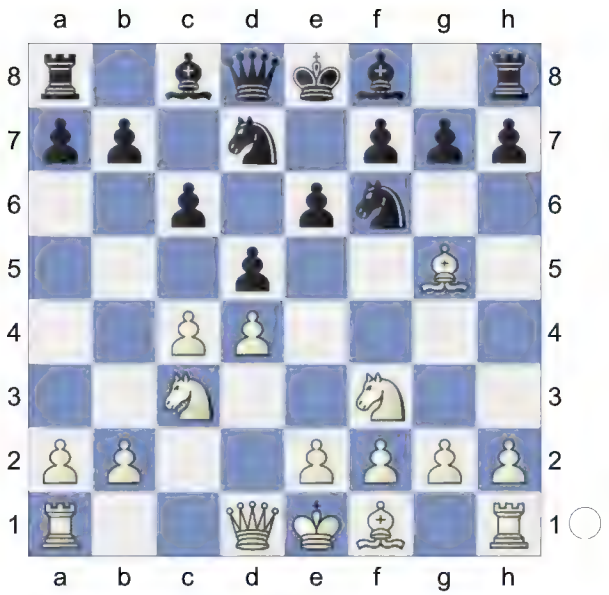

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[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
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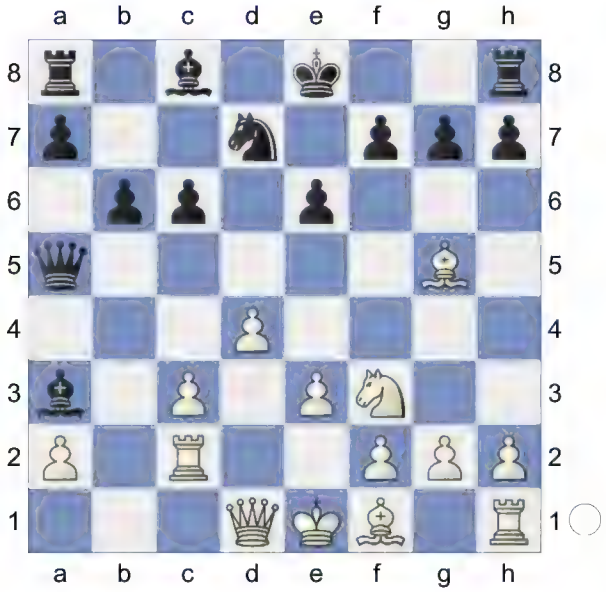
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 White has an edge. **10...b6**



11.e4N

[11.Be2 - 125/(138)]

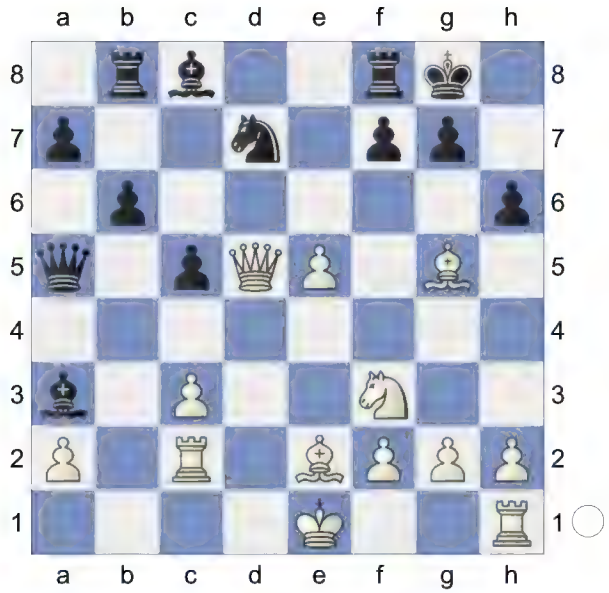
11...0-0 12.e5 c5 13.d5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Rb8! 15.Be2 h6? 2.00/22 Diagram

[15...Re8! 16.0-0 *(16.Bc4?* -1.20/21 16.0-0 -0.26 *Nxe5! 17.Nxe5 Be6∓)* 16...Nf8 *(16...h6?* 0.82/20 16...Nd7-f8 -0.09 *17.Bc4! Re6 18.Qd3±)* 17.Qe4 b5∞]

[15...Qa4?! 16.Qb3 Qe4 17.Kd1±]

[15...Re8!= -0.30/21]

(Diagram)



16.Bh4? -0.43/22

[16.e6! fxe6? 4.60/20 *(16...c4 17.Qxa5 bxa5 18.exd7 Bxd7 19.Bc1+-; 16...c4* 2.10/22 *17.Qxa5 bxa5)* 17.Qxe6++- Kh8 18.Bxh6 Nf6 19.Qe7+-]

[White must play 16.e6!+- 2.00/22 And now e6xf7+ would win. Ba6 *(16...fxe6? 17.Qxe6+ Kh8 18.Bxh6+-* Demolition) 17.0-0 *(17.Qxd7 Bxe2 18.Kxe2 hxg5+-)* 17...hxg5 18.Bxa6 *(18.exd7 g4+-; 18.Qxd7 c4±)* 18...Qxa6 19.Qxd7 *(19.exd7 Qb7+-)*]

16...Re8!∓ 17.0-0

[But not 17.Bc4? Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Be6-+]

17...b5 Dodges Be2-c4 **18.Rd1** -0.92/21

[18.Bg3 Nf8 19.Qe4 Prevents Bc8-f5. Be6∓]

[Better is 18.Bg3∓ -0.39/21]

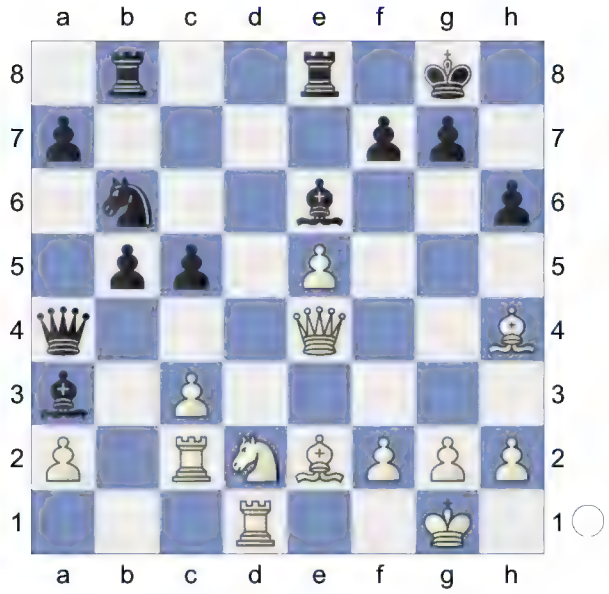
18...Nb6∓ 19.Qe4 Qa4 20.Nd2

[20.Bd3 f5! 21.Qc6 Be6 ...c5-c4 would now be deadly. 22.Qxb5 c4∓]

20...Be6?! -0.58/19

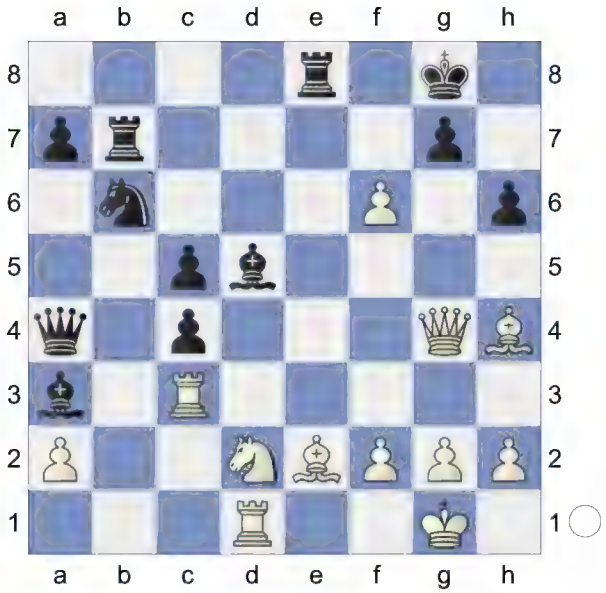
[20...c4 -1.34/20 20...Qa4xe4 -0.83 21.Bh5 f5 22.Qf3 Rxe5 *(22...Bd7-+)* 23.Bg3 -2.13/22

(23.Qf4∓ -1.44/21 might work better. Bd6 24.Qd4) 23...f4!-+ 24.Bxf4 Bb7! 25.Qg4 Rxh5! 26.Bxb8 Rg5! 27.Qe6+ Kh7-+]
[20...c4∓ -1.42/23 21.Bh5 f5]

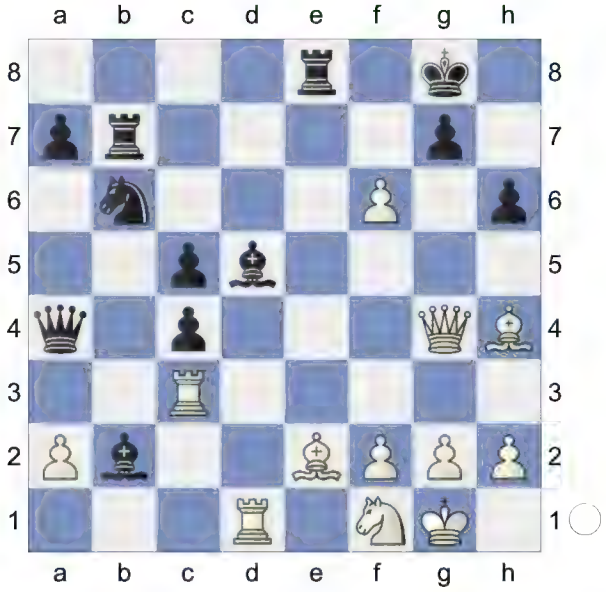


21.c4?! -1.82/22
[21.Bh5 Nc4 *(21...g5!? 22.Bg3□ Red8∓)* 22.Nxc4 Bxc4∓]
[White should try 21.Bh5!∓ -0.58/19]
21...bxc4-+ Hoping for ...Be6-d5. **22.Rc3** -2.82/23
[22.Nb1∓ -1.54/20]
22...Bd5? 1.06/22
[22...Bb4 23.Rcc1 Bxd2 24.Rxd2 c3!-+]
[22...Bb4-+ -2.82/23 23.Rxc4 Nxc4 *(23...Qxa2 24.Rc2∓)* 24.Nxc4 Bxc4 Remove Defender *(24...Qxa2? 25.Bd3∓)* 25.Qxc4 Rxe5]
23.Qf4? -2.24/20
[23.Qg4! Bh4-f6 is the strong threat. f5□ *(23...Be6? 2.64/22 23...Kg8-h7 0.91 24.Qg3+-)* 24.exf6 Rb7

(Diagram)

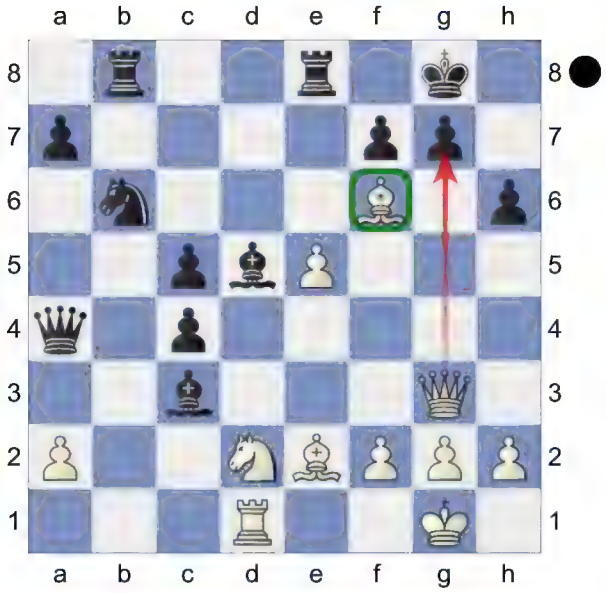


Threatens to win with ...Ba3-b2.
25.Nf1! Bb2

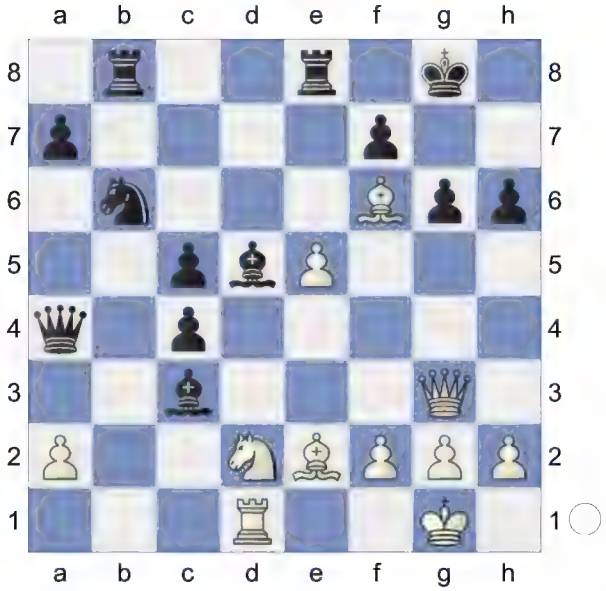


26.Rxd5! 0.76/23 *(26.Rg3!+- 2.27/20* has better winning chances. *Be5 27.Rxd5 Bxg3 28.hxg3 Rxe2 29.Rd6)* 26...Bxc3± 27.Bf3 Rf7 White must now prevent ...Bc3-d4. 28.Rd6±]
[23.Qg4!± 1.06/22 is necessary to keep the advantage. White wants to mate with Bh4-f6. Be6 *(23...Rxe5?* loses. *24.Bf6+-)* 24.Qg3]
23...Bb2! Discovered Attack **24.Bf6?**

-4.65/20
[24.Nb1 -2.31/19 Qc6 (24...Qxa2 25.Bf6∓) 25.Qg3]
24...Bxc3 25.Qg3

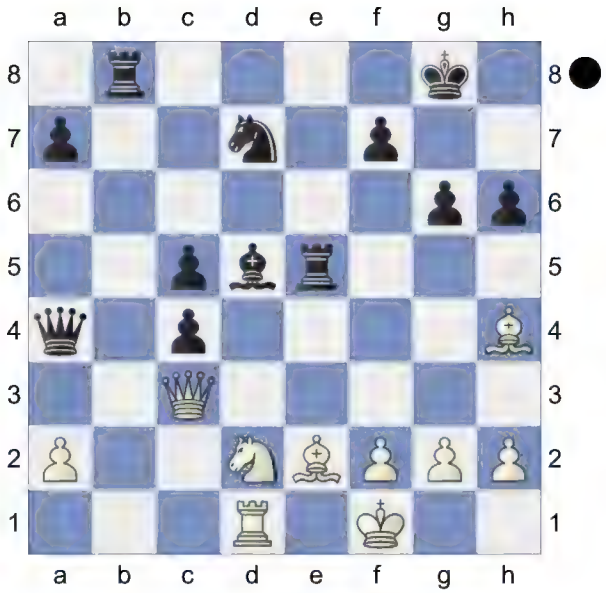


g6

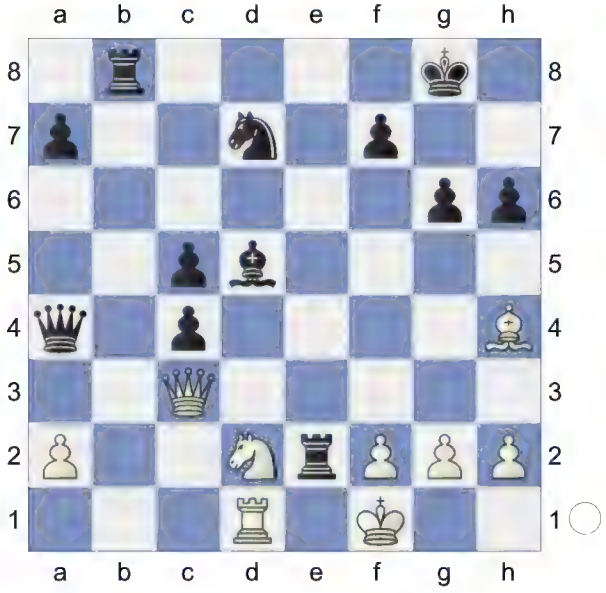


26.Qxc3 Nd7
[26...Qxa2? 27.Ra1 Na4 28.Qc1-+]
27.Bh4 -7.80/21
[⌓27.Bg4 -4.88/19]
27...Rxe5 28.Kf1

(Diagram)



Rxe2!



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112 **D52**
□ **L'Ami,Erwin** **2611**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2702**
Deutschland 135/142 2018
[Arsovic,Goran]

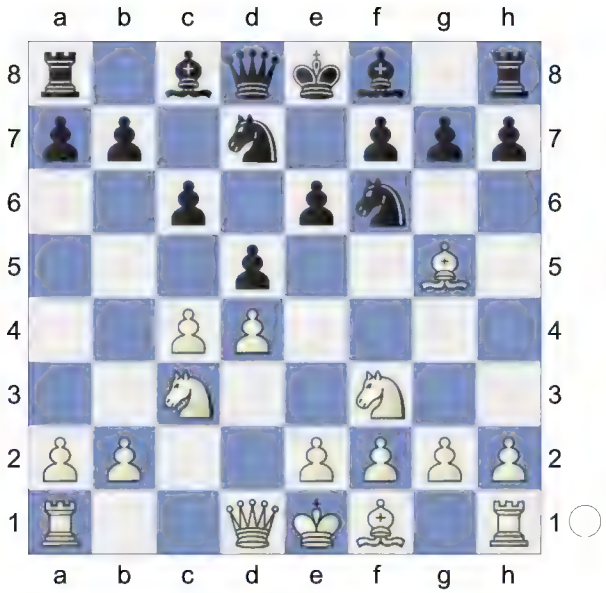
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7

[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto,R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.Bg5 c6

(Diagram)



6.e3N

[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

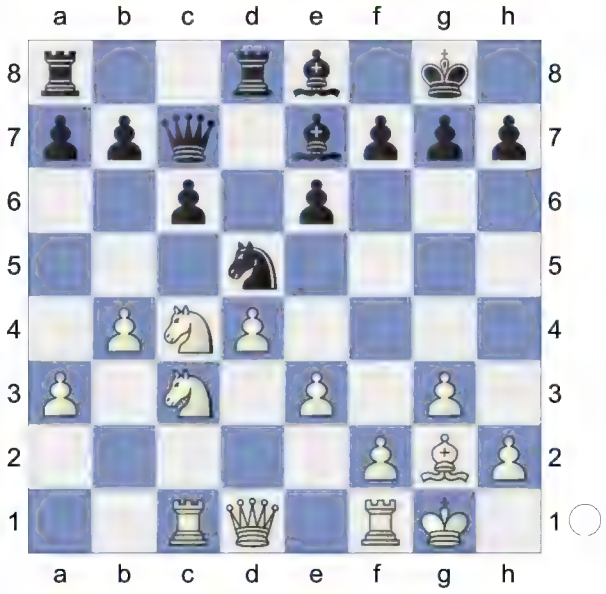
6...Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nd5

The position is equal. **14.a3**

[14.Qb3 - 110/(242)]

14...Bd7 15.b4 Be8



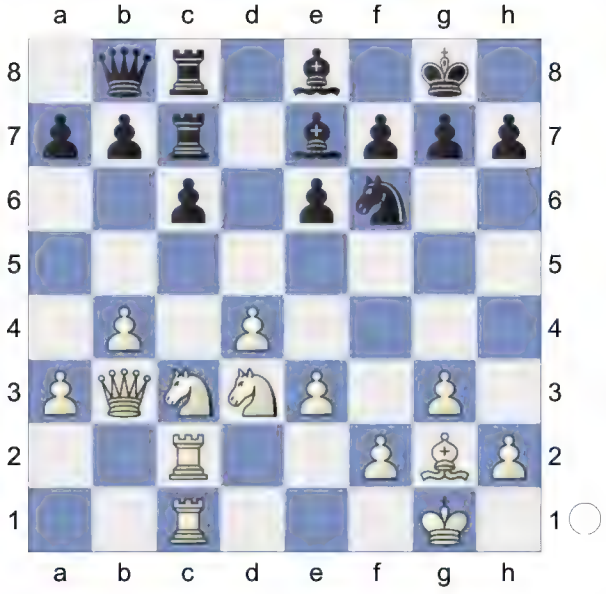
16.Qb3 Rac8 17.Ne5N

[17.Rc2 f6!? *(17...Qb8 18.Rfc1 h6 19.Ne4±)* 18.Rfc1 Bf7 19.b5±]

17...Qb8

[17...f6 0.76/19 17...a7-a5 0.24 18.Nxd5 *(18.Nd3±)* 18...exd5 19.Nd3 Bf7 20.Bh3 Rb8 21.b5±]

18.Nd3± Rc7 19.Rc2 Rdc8 20.Rfc1 Nf6

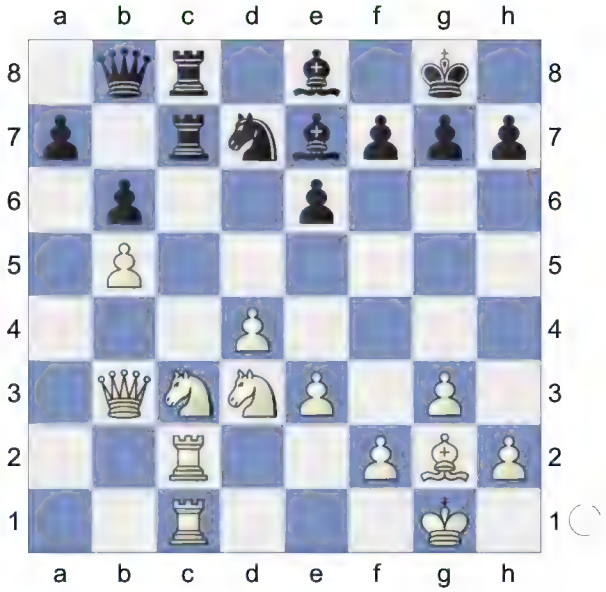


21.a4 b6 22.b5 cxb5 23.axb5

Black must now prevent Nd3-e5.

23...Nd7 1.22/21 Diagram

[Black should play 23...Bd6!± 0.60/21]

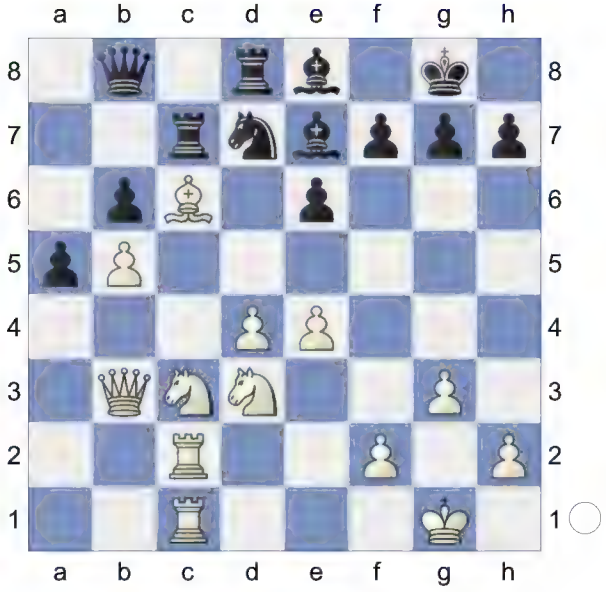


24.Bc6!± a5

[24...Nf6 25.Bxe8 Rxe8 26.Ne5±]

25.e4 White is much more active.

25...Rd8



26.e5 Ra7 27.Na4 Nf8 1.62/20

[27...h6± 1.10/17]

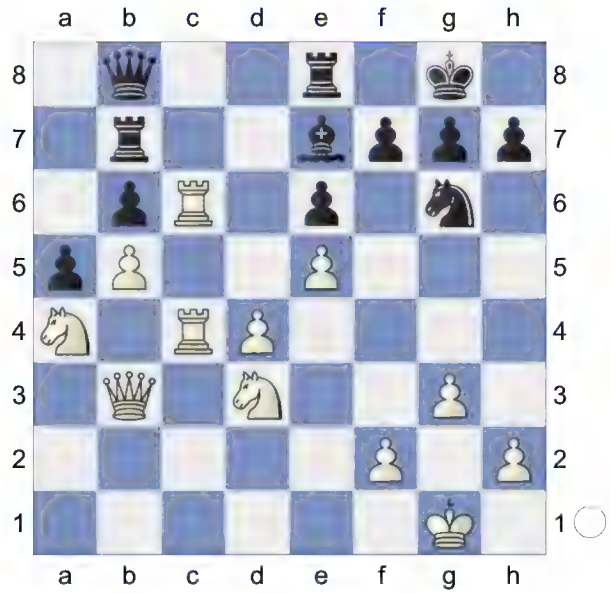
28.Bxe8+- Rxe8 29.Rc6 Rb7

[29...Rd7 30.R1c4±]

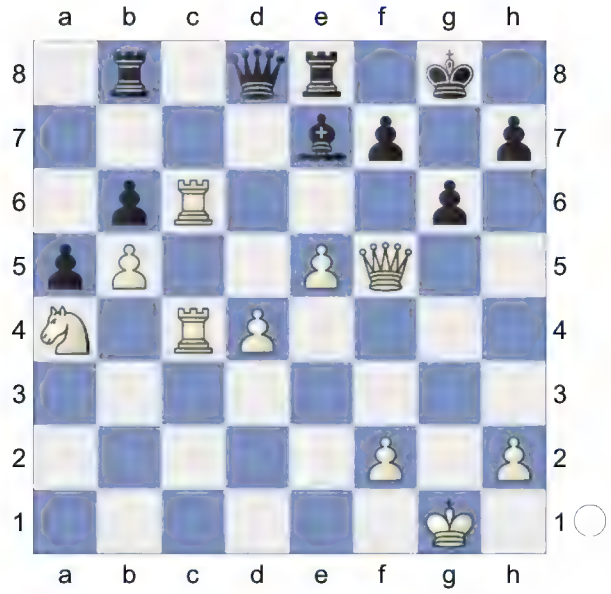
30.R1c4 0.98/19

[30.Ndb2! Rd8 31.Qe3 Bb4 32.Nc4

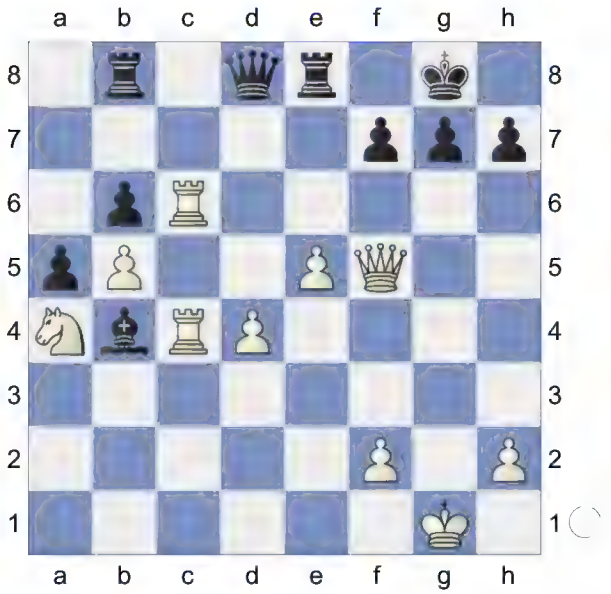
Nd7 33.Qe4±]
[⌓30.Ndb2 1.56/20]
30...Ng6± Diagram



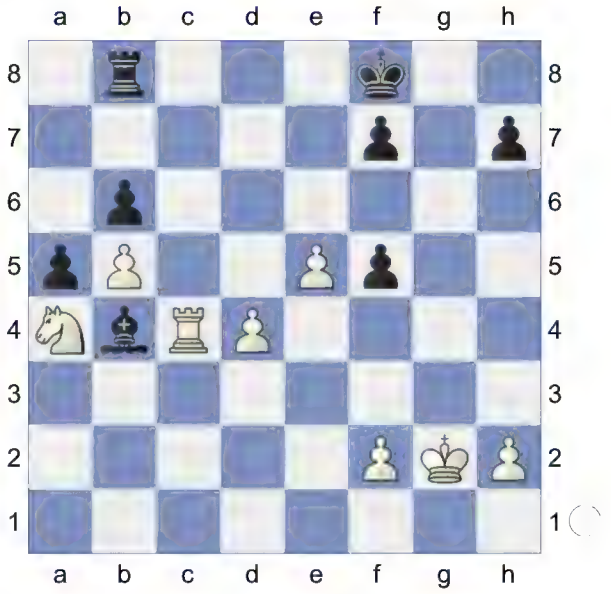
31.Nf4! Nxf4
[31...Bf8 32.Nxg6! hxg6 33.Qf3 Rd8 34.h4±]
32.gxf4 Qd8 33.Qf3 Rb8 Dodges Rc6-c8 **34.f5 exf5**
[34...Bf8 35.Qg4 Repels Qd8-g5 exf5 36.Qxf5 Re7 1.55/21 *(⌓36...g6 1.09/19 37.Qf3 Bb4)* 37.Nc3±]
35.Qxf5 Bb4 2.21/19
[35...g6



36.Qg4± 0.91/21 *(⌓36.Qe4! 1.46/20)*]
[⌓35...g6 1.61/20 36.Qe4 Bg5]



36.Rc7!+- Rf8
[36...Qd5 37.R4c6 Rf8 2.35/23 *(37...Be7± 1.49/21 was worth a try.)* 38.Nxb6+-]
37.Rd7 g6? 3.69/21
[37...Qe8 38.Rcc7+- Δ e6]
[37...Qh4 2.07/21 38.Rcc7 Kh8]
38.Rxd8 gxf5 39.Rxb8 Rxb8 Endgame. KRB-KRN **40.Kg2 Kf8**

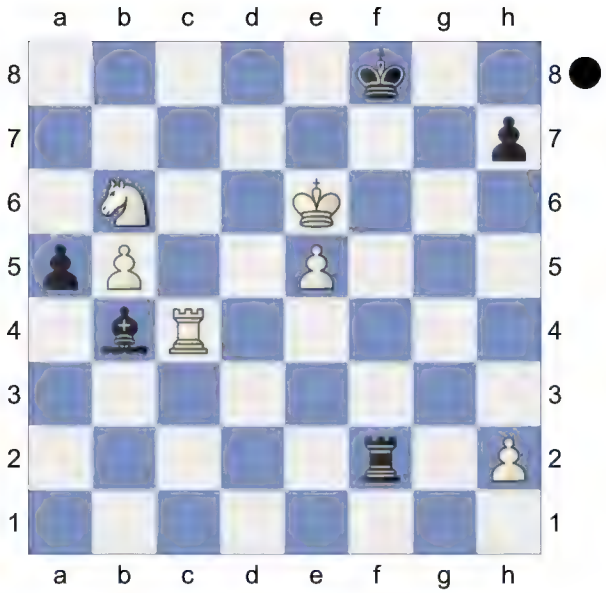


41.Kf3 f6 4.74/21

[⌓41...Bd2 3.13/19 42.d5 Ke8]
42.Kf4 2.84/20
[42.exf6 Bd6 43.h4 *(43.Rc6 Bxh2 44.f7 Rd8±)* 43...Bh2+-]
[⌓42.e6 4.74/21]
42...fxe5+ 43.dxe5
[43.Kxe5 Re8+ 44.Kxf5 Re2 45.Nxb6 Rxf2+ 46.Ke6 Re2+ 47.Kd7 Re7+ 48.Kc6 Rg7]
43...Rd8? 5.44/21
[43...Ke7 3.19/21 44.Rc6 *(44.Kxf5 Rf8+ 45.Ke4 Rxf2+-)* 44...Bc5]
44.Nxb6 White is clearly winning.
44...Rd2 6.85/18
[⌓44...Kg7 4.71/21 45.Rc7+ *(45.Kxf5 Rf8+ 46.Ke6 Re8+ 47.Kd5 Rd8+ 48.Kc6 Kg8+-)* 45...Kg6]
45.Kxf5 Rxf2+

46.Ke6

(Diagram)



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113 **D52**
□ **Van der Sterren,Paul** **2605**
■ **Jussupow,Artur** **2665**
60/442 München 1994
[Van der Sterren,Paul]

Van der Sterren,P: 'Inf 60/442'
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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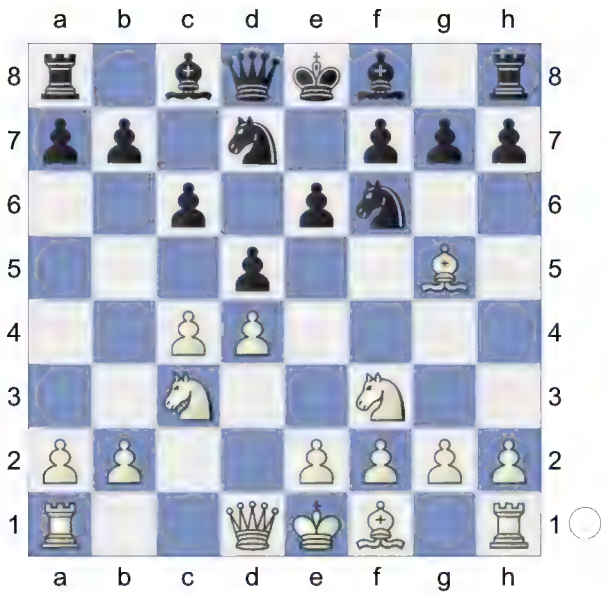


6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

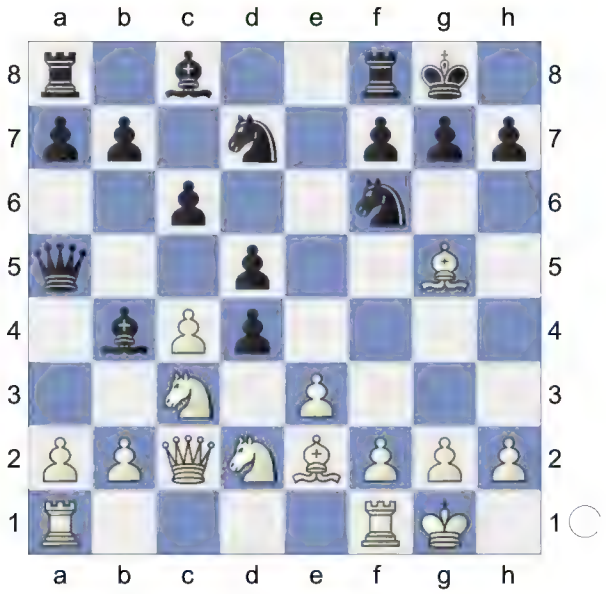
7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5

[9...c5 - 60/(442)]

10.0-0 exd4



11.Nb3 Qb6N Van der Sterren,P: '!?' Van der Sterren,P: 'N'

[11...Qc7 Ü 58/491 Van der Sterren, P: '- 58/491' Ü 58/491]

12.Nxd4

[12.exd4!]

12...dxc4?!

[12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxf6 *(14.Bxc4 Qc5)* 14...Nxf6 15.Bxc4=]

13.Bh4!±

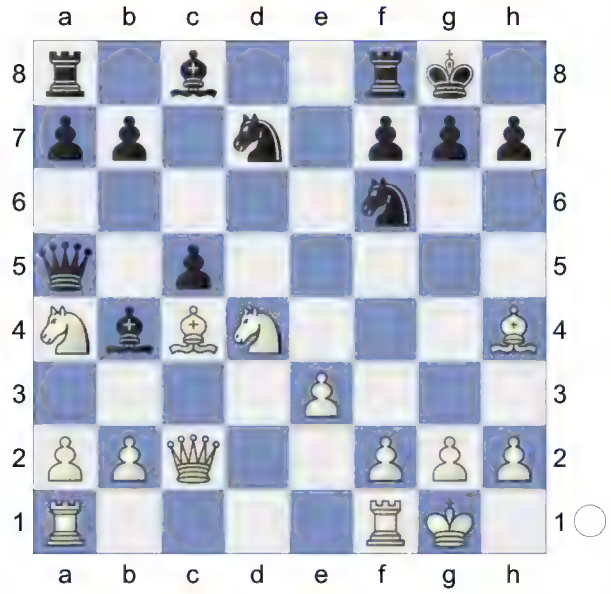
[13.Bxc4 Bxc3 14.bxc3 *(14.Qxc3? Ne4-+)* 14...Qc5 15.Bxf6 Qxc4±]

13...Qc5 The position is equal. **14.Na4 Qa5 15.Bxc4!**

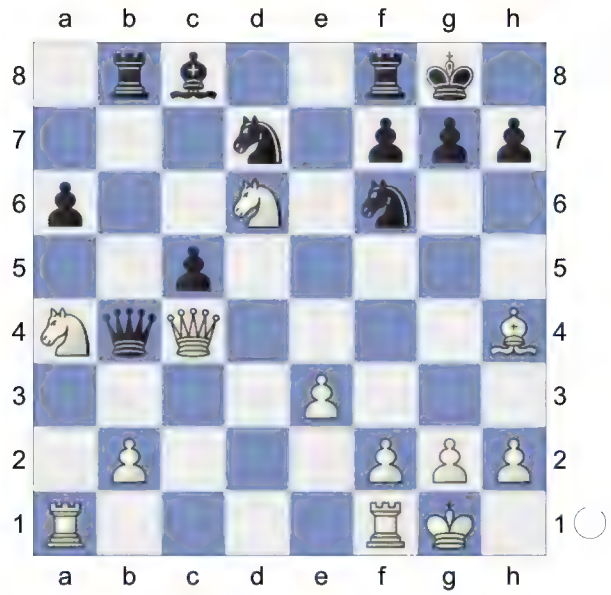
[15.a3 Bh4xf6! is the strong threat. Bd6 16.Bxc4? b5-+]

15...c5? 0.67/19

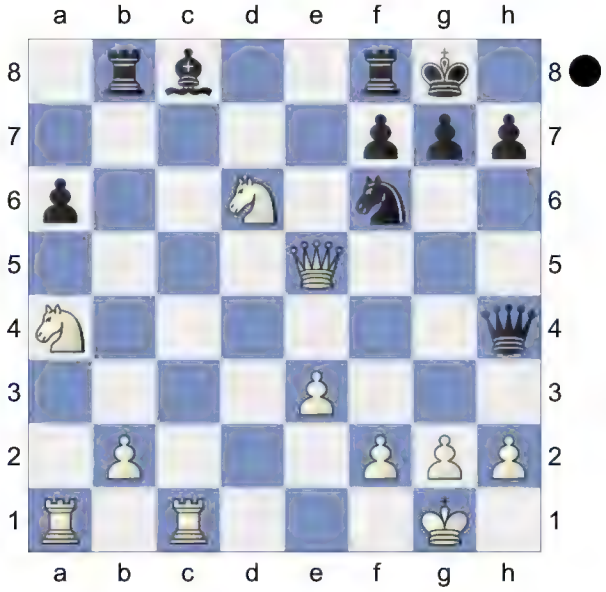
[15...Qh5 16.Bg3 Nb6! 17.Be2 Bg4 18.f3 Threatens to win with Na4xb6. Bd7±]
[15...Qh5= 0.25/19 16.Bg3 Nb6]



16.Nb5! And now a2-a3 would win. **16...a6 17.Nd6** a2-a3 would now be deadly. **17...b5 18.a3! bxc4 19.axb4** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **19...Qxb4**
[19...cxb4 20.Qxc4±]
20.Qxc4! Rb8

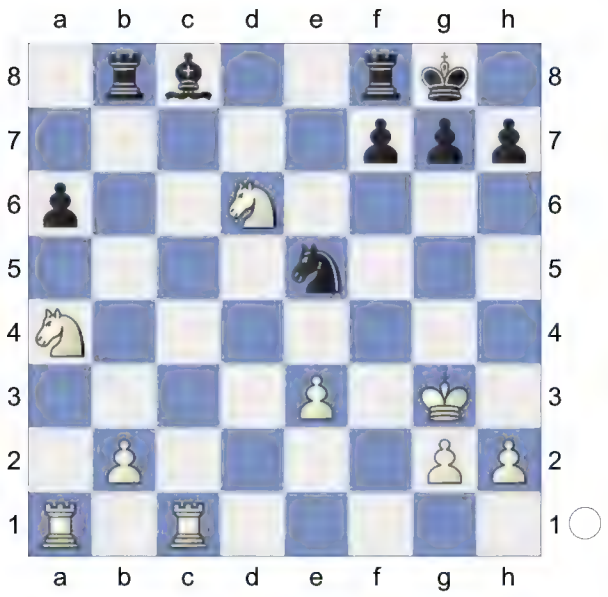


21.Rfc1 Ne5!? 1.86/23
[21...Qxc4 22.Rxc4 0.95/23 *(⌓22.Nxc4 1.36/23 Rb3 23.Rc2)* 22...Nb6± 23.Rxc5 Nxa4 24.Rxa4 Rxb2 1.36/22 *(⌓24...Rd8 0.85/23 25.Rd4 Rxb2)* 25.h3±]
[21...h6± 1.17/23 might work better. 22.h3 *(22.Nxc5 Qxc4 23.Rxc4 Rxb2±)* 22...Qxc4 23.Rxc4 *(23.Nxc4 Rb4+-)* 23...Rd8]
22.Qxc5?? -0.16/24
[22.Qxb4! Rxb4 *(22...cxb4 23.Bg3! Ned7 24.Rc7+-)* 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Nxc5 Rxb2 25.Nce4+-]
[22.Qxb4+- 1.86/23 Rxb4 23.Bxf6 *(23.Rxc5 Rxh4 24.Nxc8 Rd8±)* 23...gxf6 24.Nxc5 *(24.Rxc5 Be6±)*]
22...Qxh4= 23.Qxe5



Qxf2+!∓ Decoy **24.Kxf2 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Nxe5**

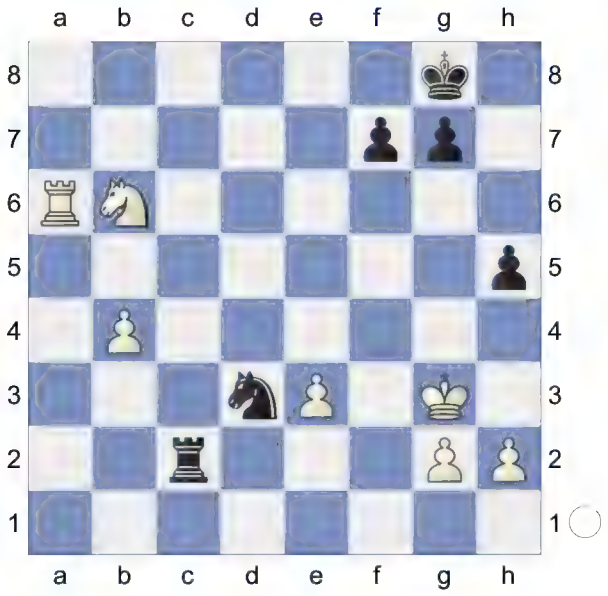
(Diagram)



26.Nxc8 Rfxc8 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8= Endgame. KRN-KRN **28.Nb6 Rc2 29.Rxa6** Threatening mate with Ra6-a8+. **29...h5 30.b4?!**

[30.Nd5 -0.16/24 30.b2-b4 0.52 Rxb2 31.Nf4∓ -0.43/20 *(31.Ne7+= -0.01/23 Kf8 32.Nf5)*]

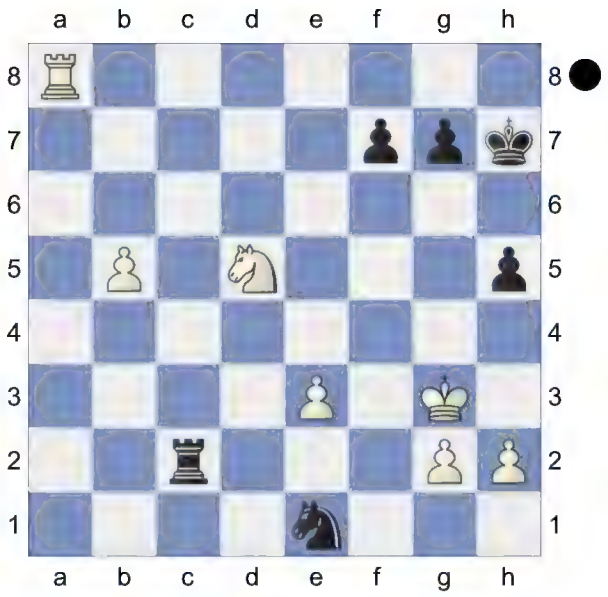
30...Nd3



31.Nd5 Ne1 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.b5 -0.76/24

[33.Kf4= 0.01/23 keeps the balance.]

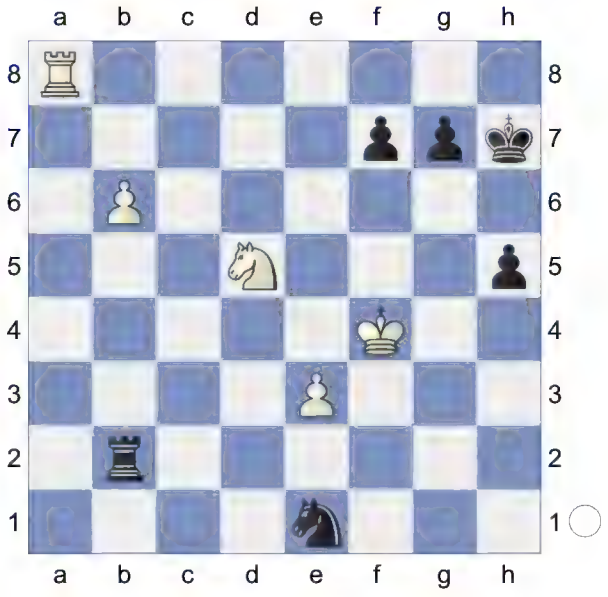
(Diagram)



33...Rxg2+ -0.01/25

[33...g5!∓ -0.76/24 34.Kh3 Rxg2 35.Nf6+ Kg6]

34.Kf4! Rxh2 next ...Ne1-d3+ is good for Black. **35.b6** Strongly threatening b6-b7. **35...Rb2**

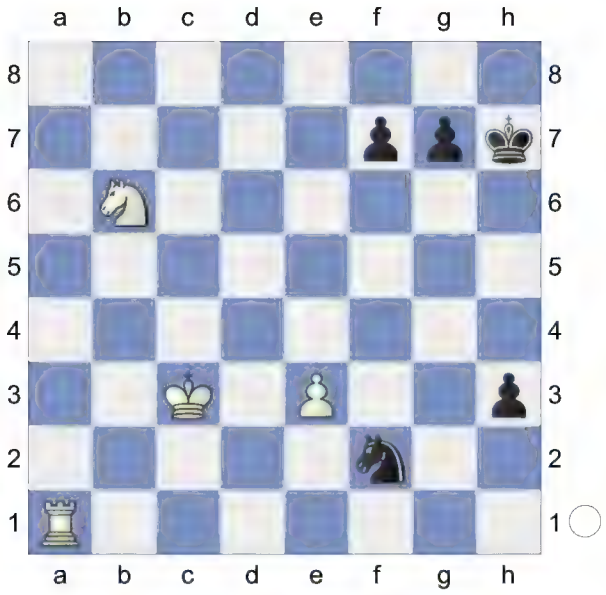


36.Ke5 h4 37.Ra1 Nd3+ 38.Kd4 Nf2 39.Kc3 0.42/31

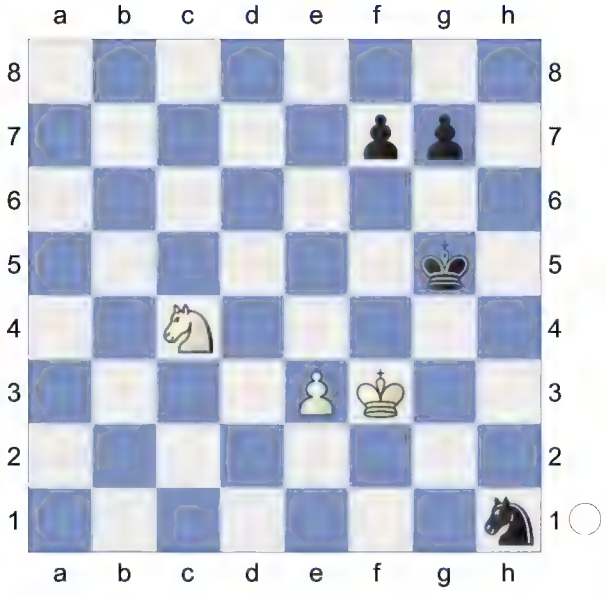
[39.Rf1= 0.01/27 feels stronger.]

39...Rxb6 0.81/25 **40.Nxb6± h3**

(Diagram)



41.Kd2! Hoping for Kd2-e2. **41...h2 42.Ke2 h1Q 43.Rxh1+ Nxh1 44.Kf3** Wards off Nh1-g3 **44...Kg6 45.Nc4** White has strong compensation. **45...Kg5**



46.Kg2 Kg4 47.Kxh1

(Diagram)

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½-½

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□ **Van der Sterren,Paul**	**2605**
■ **Timman,Jan H**	**2635**
Donner mem-A (5)	1994

[Kitty Kat]

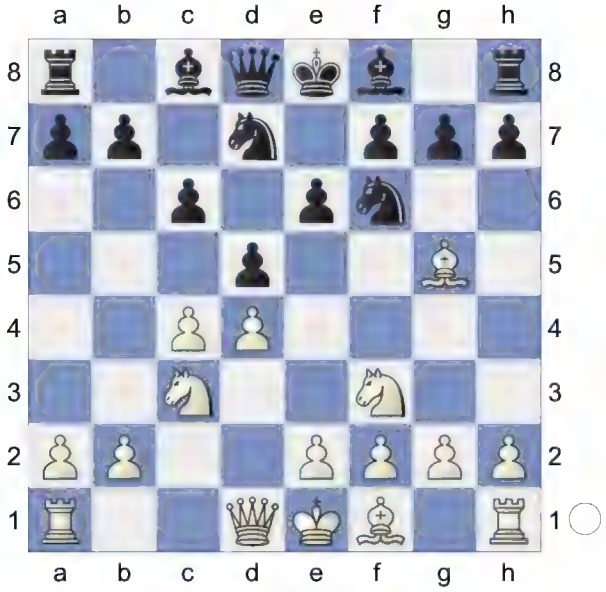
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7

[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto, R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2

0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.Bg5 c6



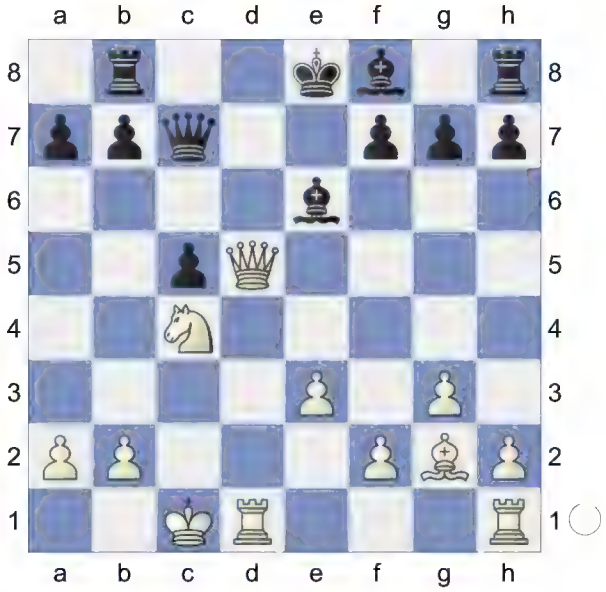
6.e3N

[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3 Bd7

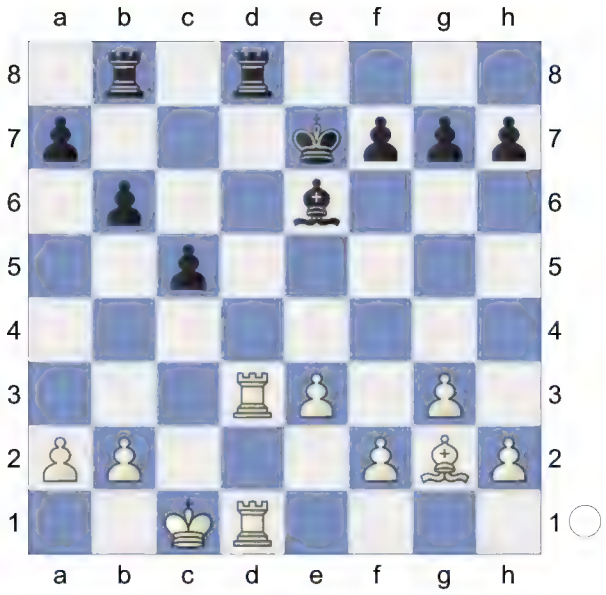
(Diagram)

11.Bg2 c5 12.d5 exd5 The position is equal. **13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Rb8 15.0-0-0 Be6**

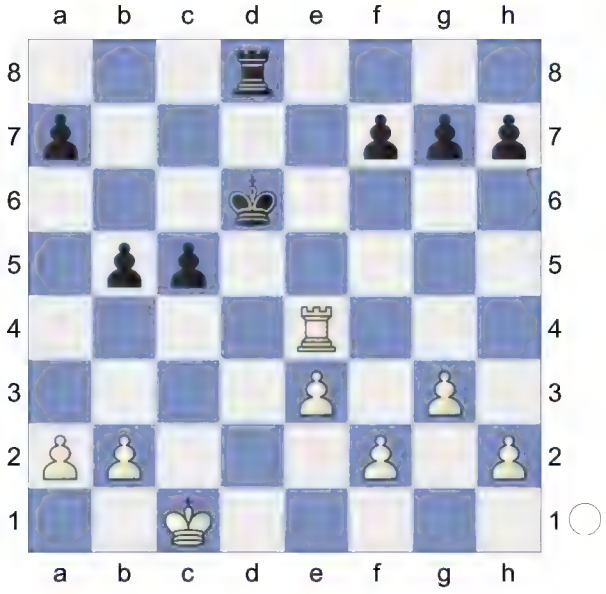


16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Ke7 19.Rhd1 b6 20.R6d3 Rhd8

(Diagram)



21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Rxd5 23.Rxd5= Endgame. KR-KR **23...Rd8 24.Re5+ Kd6 25.Re4 b5**



26.Kc2 h6 27.Rh4 Re8 28.Kd3 Kc6 29.Rf4 f6 30.h4 Re5

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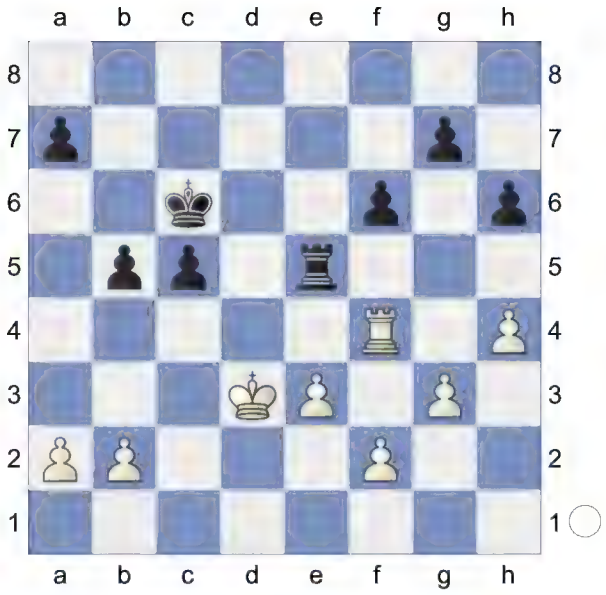
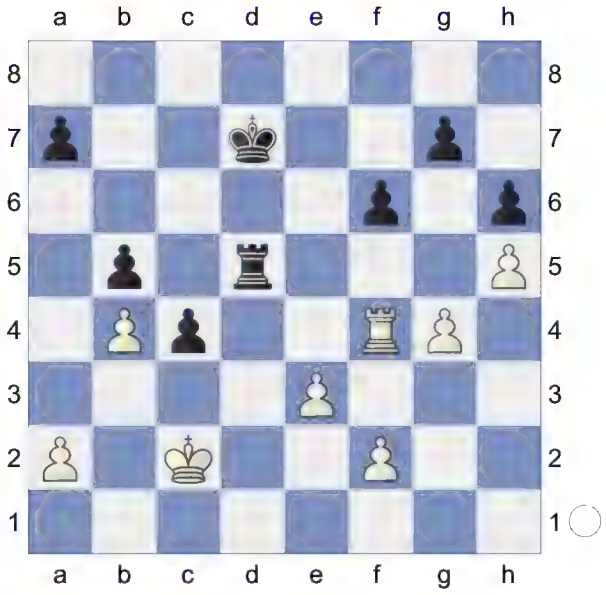


31.g4 c4+ 32.Kc3 Kc5 33.b4+ Kd6 34.h5 Rd5 35.Kc2 -0.70/25

[35.Rd4= 0.01/24]

35...Kd7 -0.20/21

[35...a6∓ -0.70/25]

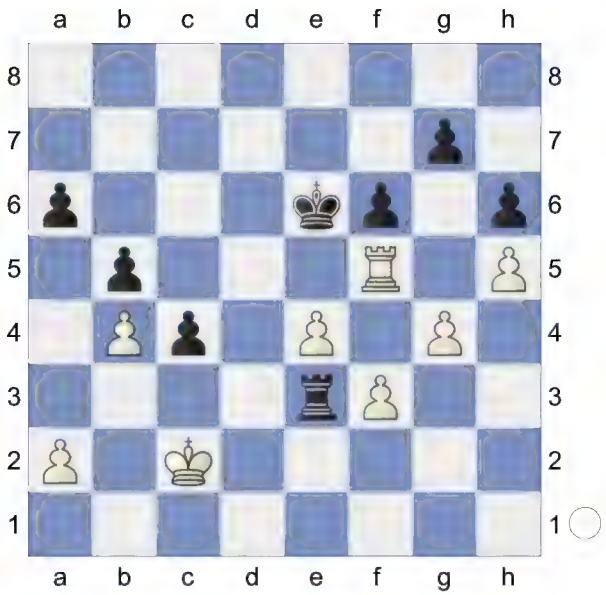


36.Kc1 Ke6 37.e4 Rd4

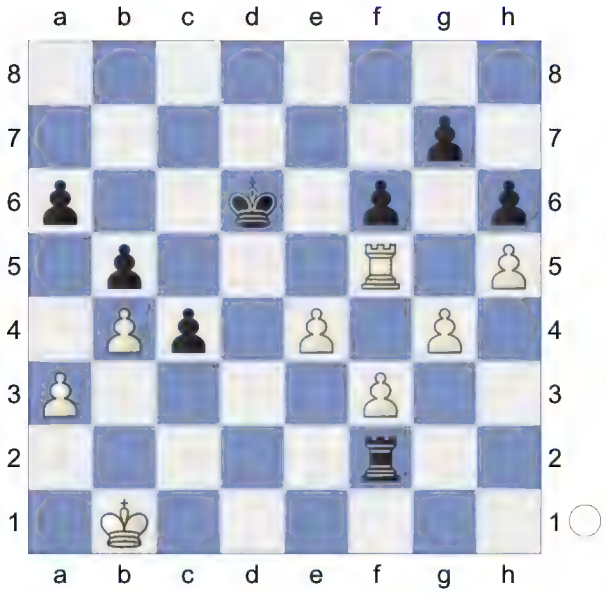
[37...Ke5? 38.exd5 Kxf4 39.d6+-]

38.f3 Rd3 39.Rf5 a6 40.Kc2 Re3

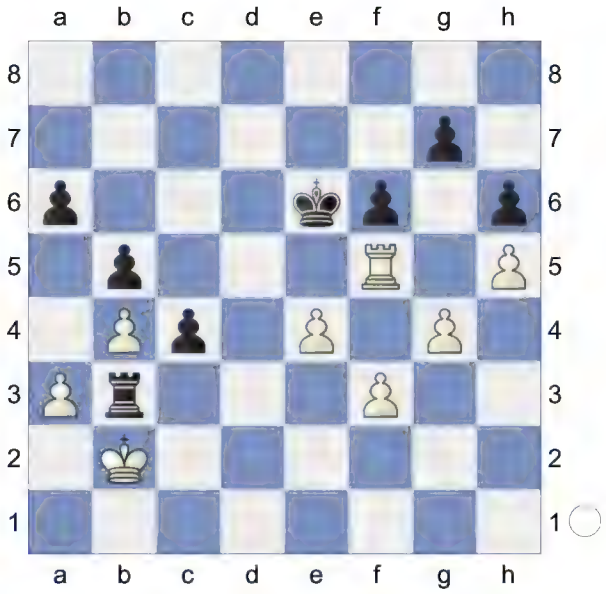
(Diagram)



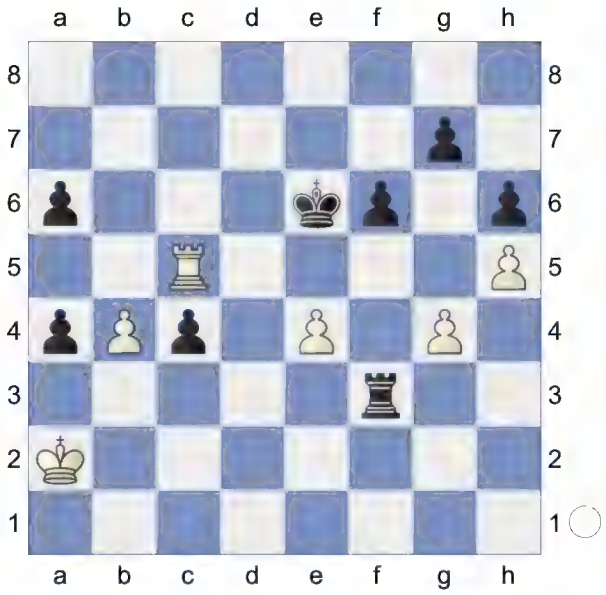
41.Kb2 Re2+ 42.Kb1 Rf2 Black has more active pieces. **43.a3 Kd6** -0.59/26
[43...c3?! 44.Kc1=]
[Black should try 43...Rg2∓ -0.96/24 44.a4 bxa4]
44.Ka1 -1.31/25
[44.Rd5+∓ -0.59/26 Ke7 45.a4]
44...Kc6 -0.80/25
[⌓44...Rd2 -1.31/25 45.a4 bxa4]
45.Kb1∓ Kd6 0.01/23
[45...Kd7∓ -0.54/23 46.Rd5+ Kc6 47.Rc5+ Kb6]



46.Ka1!= Ke7 -0.61/25
[46...Rd2∓ -1.18/24 47.Kb1 Rd3]
47.Kb1 -1.17/24
[White should play 47.e5∓ -0.61/25]
47...Ke6!∓ 48.Ka1 Re2 49.Kb1 Re3 50.Kb2 Rb3+

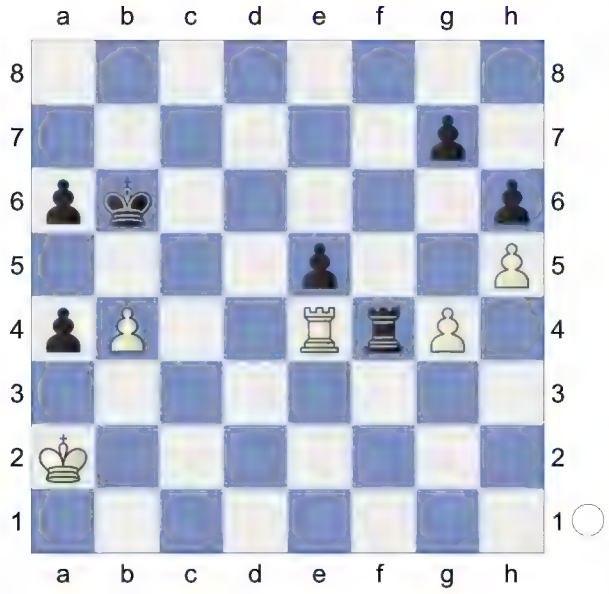


51.Ka2 Rd3 52.Kb2 Re3 53.Ka2 Rb3 54.Rc5 -2.03/22
[54.f4∓ -1.17/24]
54...Rxf3-+ 55.a4 bxa4

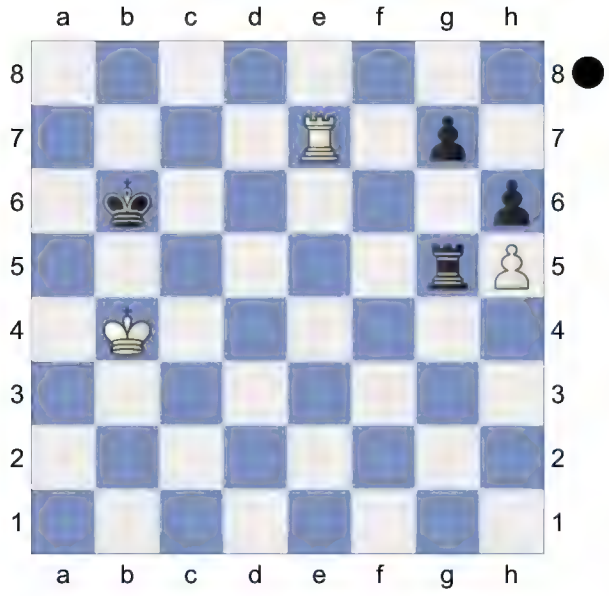


56.Rxc4 Kd7 Dodges Rc4-c7+ **57.Rd4+ Kc6 58.Rc4+ Kb6 59.e5** -2.18/25
[⌓59.Rd4 -1.72/25]

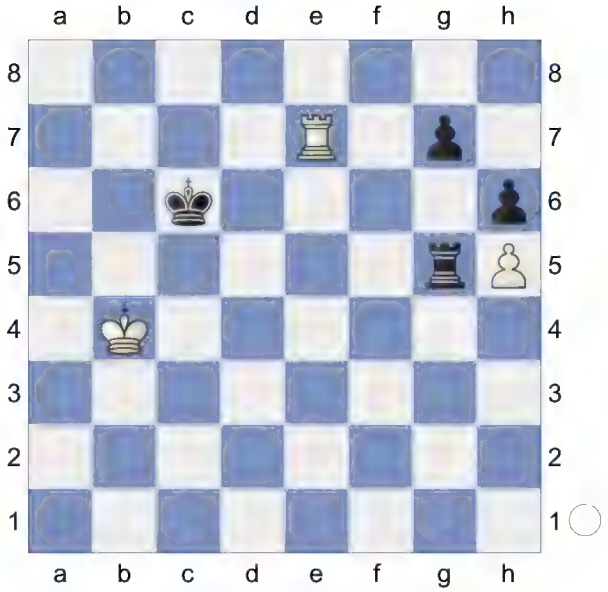
59...fxe5 aiming for ...Rf3-f4. **60.Re4 Rf4**



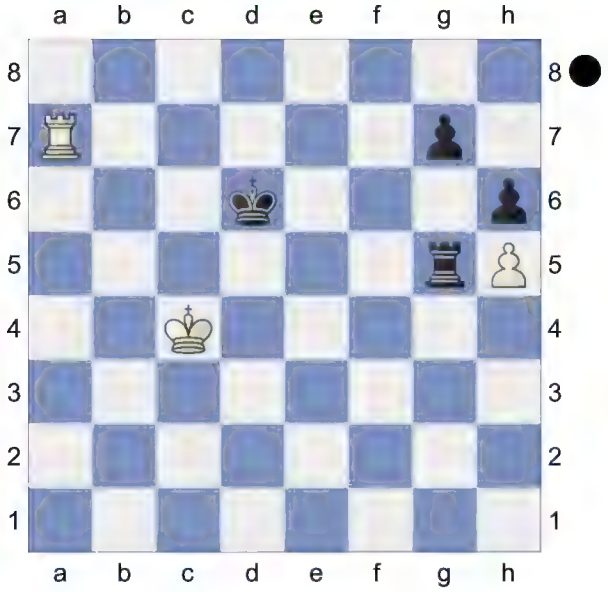
61.Rxe5 Rxg4
[61...Rxb4 62.g5=]
62.Ka3 Rg5! 63.Re7 a5
[63...Rxh5 64.Rxg7 Rh4 65.Kxa4=]
[63...Kb5 64.Rb7+ Kc6 65.Rf7-+]
64.Kxa4 axb4
[64...Rxh5 65.Re6+ Kc7 66.Re7+ Kd6 67.Rxg7=]
65.Kxb4



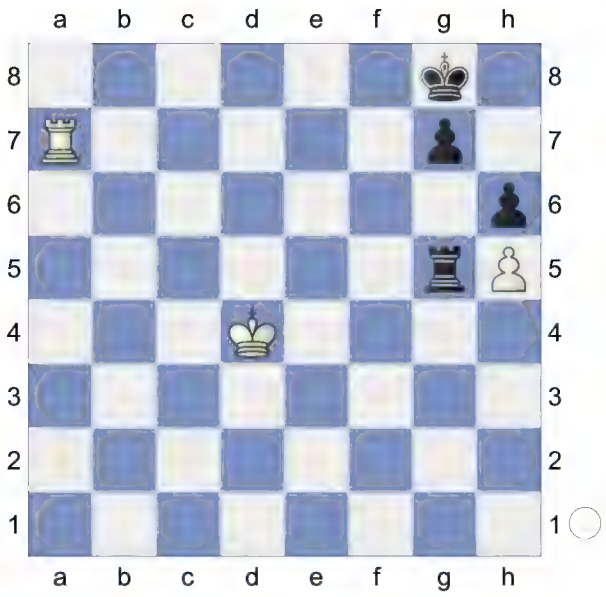
Kc6!
[65...Rxh5 66.Rxg7 Rb5+ 67.Kc4=]



66.Kc4 Kd6!
[Inferior is 66...Rxh5 67.Rxg7 Rc5+ 68.Kd4=]
67.Ra7



Ke6!
[Worse is 67...Rxh5 68.Rxg7 Rh1 69.Kd3=]
68.Kd4 Kf6
[Not 68...Rxh5 69.Rxg7 Kf6 70.Ra7=]
69.Ra6+ Kf7 70.Ra7+ Kg8
(Diagram)



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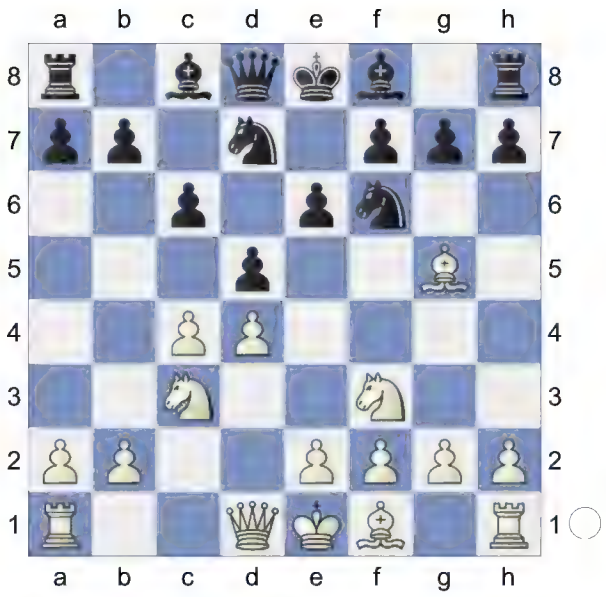
□ **Gurevich,Mikhail** **2605**
■ **Jussupow,A** **2633**
Bundesliga 2001-2 (4) 25.11.2001
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.c4 Tsesarsky Wells **1...e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5**
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.e3 Qa5 9.Qb3 Bb4 10.Rc1 c5 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 c4 13.Qc2 Nb6 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.g4 Qxa3 16.Bg2 Be6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Ra1 Qe7 19.Rfb1 Ne4 1-0 (34) Ferri,S (2791)-16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 (2575) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (7)]
5...c6

(Diagram)



6.e3N
[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4 5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]
6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 c5?!⩲ Artur decided to play c5 without h7-h6. Maybe in some variations ♗g5 will be attacked by ♕a5? This factor is not important. In this variation White keeps slight advantage.
[Another mainline is ⌓9...h6! -can be recommended. 10.Bh4 c5 *(10...0-0 11.Bd3 Re8 12.a3* -see commented game

1-0 Vaisser,A-Anic,D/Vichy 2000/CBM 79 [Tsesarsky,I](61)) 11.a3 *(11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4 0-0 13.0-0 b6 14.a3* -see detailed commented game 1-0 Georgiev,K-Rabiega,R/Ohrid 2001/CBM 84_01 [Tsesarsky,I](95)) 11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.Bd3

A) 13...Bb7 14.0-0 0-0

A1) 15.e4 N5f6 16.Qe2 -0.29/19 *(⌓16.Rfe1* 0.07/18) 16...cxd4 17.cxd4 Rfc8! Against Rc1-c7 18.Qe3 ½-½ Zontakh,A-Blagojevic,D/Herceg Novi YUG 2001/The Week in Chess 344 (18).;

A2) 15.c4± 0.34/19 Qxd2 16.Nxd2;

A3) 15.Ne5 -0.09/18 -see commented game 0-1 Gligoric,S-Blagojevic,D/Herceg Novi YUG 2001/CBM [Tsesarsky,I] (49);

B) 13...Ba6 -see detailed commented game 0-1 San Segundo Carrillo,P-Dorfman,J/Mondariz 2000/CBM 79 [Tsesarsky,I](27)]

10.a3 The best. White forces ♗b4 on ♘c3 exchange.

[10.Bd3 cxd4 11.exd4

A) 11...0-0 12.0-0

A1) 12...h6 1.31/20 12...f7-f6 0.62 13.Bxh6! gxh6? 5.56/22 *(13...N5f6±* 1.34/17 is more resistant.*)* 14.Qxh6+- N5f6 Repels Qh6-h7+ 15.Ng5+-;

A2) 12...b6 13.a3 0.25/19 *(13.Qc2±* 0.71/21 *N5f6 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Qxc3)* 13...Bxc3= 14.bxc3 Qxa3 1.34/20 *(14...Ba6±* 0.38/19) 15.c4± N5f6 16.c5!± 1-0 Ikonnikov,V-Lacrosse,M/Massy 1993/EXT 97 (27);

B) 11...b6 0.57/21 11...h7-h6 0.10 12.0-0 Nc3xd5! would now be deadly.

B1) 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 h6 1.15/21 *(⌓13...0-0* 0.72/19) 14.Bh4 0.52/20 *(14.c4!±* 1.15/21 *Qxd2 15.Bxd2)* 14...Bb7± 15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.Be4

B1a) 16...Ba6 17.c4! Rxc4 1.36/25 *(17...Qxd2!±* 0.39/20 *18.Nxd2 N5f6)* 18.Qxa5± bxa5 19.Bxd5 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 exd5 21.Rc7±;

B1b) 16...Rc4 17.Qb2 Ba6? 1.64/23 *(17...0-0=* 0.08/20) 18.Bxd5+- Qxd5 19.Nd2 0.41/22 *(19.Qa3±* 1.54/22 *g5 20.Bxg5 hxg5 21.Qxa6)* 19...Ra4 1.15/23 *(19...Bb7!±* 0.41/22 *20.f3 Ra4)*

B1b1) White should play 20.Qb3!± 1.15/23 Qxb3 *(20...Ra5 21.Ne4)* 21.axb3;

B1b2) 20.c4 0.36/23 20...Qh5 1.07/21 *(20...Qa5!±* 0.36/23 *21.a3 Bxc4)* 21.Bg3 0.46/21 *(21.Qb3±* 1.07/21 *Ra5 22.Bg3)* 21...0-0F ½-½ Schenk,U-Wach,M/Passau 1998/EXT 99 (68);

B2) 12...Bb7 13.a3 0.16/21 *(13.Qe2?!* 0.01/21 13.Nc3xd5 0.84 ½-½ Farrell,N-Parker,J/SCO 1994/EXT 98 (58)*; 13.Nxd5±* 0.80/22 *Bxd2 14.Nc7+ Kf8 15.Bxd2)* 13...Bxc3= 14.bxc3 h6 15.Bh4 Rc8F ;

C) 11...h6 12.Bh4 0-0 13.0-0 b6 *(13...Bd6* 0.68/21 13...Bb4xc3 0.11 *14.Bb1 Re8 15.Rfe1 Bf4 16.Qd3 Nf8!* Prevents Qd3-h7+.

17.Rcd1 Bd7= ½-½ Jorgensen,M-Hansen,H/Copenhagen DEN 2001/The Week in Chess 350 (21); *13...b5!?)* 14.Bb1 Ba6 *(14...Bb7 15.Qd3 g6! 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.a3 Bd6 18.Rfe1 Rfc8=* 0-1 Brostrom,G-Beyen,R/Lugano 1968/MCD (73) *)* 15.Qc2! f5 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Rfd1 Bd6 18.Qd2F 0-1 Barshev,K-Botvinnik,M/Leningrad 1926/EXT 2000 (32). (32)]

[10.e4

A) 10...N5f6 Strongly threatening ... Nf6xe4.

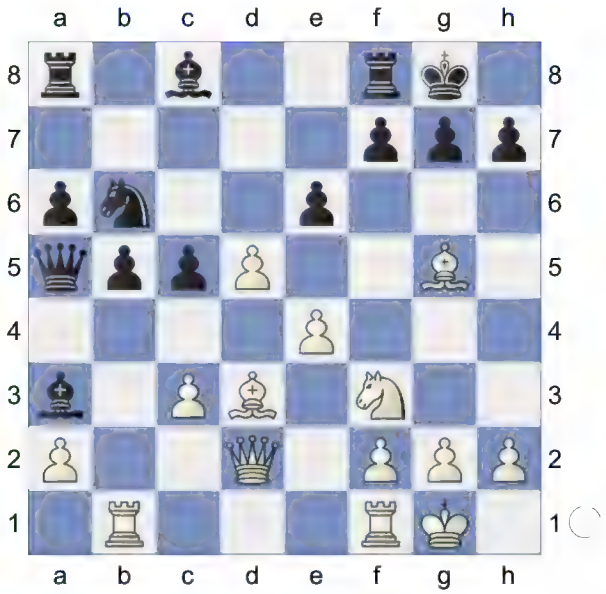
A1) 11.Bd3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.0-0 *(13.a3!? Bxc3 14.Rxc3±)*

A1a) 13...Nc5? 1.34/20 13...h7-h6 0.41 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.a3± 0.44/19 1-0 Stahlberg,G-Monticelli,M/Warsaw 1935/EXT 2000 (22) *(15.e5!± 1.25/20 Nxd3 16.exf6)*;

A1b) 13...h6 14.Bh4 Qh5= 0.54/18 Against Rf1-d1 *(14...Rd8=* 0.13/16 *)*;

A2) 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5+ *(12.Bd3* -0.20/20 12.Bf1-b5+ 0.17 *cxd4 13.Nxd4 0-0 14.a3 Be7 15.b4 Qh5=* 1-0 Mikenas,V-Yates,F/Prague 1931/EXT 2000 (34) *)* 12...Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 Qa4 0.55/19 *(15...0-0* 0.97/21 15...Ra8-d8 0.20 *16.dxc5!±* 0-1 Diedam,N-Naiditsch,E/Senden 1999/EXT 2000 (63); *15...Rd8=* 0.18/22 feels stronger.*)* 16.0-0± cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nf6 18.Re1±;

B) 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 0-0 *(12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2±)* 13.Bd3 a6 14.0-0 b5 15.d5 Nb6 0.88/18 *(15...c4=* -0.04/18 *16.Bc2 Qc7)*



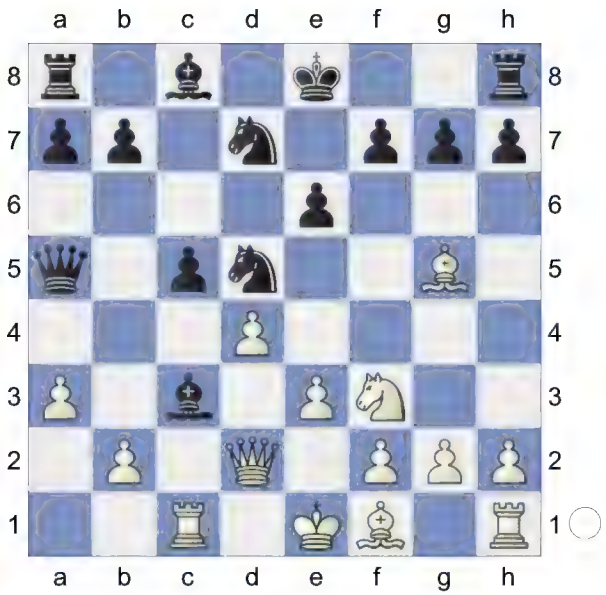
16.Be7 0.28/18 *(16.Ne5!±* 0.88/18 *Bb7 17.c4)* 16...Re8!= 17.d6 -0.30/19 *(⌓17.Bf6* 0.28/19 *c4 18.Bxg7* Decoy *Kxg7 19.Qg5+ Kf8 20.Ne5)* 17...c4= 18.Bc2 Nd7F 0.25/17 1-0 Euwe,M-Michell,R/Hastings 1934/HCL (26) *(18...Rxe7∓* -0.40/19 *19.dxe7 Bxe7)*]

[10.Be2 N7b6 0.55/18 *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 h6↑ ; 10...cxd4=* 0.02/20 *11.exd4 h6)* 11.0-0 Na4 0.97/20 *(11...f6 12.Bh4 Na4↑ ; 11...f6±* 0.31/21 *)* 12.Bb5+± Qxb5 *(12...Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Kxd7 14.dxc5±)* 13.Nxb5 Bxd2 14.Nxd2 Bd7 2.19/20 *(14...f6±* 0.99/20 *)* 15.Nd6++- Kf8

A) 16.Nxb7? 0.63/21 16.e3-e4 2.04 cxd4! *(16...Rb8?* 2.63/20 16...c5xd4 0.27 *17.Nxc5±* 1-0 Cabral,J-Betancourt,L/Pan American-ch 1997/EXT 99 (55) *)*;

B) 16.e4 Nb4 2.32/20 *(⌓16...h6* 1.79/20 *17.exd5 hxg5)* 17.b3!±]

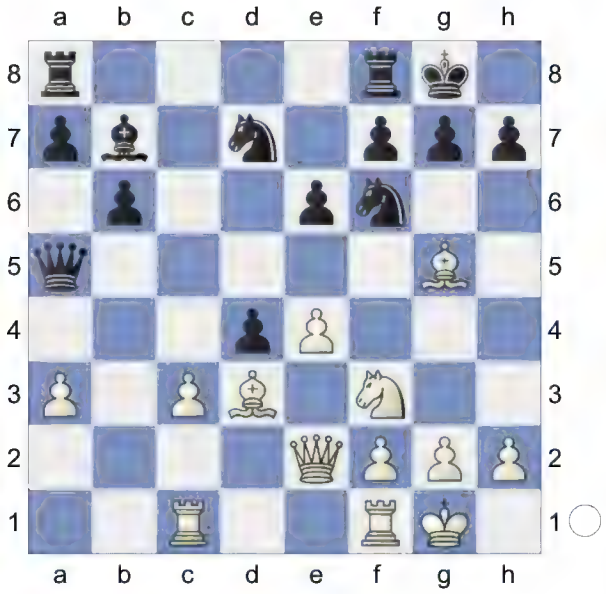
10...Bxc3



11.bxc3 b6

[In next game White left with slight advantage: 11...Qxa3 12.e4 N5f6 13.Bd3 Qa5 14.0-0 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qxd2 16.Bxd2 0-0! 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.Bb4 Nb6 *(18...a5 19.Be7 Re8 20.Ba3⩱)* 19.Be7 Re8 20.Rc7 Nfd5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Bd6 Nxc7 23.Bxc7± ½-½ Pedersen,S-Pelletier,Y/ Panormo GRE 2001/The Week in Chess 360 (98)]

12.Bd3 White is slightly better. **12...Bb7 13.0-0 N5f6 14.Qe2 0-0 15.e4 cxd4**

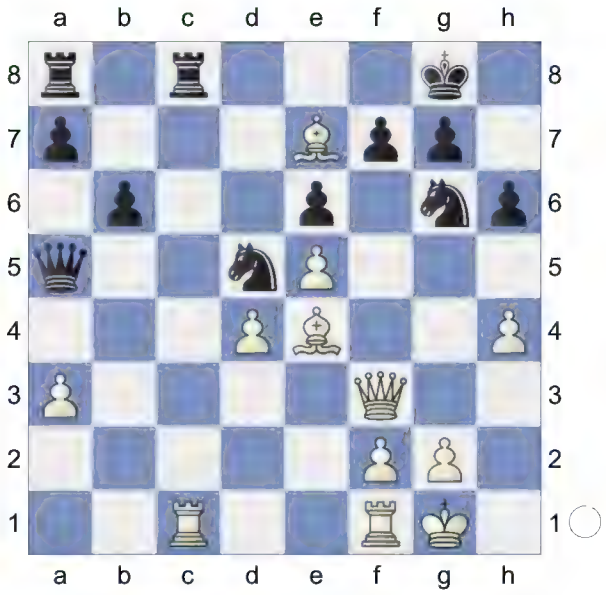


16.cxd4 Rfc8 Repels Rc1-c7 **17.e5 Bxf3** Wells: '!' '!' <xml✕:en>Not strictly our theme, but a defensive exchange of quality that merits a mention. If</:en ✕/ xml> Wells: 'Not strictly our theme, but a defensive exchange of quality that merits a mention. If '

[17...Nd5? 1.94/23 17...Nf6-e8 0.41 Wells 18.Bd2 Qxa3 <xml✕:en>white has the attacking chances of which he dreams in this structure, namely</ :en ✕ /xml> white has the attacking chances of which he dreams in this structure, namely 19.Bxh7+! Kxh7 2.89/26 *(⌓19...Kh8* 1.71/23 *)* 20.Ng5++- Kg6? #5/12 *(20...Kg8 21.Qh5; 20...Kg8+-* 1.79/26 *)* 21.Qe4+ f5 22.exf6+ Kxf6 23.Qxe6#]

18.Qxf3 Nd5 19.Be4 Nf8 20.Qd3 Only this move is novelty. I can't understand, why Artur plays this variation gives clear advantage to White?

[Not bad also ⌓20.h4! h6 21.Be7 Ng6



22.Bb4! Qb5 23.g3 Nf8 24.Bd6 Nd7 1.28/20 *(⌓24...Rd8* 0.81/21 *)* 25.Bd3 Qa4 1.42/23 *(⌓25...Qb2* 0.95/22

26.Qe4 Nf8) 26.Qe4 Nf8 Repels Qe4-h7+ 27.h5± 1-0 Lautier,J-Almasi,Z/Austria 1999/EXT 2000 (38)]

20...Rab8

21.Bd2 Repels Rc8-c3. A strong pair of Bishops.

[21.h4±]

21...Qa4 22.f4?!P

[22.h4 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rd8 24.Bg5±]

22...Rxc1 Wells: '!' '!' **23.Rxc1 Rd8!** Wells: ' ∓' '∓' [%draw full,d4] [%draw full, d5,green] **24.Qc4?∓** -0.61/21 White sacrifices ♙ and recieves bad position.

[24.f5? exf5 25.Bxf5 -0.43/24 *(25.Bxd5= -0.01/24 Rxd5 26.Bb4)* 25...Ne7 26.Bb4 Nxf5 27.Qxf5 Ne6 28.Qf2 -0.74/21 *(28.Qe4∓ -0.33/23)* 28...Qb3∓]

[Why not 24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Bb4 with sufficient compensation for ♙♙ chain defects. Rd8! Prevents Rc1-c8. 26.f5 exf5

A) 27.d5 Qe8 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Qxf5 -0.36/21 *(Better is 29.Qd4= 0.17/24)* 29...Rxd5∓ 30.Qxh7 -1.02/23 *(30.Rc8!∓ -0.34/22 Rd1+ 31.Kf2 Rd2+ 32.Kg1)* 30...Qxe5∓;

B) 27.Rf1 Qd7 28.Bd6 g6 *(28...f6 0.21/22* 28...Nf8-e6 -0.18 *29.Rxf5 Ne6 30.Rf1 fxe5 31.dxe5±)* 29.Rc1 Rc8≅]

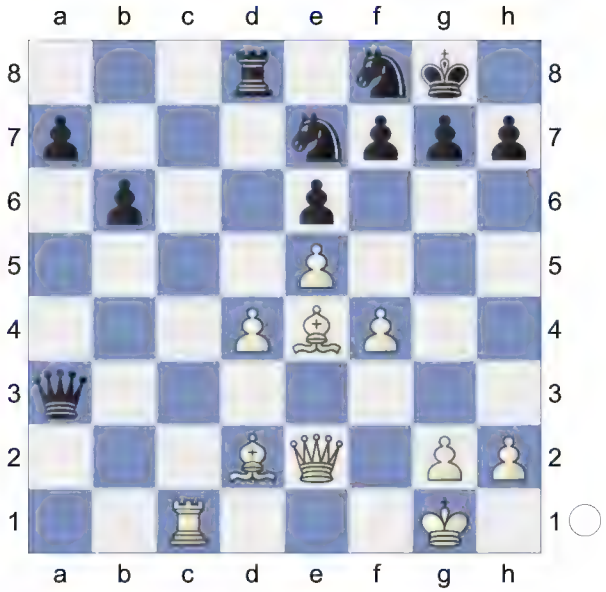
[24.g3± 0.37/21]

24...Qxa3∓ 25.Qe2 -1.41/19

[Don't blunder 25.f5? Ne3 26.Qc3 *(26.Qd3? Qxd3 27.Bxd3 Nxf5-+)* 26...Qxc3 27.Rxc3 Nxf5 *(27...Rxd4 28.fxe6 fxe6 29.Bxh7+ Kxh7 30.Bxe3-+)* 28.Bxf5 exf5-+]

[⌓25.Kf2 -0.72/19]

25...Ne7



26.Qf2 Qb2 27.Be3 Qxf2+ -0.35/21

[27...Qb3∓ -0.90/17 28.Qd2 Nd5]

28.Kxf2 f5

[28...a5 29.Rc7 -0.71/20 *(29.Rb1∓* -0.32/19 was preferrable. *)* 29...Rd7∓]

29.exf6 gxf6 30.g4

[30.Rc7 -0.87/21 30.Be4-d3 -0.44 Rd7∓]

30...f5!

(Diagram)

31.gxf5 Nxf5?∓
[Much better was 31...exf5! 32.Bd3 *(32.Rc7 -1.32/18 32.Be4-b1 -0.46 Rd7 33.Rxd7 Nxd7 34.Bd3 Nf6∓)*
A) 32...Ne6? 33.Bc4! *(33.Ra1 a5 34.Rb1 Rd6∓)*
A1) 33...Nd5 34.Ra1! a5 35.Rb1 Kg7 *(35...Rd6* White should prevent ...Ne6-c7. *36.Bxd5 Rxd5 37.Rxb6 Kf7 38.Rb7+ Kg6 39.Rb6=)* 36.Bxd5 Rxd5 37.Rxb6 Nxd4 38.Bxd4+ -0.58/22 *(38.Ra6=* -0.21/21 *)* 38...Rxd4∓ 39.Rb5 Rxf4+ 40.Ke3 Re4+ 41.Kf3 a4 Hoping for ...Kg7-f6. 42.Rxf5 Rh4⩲ -0.44/21 *(42...Rd4∓* -0.92/23 *)*;
A2) 33...Kf7 34.Ra1 a5 35.Rb1 Rd6 36.Rb5⩲;
B) 32...Kg7! 33.Ra1 a5 34.Bc4 Nd5 *(34...Rc8∓)* 35.Rb1 Nxe3 36.Kxe3 Rd6∓]
32.Rg1+ -1.03/24
[32.Bxf5∓ -0.67/22 might be stronger. exf5 33.Ke2]
32...Kf7∓
[32...Ng6 -0.53/19 32...Kg8-f7 -0.93 33.d5 Nxe3 34.Kxe3 exd5 35.Bxg6 hxg6 36.Rxg6+ Kf7 37.Rh6 Kg7 Wards off Rh6-h7+ 38.Re6 Rd7 Inhibits Re6-e7+. 39.h4∓]
33.d5 Nxe3 34.dxe6+ Nxe6 35.Kxe3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **35...Nc5?!⩲**
[35...h6?!= 36.Bg6+ *(36.Rg6?* -2.28/24 36.h2-h4 -0.57 *Re8-+)* 36...Ke7 37.Bb1 -0.82/18 *(37.f5=* -0.27/18 remains equal.*)* 37...Rf8 -0.07/21 *(37...Rd5∓* -0.82/18 *38.Rg6 Rh5)* 38.f5= Nc5 39.Rg6 Rf6 40.Rg7+ Rf7 41.Rg6⩲]
[Worth of attention 35...Re8!? And now ...Ne6-c5 would win. 36.Kf3 -2.13/21 *(36.Bb1 a5∓; 36.Bb1∓* -0.91/21 was called for.*)* 36...b5? -0.31/20 *(36...Nd4+-+* -2.13/21 *37.Ke3 Nb3)* 37.Bxh7 Nd4+
A) 38.Kg4 a5 39.h4 a4 40.h5 Black must now prevent Bh7-g6+. Kf6 aiming for ...a4-a3. 41.Bg6 -1.05/21 *(41.Ra1∓* -0.58/20 *)* 41...Rd8 Threatens to win with ...a4-a3. 42.Ra1 Ne2∓ -0.01/19 *(42...Nb3∓* -0.90/19 *43.Ra2 Rd1)*;
B) 38.Kf2 Re2+ 39.Kg3 Re7∓ -0.01/18 *(* Black should try *39...Kg7!∓* -0.67/21 *40.Bd3 Rd2 41.Kh3+ Kf6)*]

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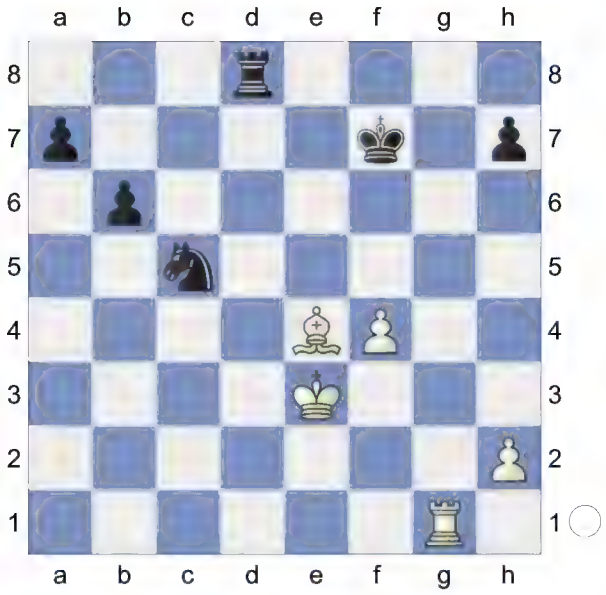
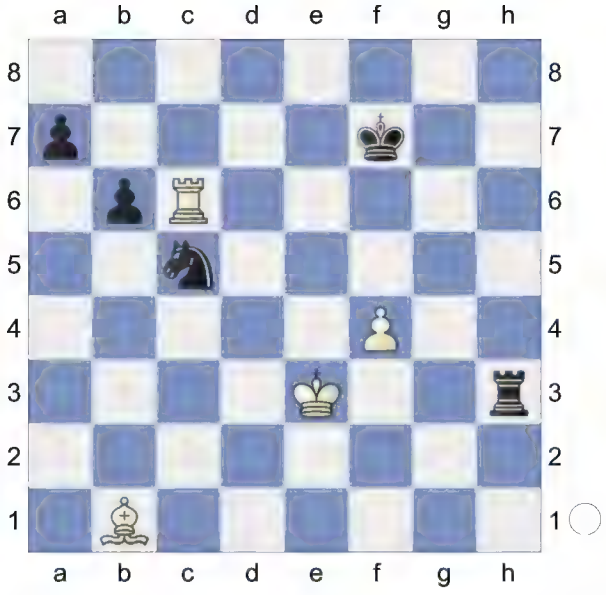


36.Bxh7 Rh8 37.Bg6+ Kf6 38.Bb1! Rxh2 39.Rg6+ Kf7 40.Rc6 Rh3+
[40...Rb2 41.Bg6+ Kg7 42.f5 a5 43.Bh5⩲]



41.Kd4 Ke7 42.Kd5 Prevents Nc5-e6.
[Avoiding simple trap: 42.Rc7+? -2.71/23 42.Bb1-e4 -0.15 Kd6 43.Rxa7 Nb3+-+]
42...Rh1 43.Bc2 Wards off Rh1-d1+
43...Rh5+ 44.f5 Rh2! 45.f6+ Kf7

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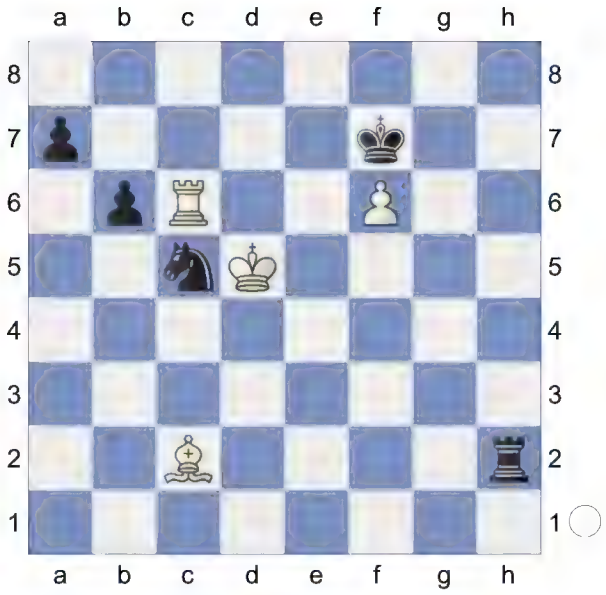
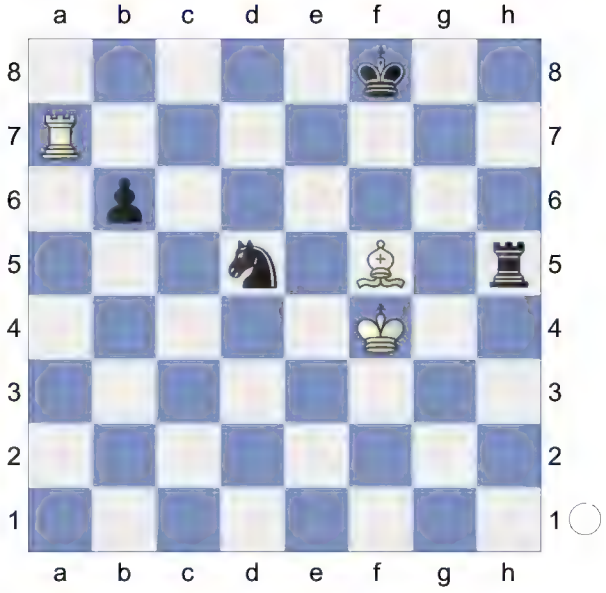


46.Bf5 Rh5 -0.02/21
[46...Rh1∓ -0.49/24]
47.Ke5= The position is equal.
47...Nd7+ 48.Kf4 Nxf6 ...Nf6-d5+ is the strong threat. **49.Rc7+ Kf8 50.Rxa7 Nd5+**



51.Ke4 Ne7 52.Bd7 Kf7

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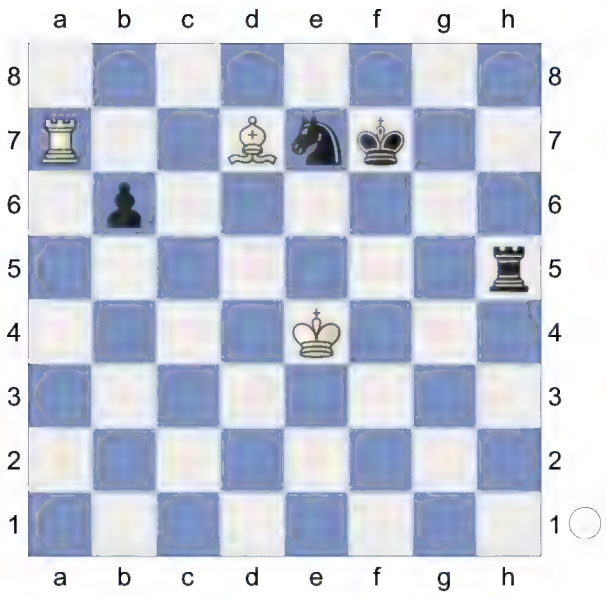

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½-½

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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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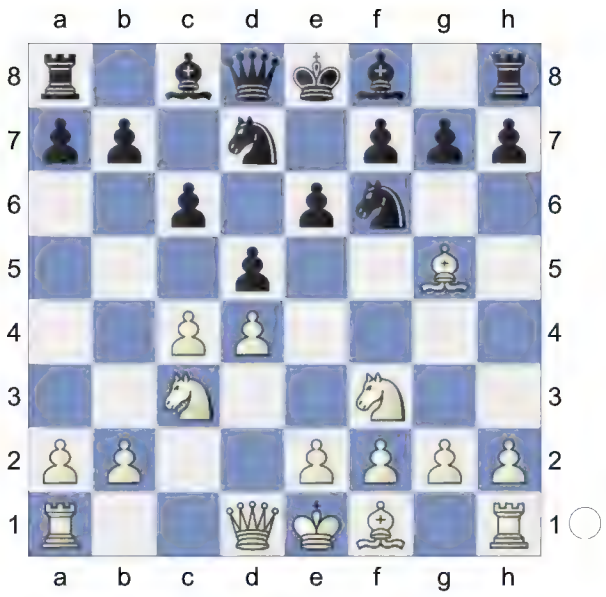
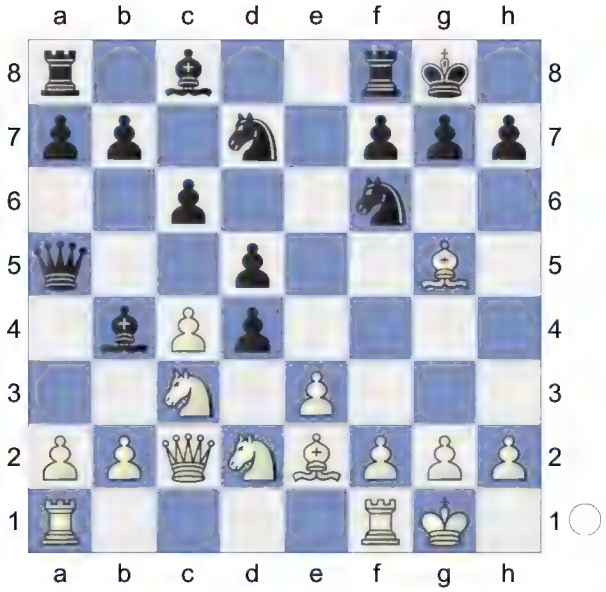


6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



11.Nb3! Qb6 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Bh4 Qc5 The position is equal. **14.Na4 Qa5 15.Bxc4 c5** 0.72/19

[15...Qh5± 0.33/17 deserves consideration. 16.Bg3 Nb6]

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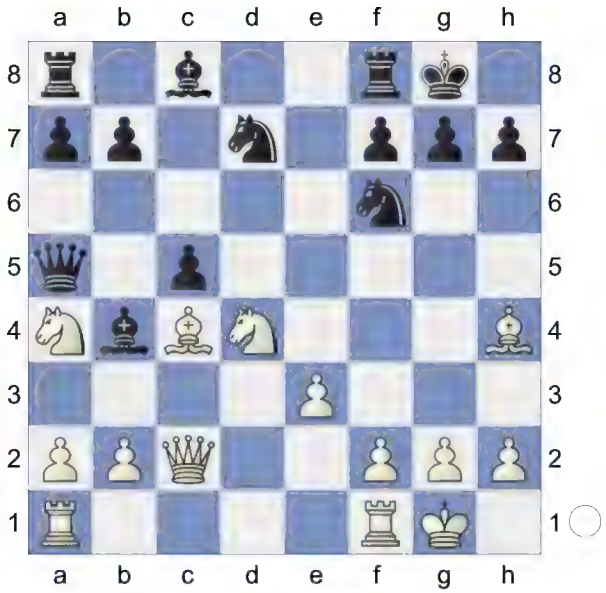
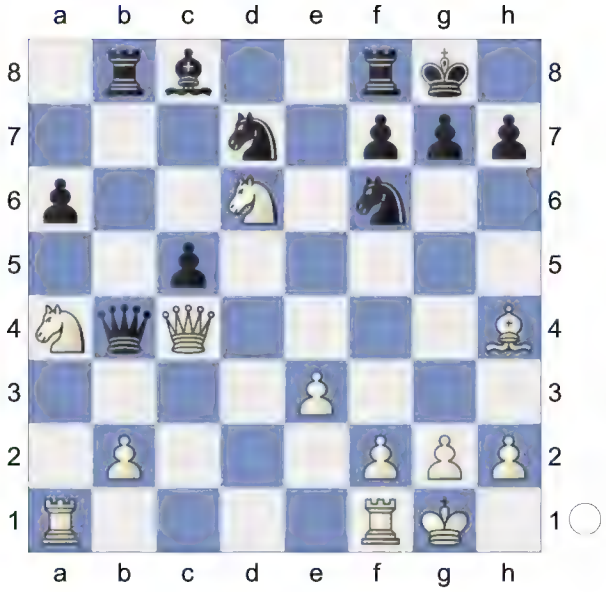


16.Nb5± And now a2-a3 would win. **16...a6 17.Nd6** aiming for a2-a3. **17...b5 18.a3 bxc4 19.axb4** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **19...Qxb4 20.Qxc4 Rb8**



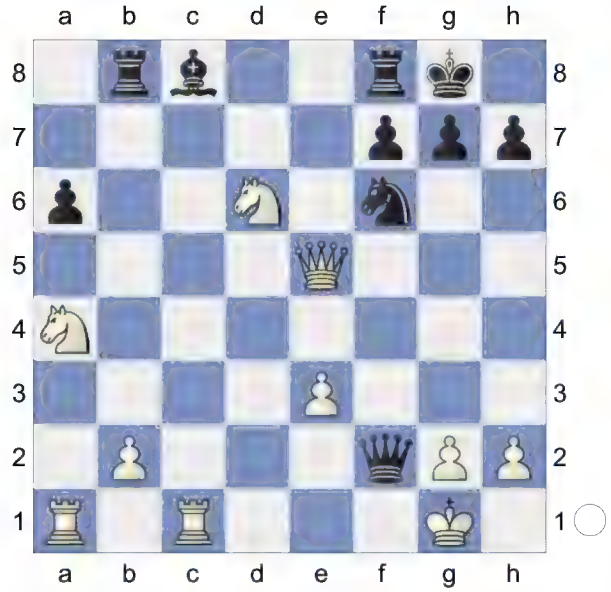
21.Rfc1 Ne5 1.95/22

[21...h6± 1.25/19 22.h3 *(22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.Qxb4 Rxb4±)* 22...Qxc4 23.Nxc4 *(23.Rxc4 Rd8+-)* 23...Nd5]

22.Qxc5? 0.27/22

[22.Qxb4!+- 1.95/22 Rxb4 23.Bxf6 *(23.Rxc5 Rxh4 24.Nxc8 Rd8±)* 23...gxf6 24.Nxc5 *(24.Rxc5 Be6±)*]

22...Qxh4= 23.Qxe5 Qxf2+!



Decoy **24.Kxf2 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Nxe5**

26.Nxc8 Rfxc8 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 Endgame. KRN-KRN **28.Nb6 Rc2 29.Rxa6** Ra6-a8+ would kill now. **29...h5 30.b4 Nd3**

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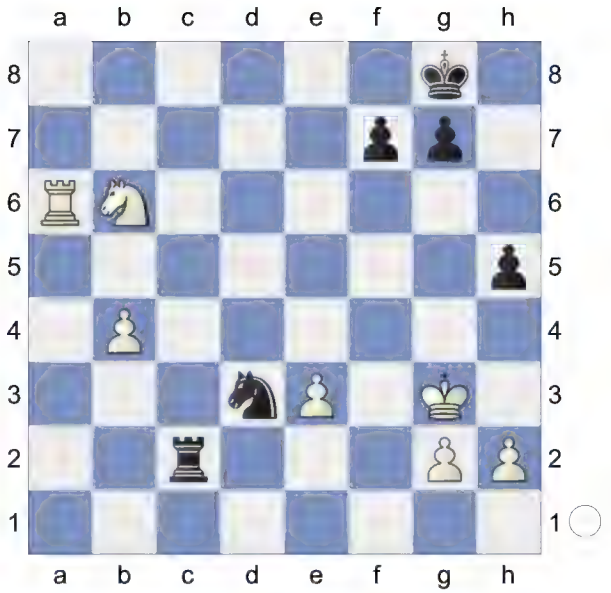
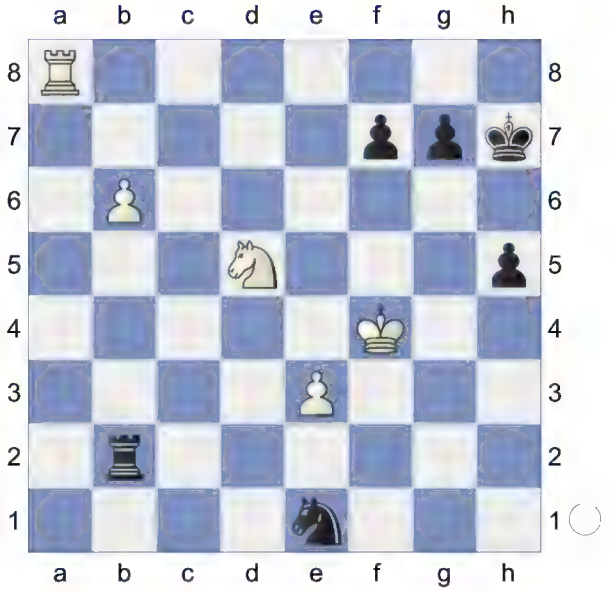


31.Nd5 Ne1 32.Ra8+ Kh7 33.b5 Rxg2+ 34.Kf4 Rxh2 35.b6 b6-b7 would now be deadly. **35...Rb2**



36.Ke5 h4 White must now prevent ... h4-h3. **37.Ra1 Nd3+ 38.Kd4 Nf2 39.Kc3** Wards off Rb2-d2 **39...Rxb6** 0.50/21 **40.Nxb6±** Strongly threatening Kc3-d2. **40...h3**

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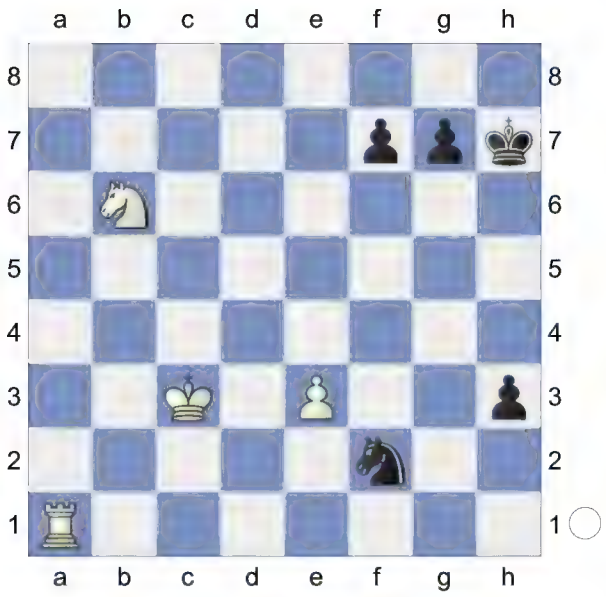


41.Kd2! Hoping for Kd2-e2. **41...h2 42.Ke2 h1Q 43.Rxh1+ Nxh1 44.Kf3** Prevents Nh1-g3. Threatens to win with Kf3-g2. **44...Kg6 45.Nc4** White has strong compensation.

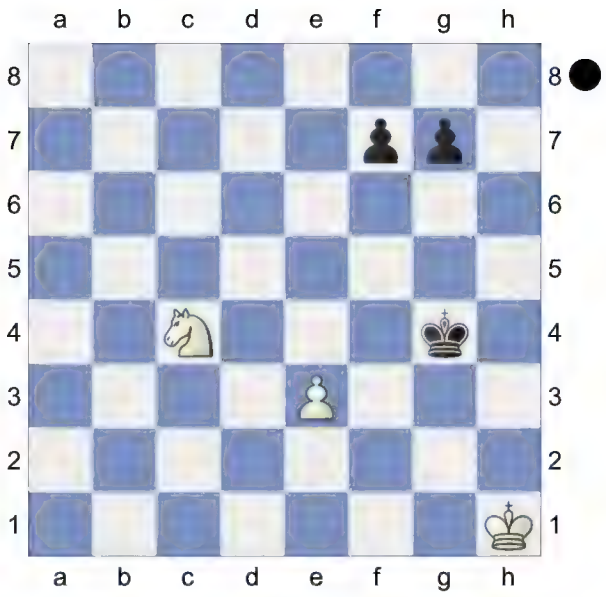
[45.Kg2 Kf5=]

[45.Kg2!? Kf5□ 46.Nc4= *(46.Kxh1 Ke4=)*]

45...Kg5

46.Kg2 Kg4 47.Kxh1

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

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■ **Navara,David** **2715**

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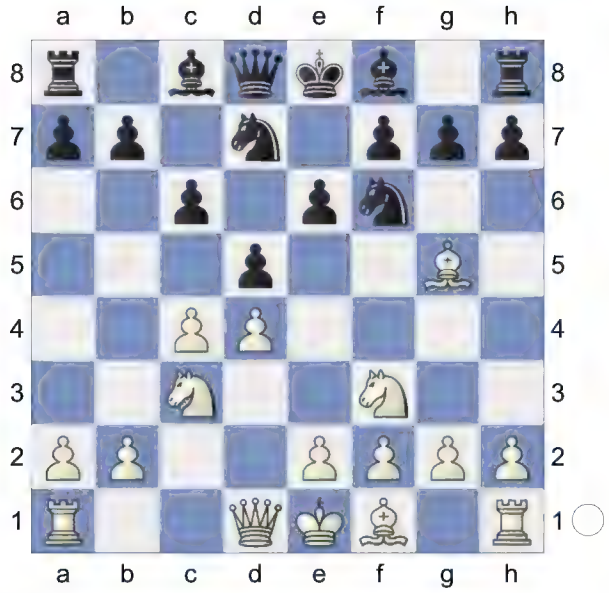
[R.Scherbakov]

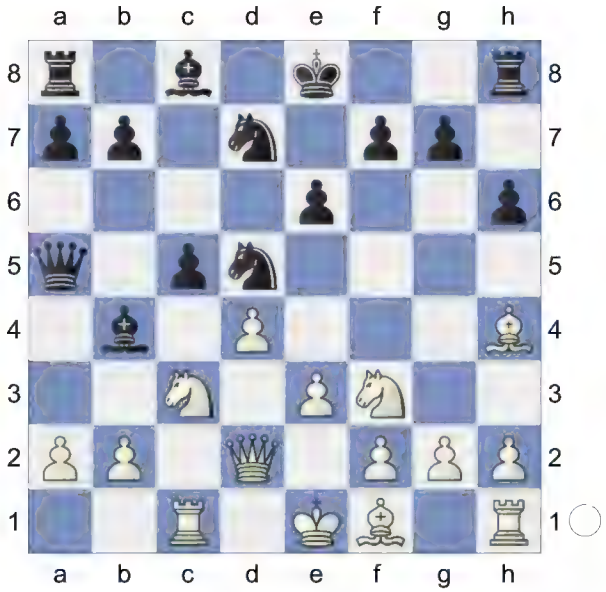
Jon Ludvig Hammer got a decisive advantage against the solid Cambridge Springs surprisingly easily. It would seem that he just followed in the footsteps of Eduardo Iturrizaga by repeating the first 22 moves, after which White's win was already just a matter of technique - however, their roads to the win were a bit different. In a critical position of the whole line Hammer came up with a modest, very rare but fairly interesting bishop advance, which might secure the better chances for White in this principle variation - a task, which had always been rather difficult...

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined:

Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5



11.Be2!? This modest bishop move is almost a novelty and a fairly interesting one! For some strange reason White has always been focused on the more active possibilities.
[11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 used to be a common option]
11...b6
[In the only predecessor, the game Dimitrov - Pelletier, Barcelona 2000, Black played 11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 and after 13.Nb3 Inhibits Nd7-c5. Qb6 14.0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Ba3 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Rfd1 *(17.Nd4!? a6* Wards off Nd4-b5 *18.Rfd1±)* 17...e5

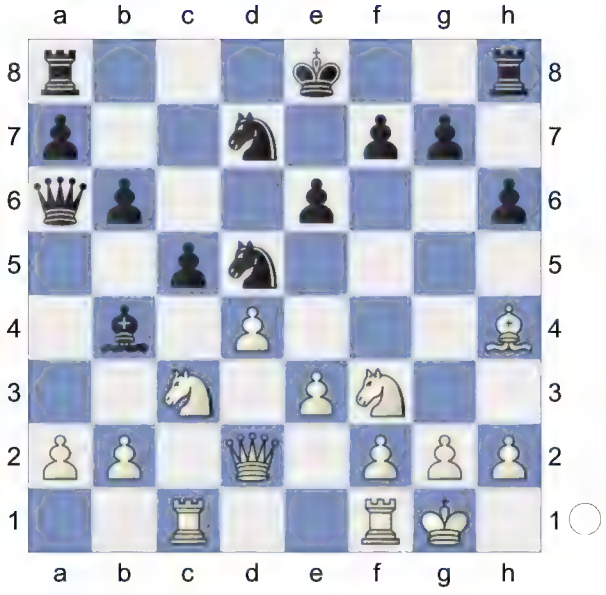
18.c4 Re8 and Black has got a somewhat worse but solid position.]

12.0-0 Ba6? 0.99/20 This natural move leads to serious problems for Black.

[12...Bb7 should have been preferred and after a logical series of moves 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 0-0 15.Qb2± it would have transposed into the just mentioned game again. cxd4 16.Nxd4! *(16.cxd4* -0.04/22 16.Nf3xd4 0.35 *Ba6)* 16...Nc5 17.c4 Na4 18.Qc2 *(18.Nb3!? Nxb2 19.Nxa5 bxa5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Rc2±)* 18...Nf6 19.f3 Nc5 20.Qb2 and White has obtained a tangible advantage as Black failed to get his queen out of danger.]

[12...0-0= 0.30/21 keeps the balance.]

13.Bxa6± White is better. **13...Qxa6**



14.Nxd5! A concrete and strong decision. Discovered Attack **14...exd5**

[14...Qxf1+? 15.Rxf1 Bxd2 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.Nxa8+-]

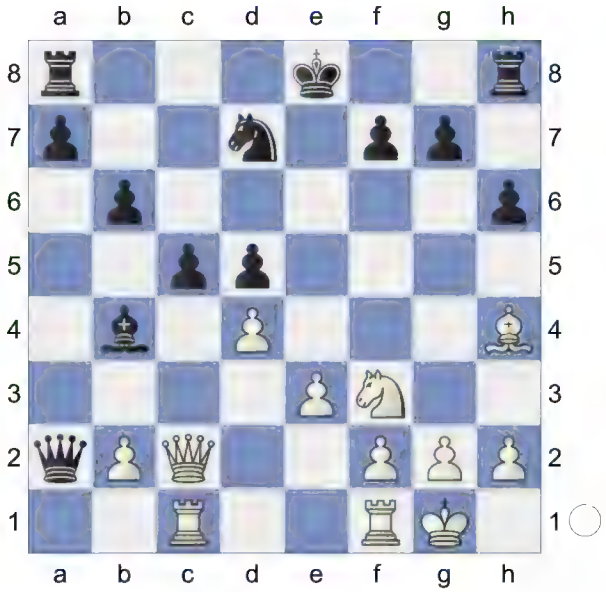
15.Qc2 and White seized an annoying initiative - in fact this is exactly what happened in the featured game. Threatens to win with a2-a3.

[15.Qd1!? a2-a3 is the strong threat. c4 16.Ne5 was also interesting.]

15...Qxa2 1.44/22

[15...c4 was the only way to parry the a2-a3 threat: 16.Qf5!? *(16.e4 0-0 17.a3 Bd6! 18.e5±)* 16...Qb7 17.e4 0-0 *(17...dxe4?* 2.03/22 17...0-0 0.45 *18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Qxe5+↑)* 18.exd5 with the better chances for White but Black's position was still playable after b5]

[⌓15...c4 0.99/22]



Black underestimates the danger.

16.Ra1 Qc4 17.Qa4 White has strong compensation.

[17.Qf5 0.72/20 17.Qc2-a4 1.49 g6 18.Qh3 Qb5 was less effective.]

17...b5 1.80/22

[17...a5 was simply bad: 18.Qc6 Qa6 19.Qxd5 etc.]

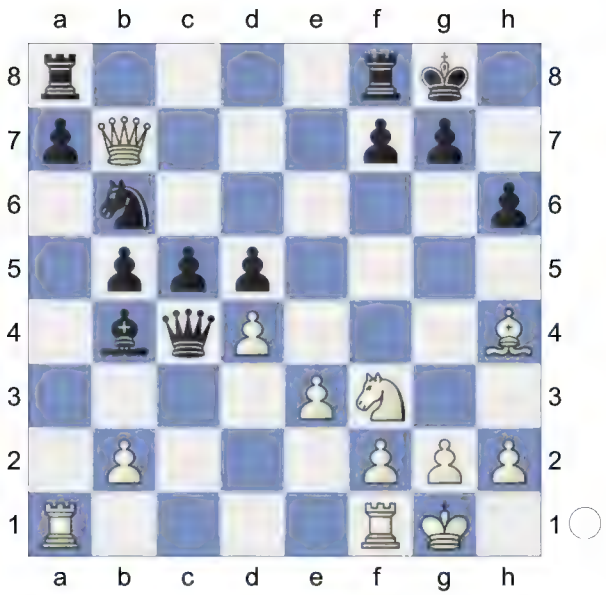
[17...a5± 1.44/22 was called for.]

18.Qa6+- 0-0 19.Qb7 1.48/20

[19.Be7! Rfe8 1.71/21 *(19...Rfb8±* 1.20/20 was necessary.*)* 20.Qb7 was even stronger.]

[19.Be7+- 1.94/21 Rfb8 20.Qc6]

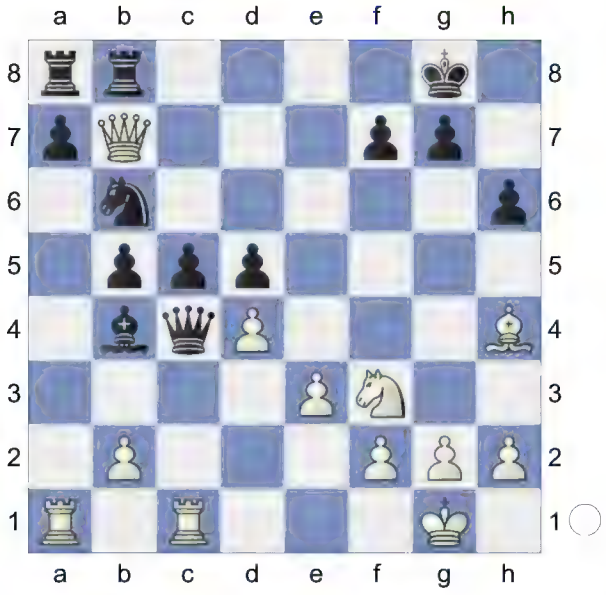
19...Nb6±



20.Rfc1!↑ White is on the roll. White has more active pieces. **20...Rfb8** 2.04/23

[20...Qd3 was equally bad: 21.dxc5 Nc4 22.Rd1 Qc2 23.Rac1 Qxb2 24.Qxd5 though here Black might have obtained more chances to escape.]

[⌓20...Qd3 1.68/23]

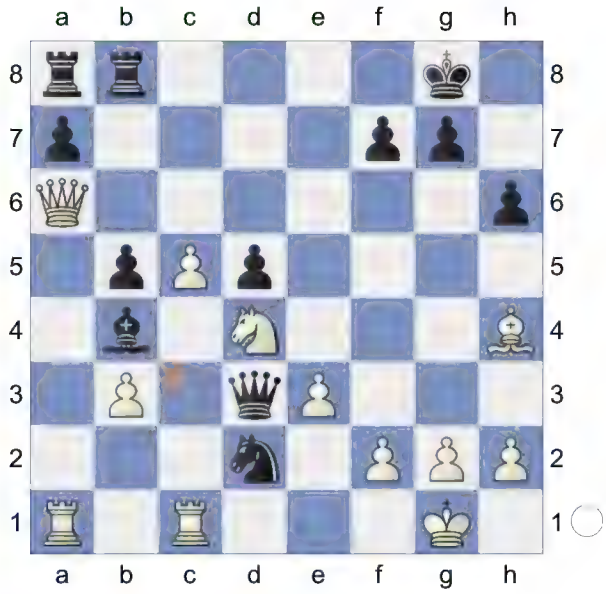


21.Qa6!+- Qe2

[Or 21...Qd3 22.dxc5 Nc4 23.Bg3 Rc8 24.c6+-]

22.dxc5 Nc4 23.Bg3! This is actually hard to believe but this move is ... a novelty!

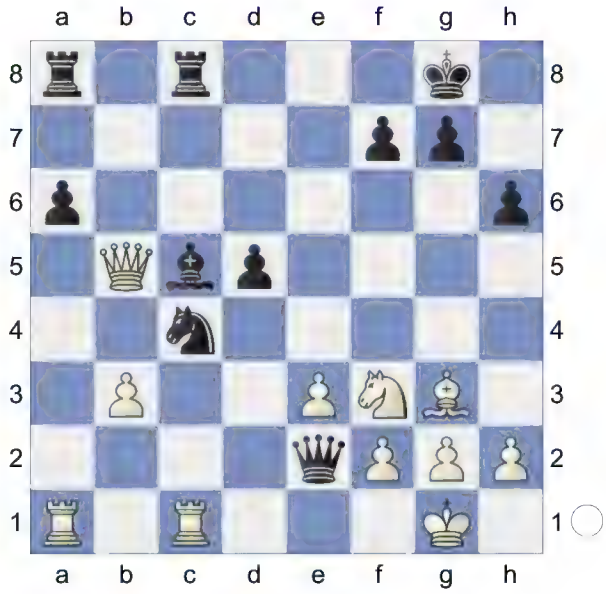
[In the game Iturrizaga - Chigladze, Golden Sands 2013, White converted his advantage by 23.b3 1.37/21 23.Bh4-g3 2.94 Nd2 24.Nd4 Qd3



25.Nc6! Nxb3 26.Nxb8 Rxb8 27.Rd1 Qc2 28.Rab1 Bxc5 29.Bg3 Rb6 30.Qxa7 and so on. However, the text move is even simpler.]

23...Rc8 24.Qxb5 Bxc5 25.b3 Black cannot avoid huge material losses.

25...a6



26.Rxa6 1.53/22 Due to a lack of time (it's a rapid game) White allows his opponent to stay in the game.

[After 26.Qb7! the game wouldn't last long: Nb6 4.40/23 *(⌓26...Ba3* 2.88/20 *27.Re1 Qb2)* 27.Ne5+- Qh5 28.Nc6 Inhibits Rc8-b8. d4 29.b4 , winning a piece.]

[26.Qb7+- 3.65/23 and White stays clearly on top. Ba3 *(26...Nxe3? 27.Rxc5* D e f l e c t i o n *Rxc5 28.Qxa8++-)* 27.Rxa3 *(27.bxc4 Bxc1 28.Rxc1 dxc4±)*]

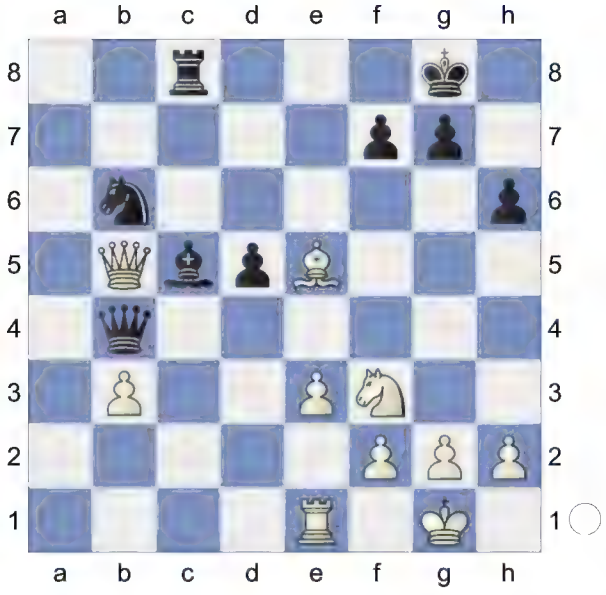
26...Qb2!± 27.Re1

[27.Rd1!? might have been more precise.]

[27.bxc4? leads to mate. Qxc1+]

27...Rxa6 28.Qxa6 Nb6 29.Qb5 So White has only got an extra pawn.

29...Qc3 30.Be5 Qb4



31.Qxb4 Bxb4 32.Rb1 Nd7 33.Bd4 Rc2 34.Kf1

[34.g4!?]

34...Nc5 35.Bxc5 Bxc5 1.81/21

[35...Rxc5± 1.39/23 36.Nd4 g6]

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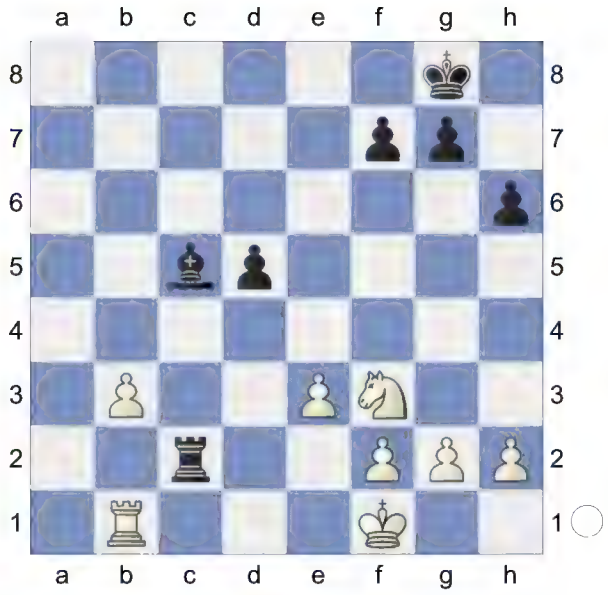


Endgame. KRB-KRN **36.Rd1 Bb4?** 2.46/24

[36...Rb2! was more tenacious: 37.Rxd5 Rb1+ 38.Ke2 Rb2+

A) 39.Nd2? 0.82/23 39.Ke2-d3 1. 52 Bb4 40.g4 Bxd2 0.99/24 *(40...g5±* 0.54/22 *)* 41.Rxd2 Rxb3±;

B) 39.Rd2 Rxb3 40.Ne5 and White still had to work hard.]

[⌓36...Rb2 1.62/24 37.Rxd5 Bb4]

37.Rd4!+-

[Black was probably only counting on 37.Rxd5? 1.21/23 37.Rd1-d4 2.28 Rc1+ 38.Ke2 And now Nf3-e5 would win. Rc2+ 39.Nd2 1.06/24 *(39.Kd3±* 0.63/23 should be considered. *Rxf2 40.Kc4)* 39...Rb2 , transposing to the rook ending.]

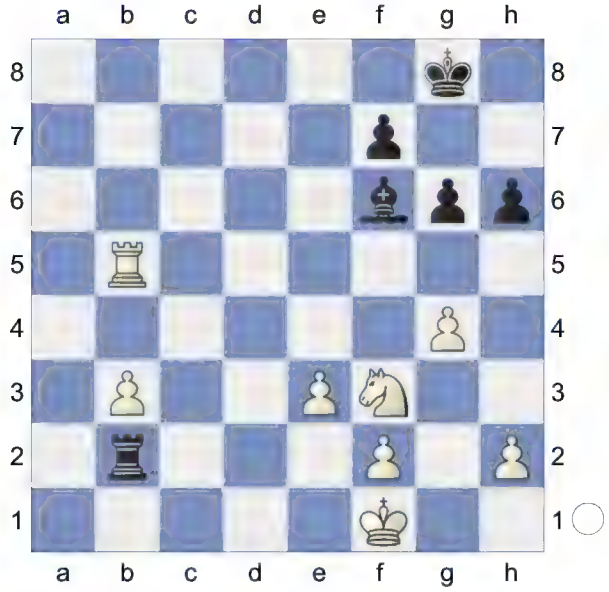
[37.Rxd5 Rc1+ 38.Ke2 Rc2+ 39.Nd2 Rb2=]

37...Be7 2.39/21

[There was no good retreat: 37...Ba5 38.Rxd5]

[or 37...Bc3 2.44/23 37...Rc2-c1+ 1. 93 38.Rxd5 aiming for Rd5-d8+. Rc1+ 39.Ke2 Strongly threatening Rd5-d8+. Rc2+? 7.07/22 *(⌓39...Rb1*

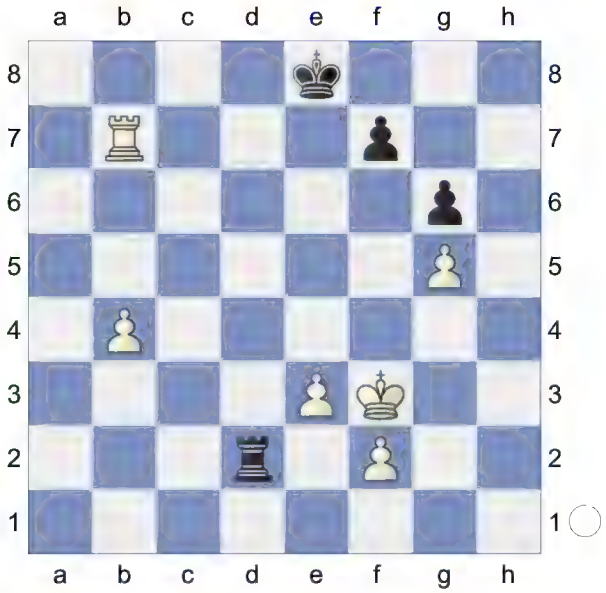
2.46/22 *40.Rd8+ Kh7)* 40.Kd3]
[37...Rc1+ 1.70/21 keeps fighting. 38.Ke2 Be7 39.Rxd5 Rc2+ 40.Rd2 Rc5]
38.Rxd5 Rb2 39.Rb5 The game is basically over. **39...Bf6 40.g4 g6**



41.h4 Kg7 42.Rb7 Rb1+ 43.Kg2 Rb2 3.65/22
[43...Bc3 2.41/23 might work better. 44.Rb6 Rb2]
44.g5 hxg5 45.Nxg5
[45.hxg5 Bc3 46.Nh2 was also good enough.]
45...Bxg5

(Diagram)

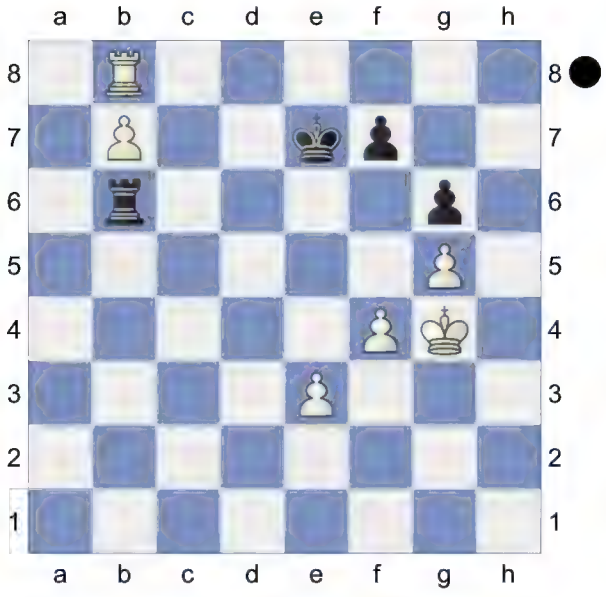
46.hxg5 KR-KR **46...Kf8** 7.13/30
[⌓46...Rd2 4.83/31 47.Kg3 Rd5]
47.b4 Ke8 48.Kf3 Rd2 49.Rc7 Rb2 50.Rb7 -0.01/25
[50.Rc8++- 3.56/25 Kd7 51.Rb8]
50...Rd2!=



Loses the game. **51.b5** White is clearly winning. **51...Rd5 52.Kg4 Re5 53.b6 Re6 54.Rb8+ Ke7 55.b7 Rb6**

(Diagram)

56.f4



Black resigned.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.27 (precise)

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■ **Bluebaum,Matthias** **2674**

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[Arsovic,Zoran]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

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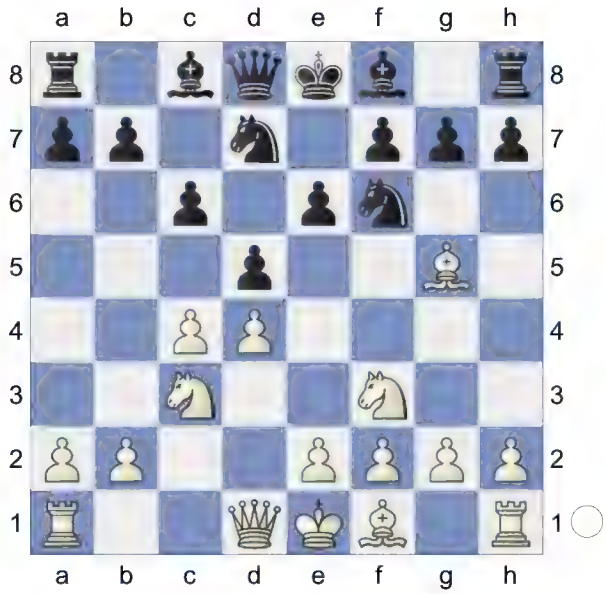
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA

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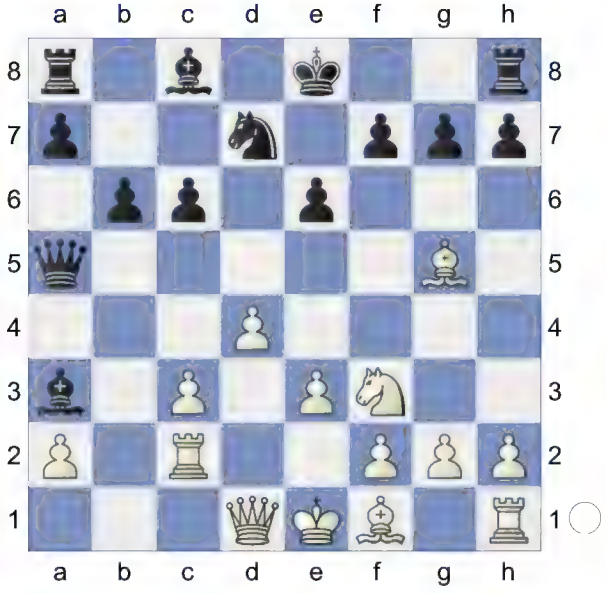
7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2

White has an edge. **10...b6**



11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 13.Rxe2

[13.Qxe2 - 146/146]

13...0-0 14.e4 Rac8 15.e5N

[15.Qc2 -0.16/18 15.Re2-e3 0.26]

15...Rfe8

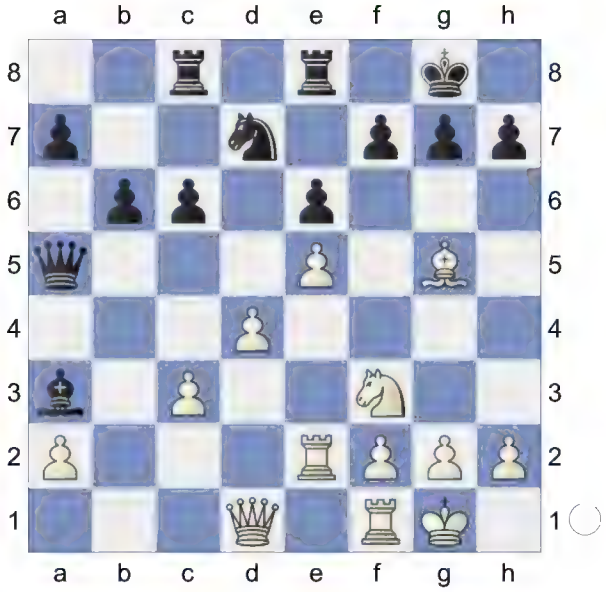
[15...h6 16.Qc2! *(16.Bxh6!? gxh6 17.Re3 Kg7 18.Nh4 Be7 19.Rg3+ Kh7 20.Qh5↑)*

A) 16...Rfe8 0.21/21 16...h6xg5 -0.46 17.Bd2 c5 18.d5! exd5 19.Bxh6! Nf8! *(19...gxh6 0.87/20 19...Nd7-f8 0.29 20.e6!+-)* 20.Bxg7! Kxg7 21.Ng5 Qc2-f5 is the strong threat. Rc6 22.h4 c4 1.13/22 *(22...Qb5± 0.48/19)* 23.Qf5± f6 24.Nf3±;

B) 16...Qa6 0.14/21 feels stronger.;

C) 16...hxg5 -0.28/20 17.Nxg5= g6! 18.Nxe6! Rfe8! 19.Ng5 Nf8! 20.Ne4 Be7 21.f4±]

[15...Qxc3? loses. 16.Re3 Qb4 17.Qd3+-]



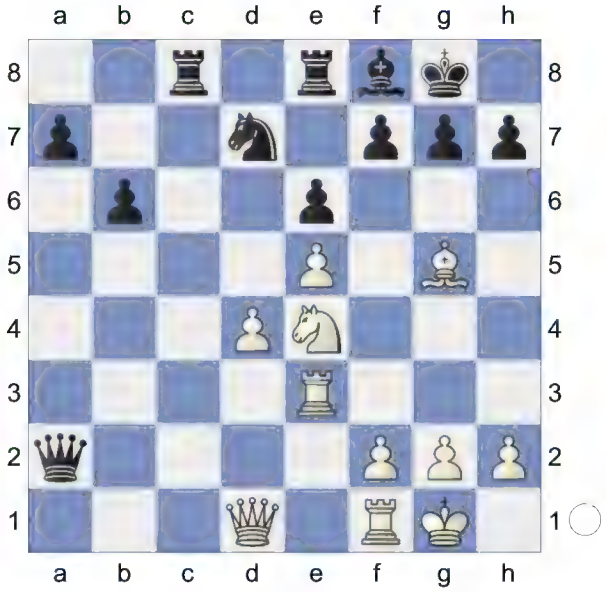
16.Nd2

[16.Re3!? Be7 17.Qc2

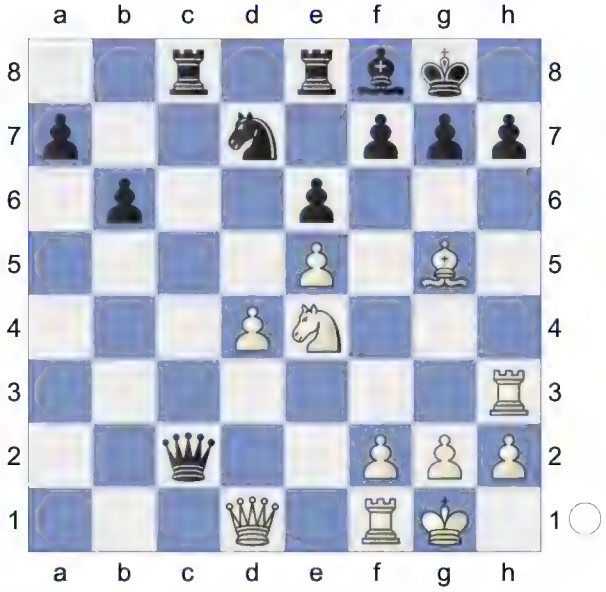
A) 17...c5? 0.85/20 17...Nd7-f8 0.20 18.d5! exd5? 2.75/22 *(18...Bf8± 0.90/18* is a better defense. *)* 19.Qf5+- Rcd8? 7.45/23 *(19...d4 1.89/20 20.e6 fxe6 21.Rxe6 Rf8)* 20.e6+-;

B) 17...Rcd8 18.h4 h6 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Nd2±]

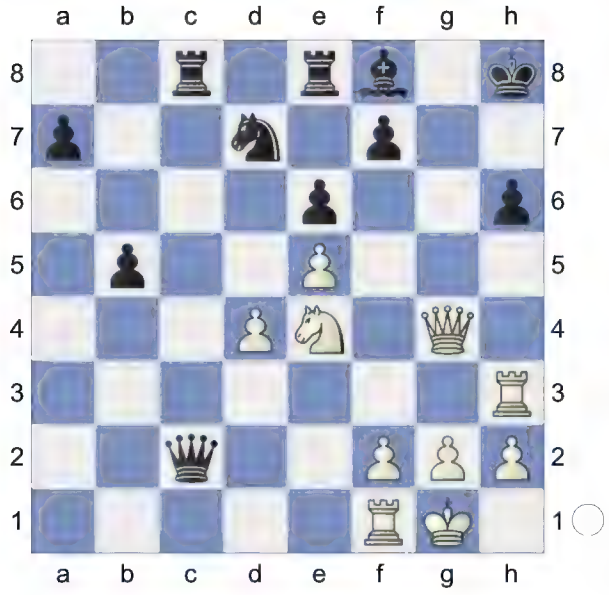
16...Bf8
[16...f6 17.Nc4
A) 17...Qxc3? 3.05/22 17...Qa5-a6 0.05 18.Rc2 Qb4 19.exf6 Threatens to win with Qd1-f3. gxf6? 3.90/21 *(19...Qa4* 2.01/19 might work better. *20.Nxa3 Qxa3 21.fxg7 a6)* 20.Bh6+- White threatens Qd1-g4+ and mate. Kh8 21.Qf3+-;
B) 17...Qa6 18.Nxa3 fxg5 19.Nb1 Red8 20.Rd2 0.15/21 *(20.Nd2± 0.57/18)* 20...Nf8= 21.Qg4±]
[Stronger than 16...Qxc3 17.Re3 Qb4 18.Ne4±]
17.Ne4 -0.29/19
[17.Re3 f6 18.Bf4 *(18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qg4+ Bg7!* Threatening ...f6-f5. *20.Nc4! Qa6 21.Nd6 Re7 22.Qh4 Rf8 23.f4∞)*
A) 18...f5 19.Nf3 Qxa2 20.Ng5 Hoping for Qd1-h5. h6 0.70/20 *(20...Re7=* -0.01/20 *)* 21.Nh3!± g6! Against Qd1-h5 22.Rg3±;
B) 18...fxe5 19.Bxe5 c5 20.Qb3 cxd4 21.Bxd4±]
[17.Re3! 0.20/21 was preferrable.]
17...c5= 18.Re3 cxd4! 19.cxd4 Black must now prevent Re3-h3.
19...Qxa2? 1.72/22
[19...Rc4
A) 20.Qg4 Rxd4 0.01/21 *(20...Qd5∓* -0.62/20 *21.Rd1 Rec8)* 21.Nf6+!= Nxf6 22.Qxd4 Bc5 23.Qc3 aiming for Qc3xa5. Bxe3 24.Qxa5 bxa5 25.Bxe3 Nd5 26.Bxa7 Rc8∓ Prevents Rf1-c1.;
B) 20.Qg4∓ -0.60/21 might be stronger.;
C) 20.Bf6 -1.08/21 20...Qd5 -0.57/21 *(20...Rec8!∓* -1.08/21 *21.Rg3 g6)* 21.Qh5∓ h6 -0.46/24 Prevents Ne4-g5. *(21...g6!∓* -1.45/22 Strongly threatening ... Qd5xe4. *22.Qf3 Rxd4* Discovered Attack *)* 22.Bxg7∓ Bxg7 23.Nd6 Re7 -0.24/20 *(23...Rf8∓* -0.66/22 *24.Nxc4 Qxc4)* 24.Qh4= f6 25.Nxc4 Qxc4∞]
[19...Rc4!∓ -0.46/24 keeps the upper hand. 20.d5 Qxd5]



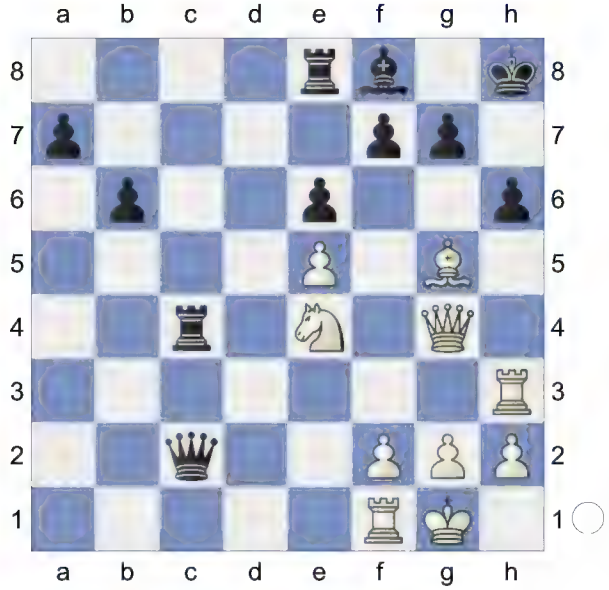
20.Rh3!+- Qd1-h5 would now be deadly.
20...Qc2 2.19/19 Diagram
[20...g6± 1.19/21]



21.Qg4! Kh8? 8.23/20
[21...g6 2.27/22 22.Qh4 h5]
22.Qh4 h6 23.Qg4 Nxe5
[23...b5 24.Bxh6 gxh6



25.Rg3!]
24.dxe5 Bg5xh6! would kill now.
24...Rc4



25.Bxh6!

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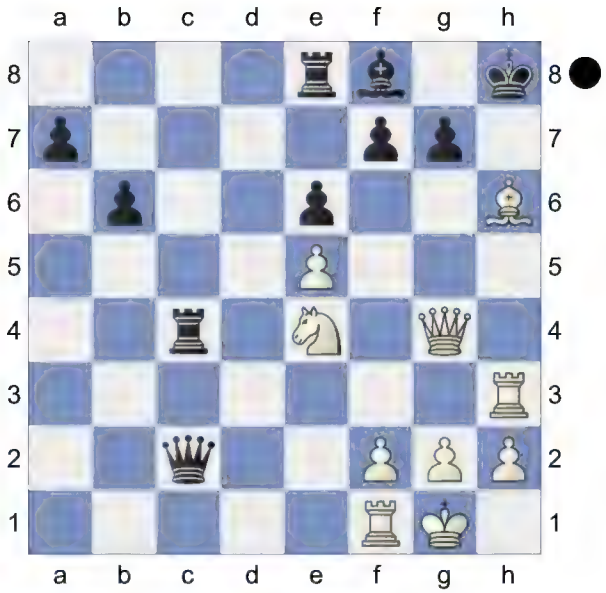
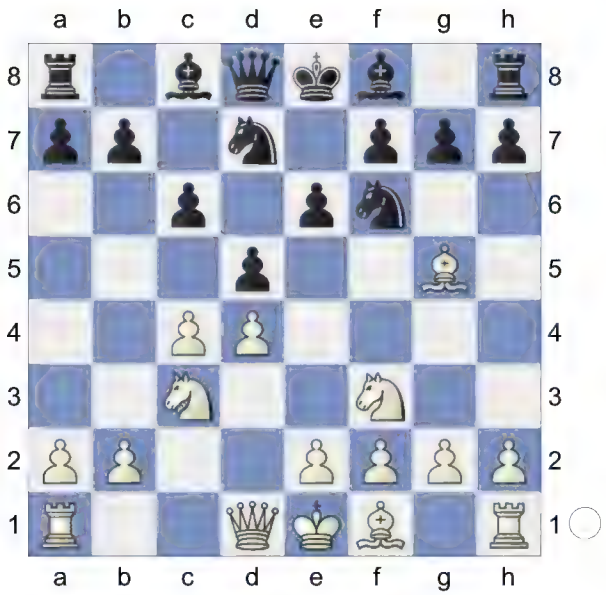


Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.76
1-0

119 **D52**
□ **Tomczak,Jacek** **2595**
■ **Andersen,Mads** **2604**
Deutschland 156/155 2023
[Arsovic,Goran]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

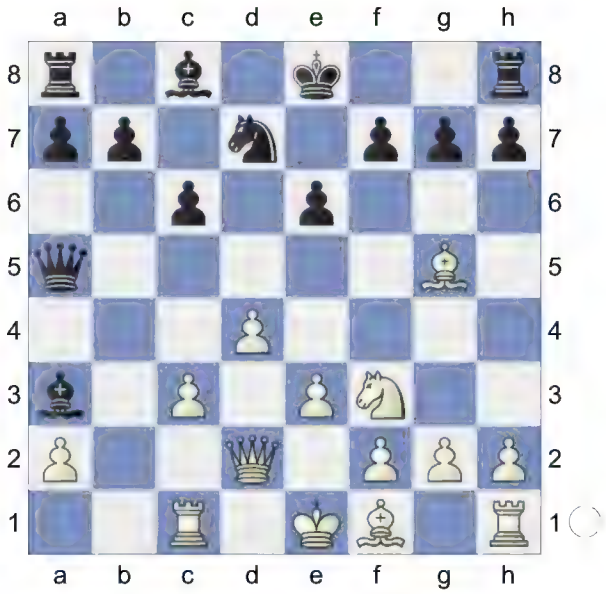
7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3

[9...h6 - 117/(150)]

10.bxc3 Ba3



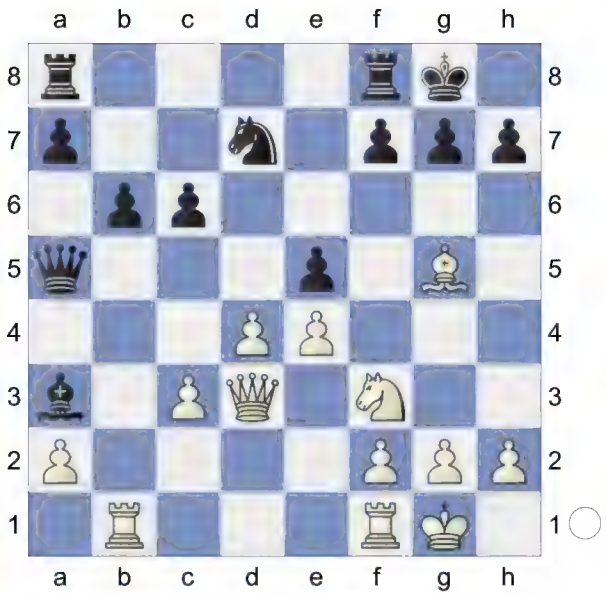
11.Rb1 b6 The position is equal.

12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.e4

[15.c4 Rfe8 16.c5 f6 17.Bf4 Rad8 18.Qb3 bxc5 19.Qb7 Nb6 *(19...Qa4 20.Bc7* Prevents Nd7-b6. *Rc8 21.Bd6 Rcd8! 22.Qb3! Qa5!∞)* 20.Bc7 Rc8 21.Bxb6 axb6 22.Rxb6 Qa8 23.Qxa8 Rxa8 24.Rxc6 cxd4 25.Nxd4 e5 26.Ne2 Rec8 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8⩲]

15...e5

[15...Rfe8 16.e5 h6 17.Be3 -0.11/18 *(⌓17.Bd2* 0.26/19 *)* 17...Bf8= *(17...Rad8 18.Qe4 Qd5 19.Qg4 Kh7 20.Qh5±)* 18.Qe4 c5∞]



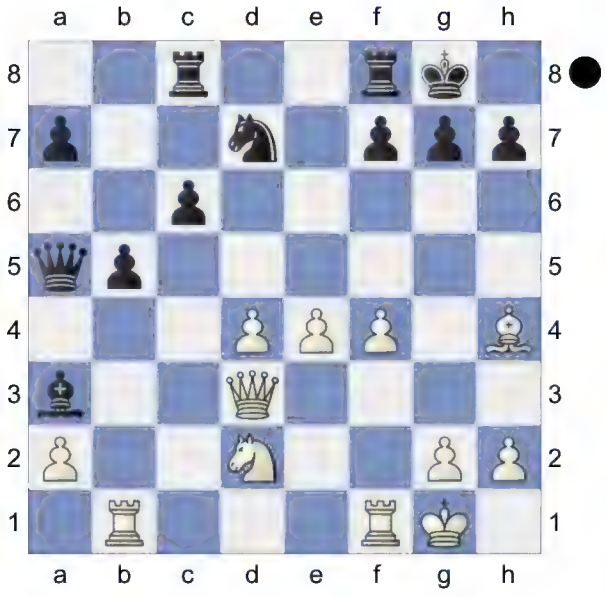
16.Bh4 Rac8 17.Nd2 b5

[17...Rfe8!? 18.Nc4 Qa4 19.f4 *(19.Nxa3 Qxa3 20.f3 b5∞)* 19...exd4 20.cxd4 Bf8 21.e5 b5 22.Ne3 c5 23.d5 c4 24.Qf5 Bc5 25.Rbe1 Nf8∞]

18.f4

[18.Qh3 Rc7 19.Nf3 Re8 0.48/20 *(19...exd4= 0.10/20* is more appropriate. *20.cxd4 Re8)* 20.dxe5 Nf8 21.Qg4 Qxc3 22.Rb3 Qc5 23.Bg3±]

18...exd4 19.cxd4 Diagram



19...Bb4?!

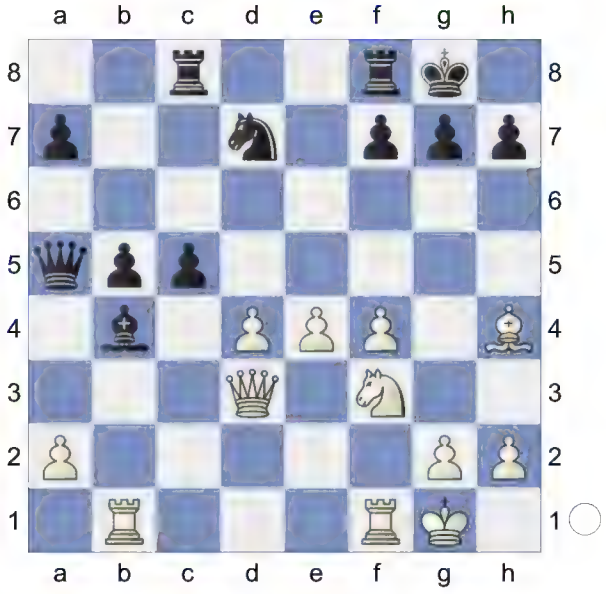
[19...c5! 20.Rxb5 Qa4 Strongly threatening ...c5-c4. 21.Rb3 *(21.Qc4 Bb4* White must now prevent ...Nd7-b6. *22.Be7 Nb6 23.Rxb6 axb6 24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.Nf3 Ra8∞)* 21...Bb4 22.e5 a5!

A) 23.d5? -1.78/20 23.Rb3-b2 0.01 c4! 24.Nxc4 Rxc4 25.Qxc4? -4.68/18 *(25.Kh1* -1.90/20 was called for. *Bc5 26.Bg3)* 25...Bc5+-+;

B) 23.Rb2 cxd4 Hoping for ...Bb4-c3. 24.Ne4! h6∞ Repels Ne4-g5]

20.Nf3 e4-e5 is the strong threat. **20...c5** 0.71/18

[20...Rfe8= 0.30/18 feels stronger.]



21.e5!± White is more active. **21...cxd4N** 1.63/21

[21...Qxa2 22.d5 And now Nf3-g5! would win. *(22.Ng5 f5 23.Qxb5±)* 22...c4 23.Qf5±]

[Black should try 21...Qxa2± 0.63/19 22.Ng5 *(22.Qxb5 Nb6±)* 22...f5]

22.Qf5!+- Nc5 2.38/22

[⌓22...Rc7 1.69/19]

23.Be7? 0.42/20

[23.Bf6! Ne6 (23...gxf6? #4/10 23...Nc5-e6 2.30 24.exf6 Ne6 25.Ng5+-) 24.Ng5! g6 25.Qh3 Nxg5 26.Qh6! Ne6 Prevents Qh6-g7+. Threatens to win with ...Bb4-d2! 27.Rf3!+-]

[White should play 23.Bf6!+- 2.38/22]

23...g6 2.16/19

[23...Qa3!± 0.42/20]

24.Qh3 Rfe8? 4.16/20

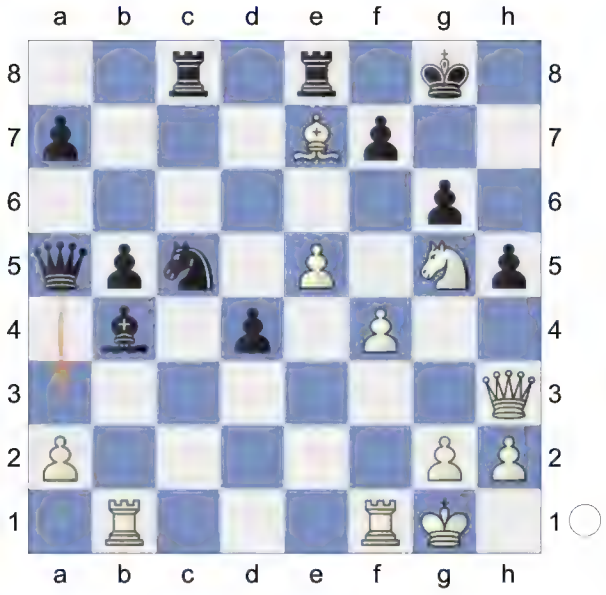
[24...d3 25.f5 h6 26.Qxh6+-]

[24...Bd2± 1.09/17 is a better chance.]

25.Ng5→ White is out for blood.

[25.Nxd4 Ne6 26.Bxb4 Qb6=]

25...h5 Diagram



26.f5! Bd2 6.08/19

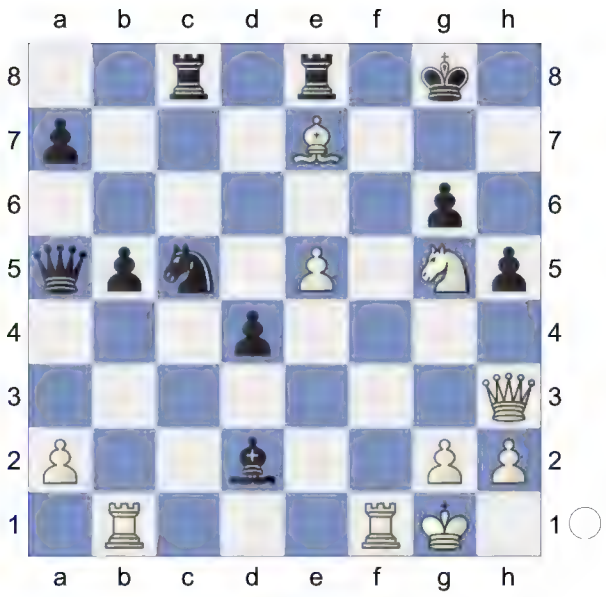
[26...Rxe7 10.33/19 26...Qa5-a3 4.24 27.fxg6 Qc7 28.gxf7+ Kf8 29.Qxh5+-]

[26...Rxe7 27.fxg6 Qd8 28.gxf7++- (28.Rxb4 fxg6 29.Kh1 Qd7=; 28.Rxb4 fxg6 29.Rf6 Qe8=)]

[⌓26...Qa3 4.16/22]

27.fxg6 fxg6

(Diagram)



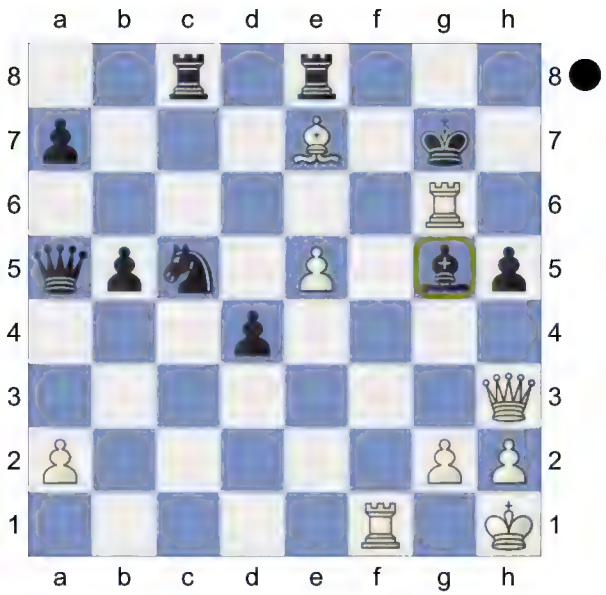
28.Rf6! Be3+ 13.84/22

[⌓28...Kg7 5.15/19]

29.Kh1 Kg7 30.Rbf1 White threatens Rf6xg6+! and mate. **30...Bxg5**

31.Rxg6+!!

(Diagram)

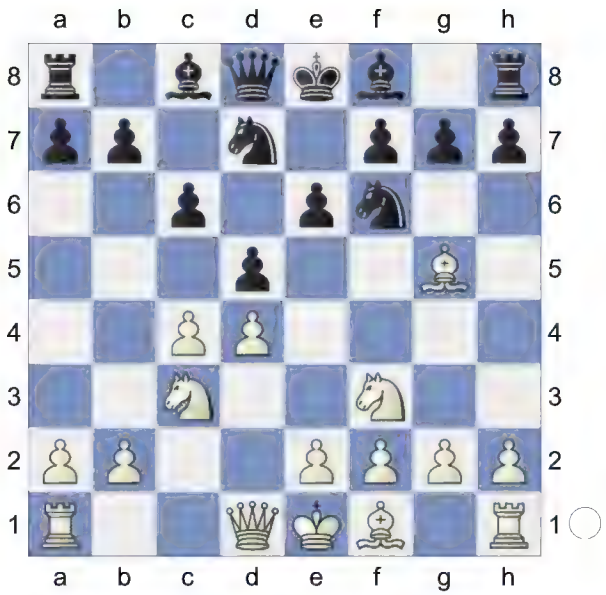


Discovered Attack, Remove Defender, Decoy.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.87
1-0

120 **D52**
□ **Tomczak,Jacek** **2595**
■ **Andersen,Mad** **2604**
Bundesliga 2022-23 (14.3) 29.04.2023
[Edouard,Romain]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

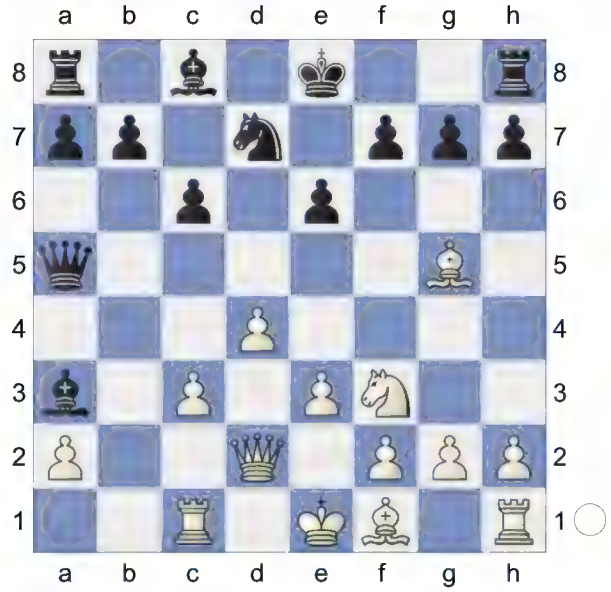
(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

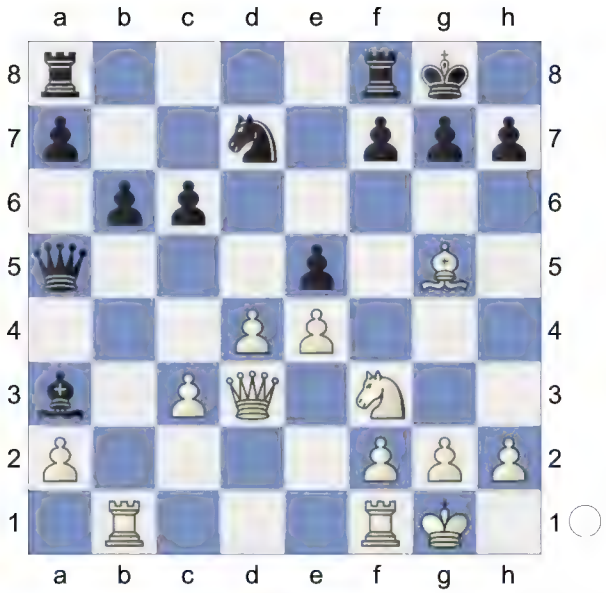
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3



11.Rb1 b6 White has an edge. White has an edge. **12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.e4 e5?!** This is the move Black usually plays in order to limit his lack of space. But it just seems dubious.

[After 15...Rfe8 16.e5 Qa4 17.c4 Bf8 I would definitely pick White but the position is tricky. White should try to bring a rook to g3/h3.]

(Diagram)



16.Bh4 Rac8 17.Nd2 b5?! Against Nd2-c4. Inhibits Nd2-c4. Natural, as it prevents Nc4, but after the next move White rocks.

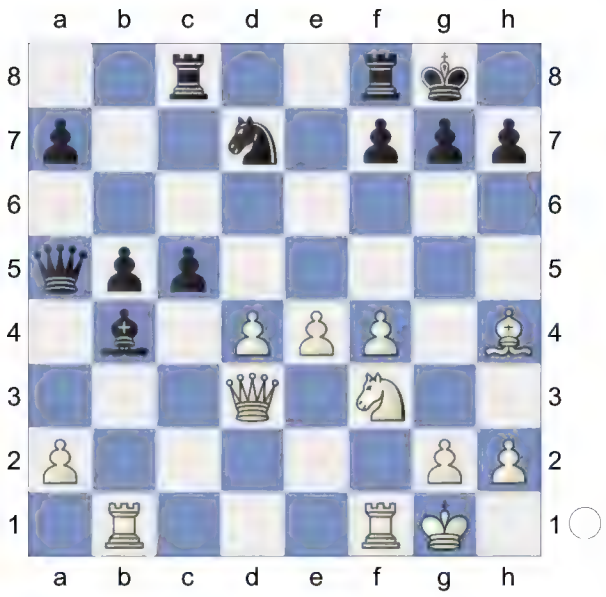
[Again the simple 17...Rfe8 was better 18.f4 exd4 19.cxd4 Bf8 and White enjoys a beautiful center but Black is ready, let's say in case of Nf3, to push his c-pawn.]

18.f4! exd4 19.cxd4 Bb4 20.Nf3 Black should prevent e4-e5. **20...c5** 0.81/18

[20...Nb6= 0.29/18 remains equal.]

[20...h6!= 0.14/19 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



21.e5!± Nf3-g5 is the strong threat. And now Nf3-g5 would win.Strangely, this position was played twice. And it is already very bad for Black. **21...cxd4** 1.17/21

[Better is 21...Qxa2 0.90/19

A) 22.d5!? 0.01/17 22.Nf3-g5 0.91;

B) 22.Qxb5 Nb6± 0.63/19 *(22...Rc7= -0.01/20)*;

C) 22.Ng5 f5 23.Qxb5 Nb6 24.Ra1 Qd5 1.62/21 *(⌓24...Qc4! 0.75/22 25.Qxc4+ Nxc4; 24...Qc4± 1.05/23 25.Qxc4+ Nxc4)* 25.Rxa7+- 1-0 (34) Can,E (2519)-Vajda,L (2601) BUL 2014]

[Black should play 21...h6 0.77/21]

22.Qf5! Hoping for Nf3-g5. aiming for Nf3-g5. **22...Nc5** **23.Be7!** 0.96/21 White is much more active.

[White should try 23.Bf6! 1.52/22 Threatens to win with Bf6xg7! Bf6xg7! is the strong threat.

A) 23...gxf6? #4/10 23...Nc5-e6 1.20 24.exf6 Intending Qf5-g4+ and mate. Ne6? #3/8 *(24...Rfd8± 0.45/5)* 25.Ng5 Nxg5 26.Qxg5+ Kh8 27.Qg7#;

B) 23...Ne6 24.Qg4 1.04/16 *(24.Ng5!+- 1.74/18 g6 25.Nxf7 Kxf7 26.Qh3)*]

[⌓23.Bf6 1.46/22 Ne6 *(23...gxf6 24.exf6 Rfd8 25.Ng5 Qxa2 26.Qxh7+ Kf8 27.Qh8#)* 24.Qg4]

23...g6 2.11/20

[⌓23...Qa3 0.71/20]

[23...Qa3± 0.96/21]

24.Qh3!→ White attacks with force. White is much more active. White has strong attack. **24...Rfe8?** 4.99/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[24...d3? 3.50/20 24...Bb4-d2 1.73 25.f5 h5 4.98/23 *(25...Qb6 3.33/18 keeps fighting.)* 26.fxg6+- fxg6 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Ng5+-]

[24...Bd2± 1.44/18]

[24...d3? 25.f5 h5 26.e6 Nxe6 27.Rxb4 *(27.Bxb4 Qb6+ 28.Kh1 Nc5)* 27...Qb6+ 28.Kh1+-]

[24...Bd2 1.91/21 is a better chance.]

25.Ng5! The knight joins the attack - with devastating effects.

[25.Nxd4? 0.01/21 25.Nf3-g5 4.92 Ne6! 26.Bxb4 Qb6!=]

[And not 25.Nxd4 Ne6 26.Bxb4 Qb6=]

25...h5

(Diagram)

26.f5! Black must now prevent f5xg6.
26...Bd2 11.40/19
[26...Rxe7 12.83/20 26...Qa5-a3 4.00 26...Qa5-a3 4.23 27.fxg6 and the rook on c8 is hanging. Qa6 28.gxf7+ *(28.Rxb4 4.72/21 28.g6xf7+ 13.93 fxg6 29.Rxd4 Ne6+-; 28.Rxb4 fxg6 29.Rxd4 Qc6+-)*]
[⌓26...Qa3 4.24/21 27.Rb3 *(27.fxg6 fxg6 28.Rb3 Qxa2+-)* 27...Qxa2 8.35/22 *(27...Nxb3* #9/19 27...Qa3-a6 4.08 *28.fxg6; ⌓27...Qa6* 5.13/22 *28.Bd6 d3 29.Rxb4 Qxa2 30.Bxc5 Qc2)* 28.Rxb4 *(28.fxg6 fxg6 29.Rxb4 Ne6+-)* 28...Qd5]
[⌓26...Qa6 5.13/21 27.fxg6 *(27.Rxb4 Rxe7 28.fxg6 fxg6+-)* 27...Qxg6 28.Rxb4 Ne6 29.Nxe6 *(29.Nxf7 Rxe7 30.Nd6 Rc3±)* 29...fxe6]
[26...Qb6 27.fxg6]
27.fxg6 fxg6

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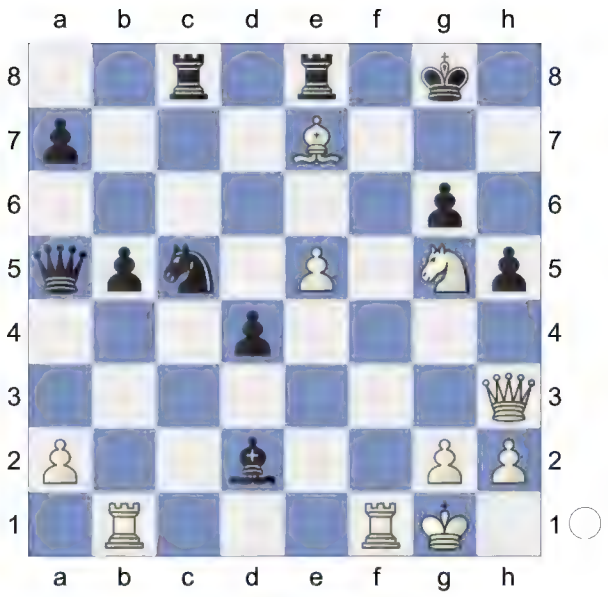
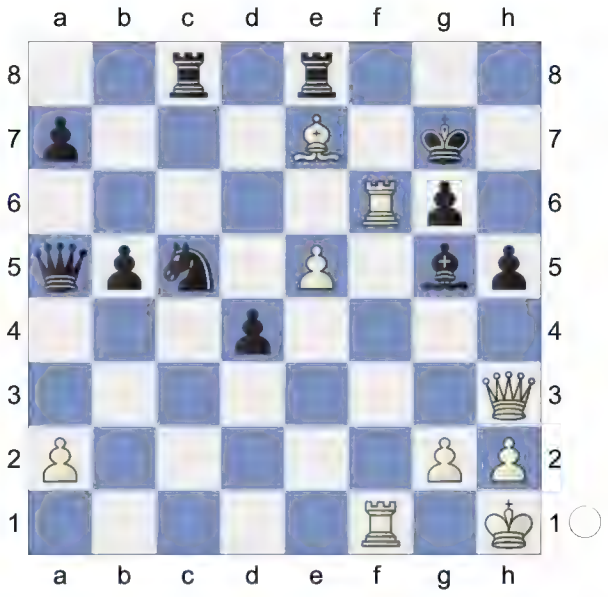
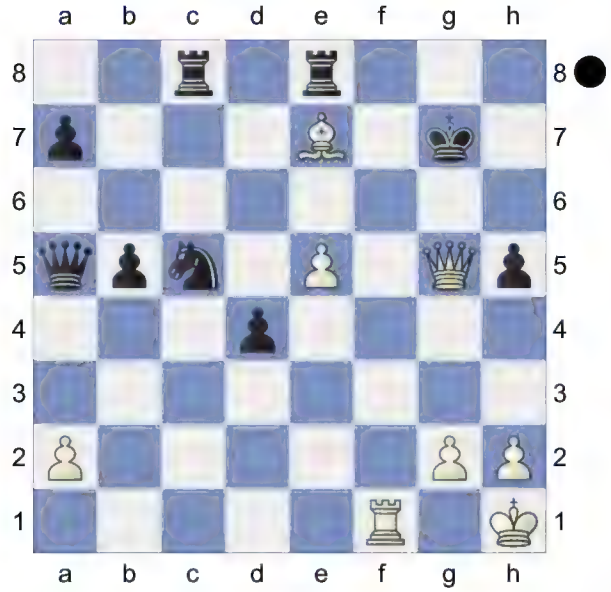


28.Rf6! Be3+
[28...Rxe7 29.Rxg6+ Rg7 30.Qxc8+ Qd8 31.Qxd8#]
29.Kh1 Kg7 30.Rbf1! White wants to mate with Rf6xg6+! Threatening mate with Rf6xg6+! The most precise.
30...Bxg5
[30...Rxe7 31.Rxg6+ Kxg6 32.Qf5+ Kh6 *(32...Kg7 33.Qh7#)* 33.Qf6#]



31.Rxg6+!! Discovered Attack, Remove Defender, Decoy. White mates. White mates. **31...Kxg6N 32.Qf5+** Deflection,

Double Attack **32...Kg7 33.Qxg5+**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.58.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.59and mate to follow.
A brilliant finish for a great attacking game.
1-0

121 **D52**
□ **Huebner,Robert** **2595**
■ **Christiansen,Larry Mark** **2560**
FRG Cup Cologne 1990
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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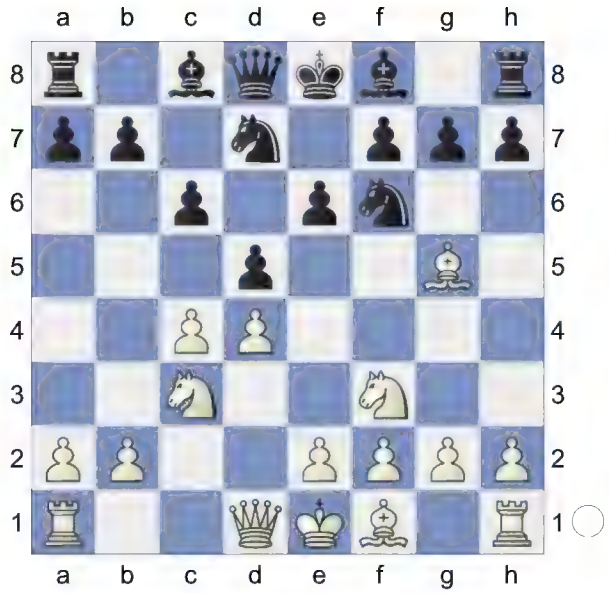
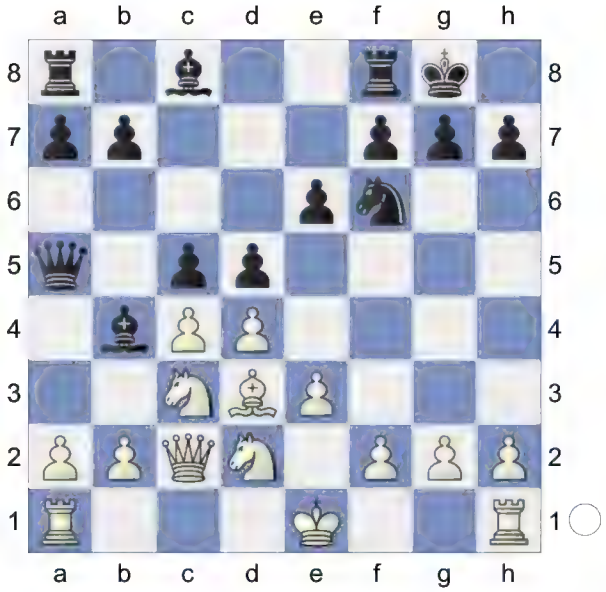


6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Bd3 c5

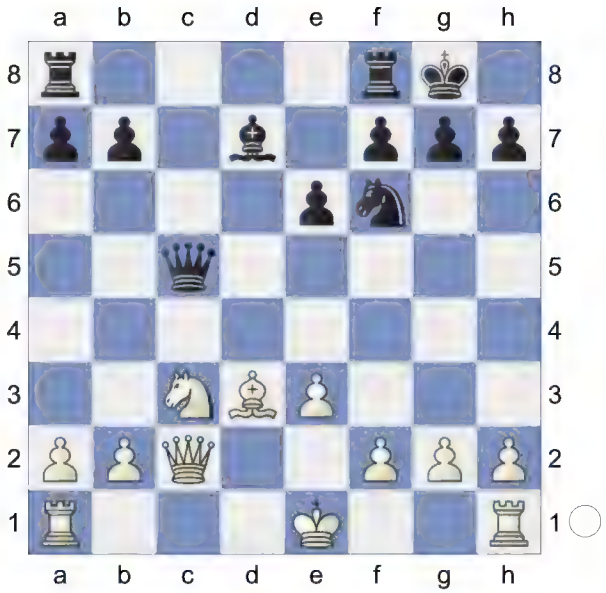


11.Nb3 Qc7 ...d5xc4 would now be deadly. **12.dxc5 dxc4 13.Bxc4** The position is equal. **13...Bxc5**

[13...Bd7 with more complications. 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Nxc5 Ng4]

14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Bd3 Bd7

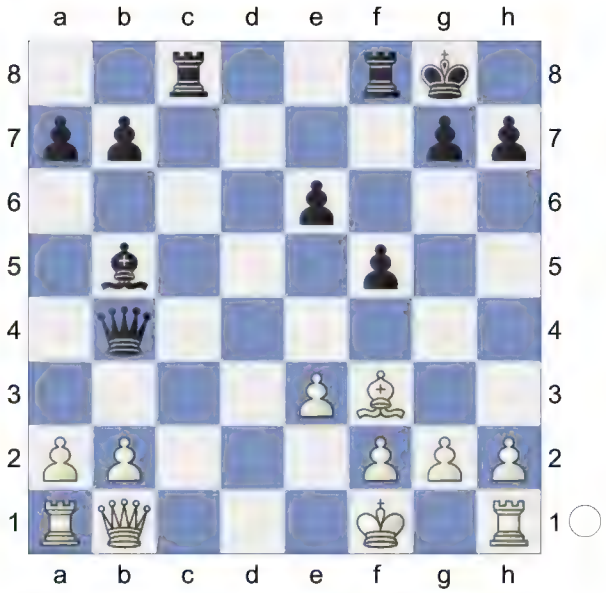
(Diagram)



16.Ne4 -1.39/19

[16.Rc1= -0.13/18]

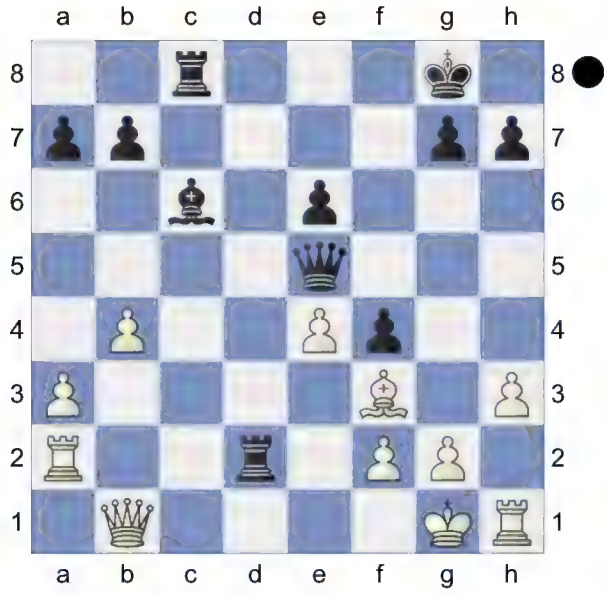
16...Nxe4∓ 17.Bxe4 Qb4+ 18.Kf1 Rac8 19.Qb1 f5 20.Bf3 Bb5+



21.Kg1 Rfd8 22.a3 White is weak on the light squares **22...Qb3 23.h3 Bc6 24.Bd1 Qd5 25.Bf3 Qe5**

(Diagram)

26.b4 f4 27.e4 Rd2 28.Ra2



Bxe4! Black has more active pieces.

29.Bxe4 Rxa2 30.Qxa2

[30.Bxh7+ Kh8 31.Qe4 Qb2 32.Qxf4 Qc1+ *(32...Kxh7? 33.Qe4+ Kh8 34.Kh2-+)* 33.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 34.Kh2 Rxh1+ 35.Kxh1 Kxh7-+]

30...Rc1+

(Diagram)

31.Kh2 f3+

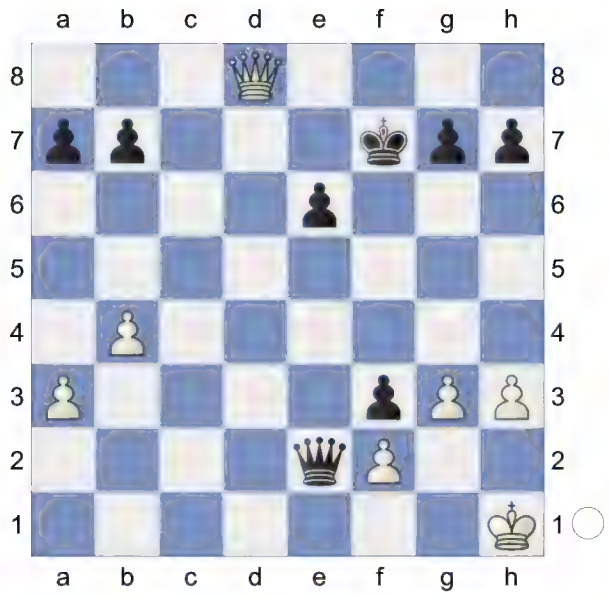
[Much weaker is 31...Rxh1+?! 32.Kxh1 Qxe4 33.f3=]

32.g3 Rxh1+ 33.Kxh1 Qxe4 34.Qd2 -16.79/22

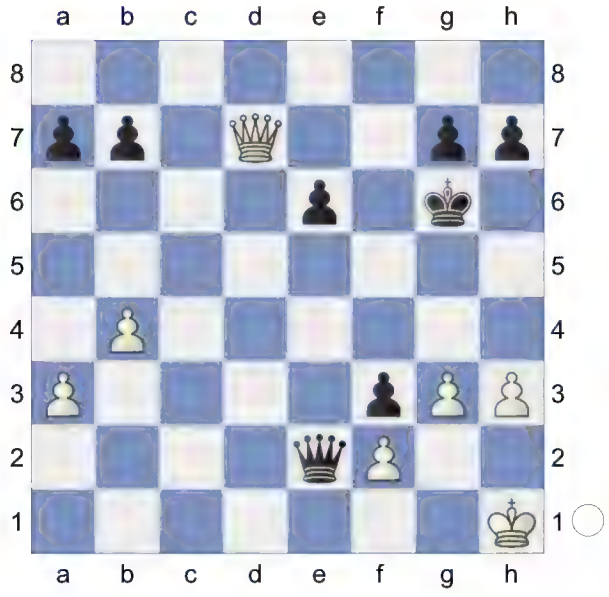
[34.Qa1∓ -0.90/23]

Prevents Qe4-e1+ **34...Qe2!-+ 35.Qd8+ Kf7**

(Diagram)



(-> ...Qe2-f1+) **36.Qd7+ Kg6**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.06 (flawless)

0-1

122 **D52**

□ **Kobalia,Mikhail** **2590**

■ **Alekseev,Evgeny** **2615**

TCh-Premier 2020 (2.4) 20.11.2020

[Flear,Glenn]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5

[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]

5...c6

6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7.

Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4_5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.cxd5 exd5 I investigated this old line a few years ago (and have even played it!) deciding that it was a reasonable alternative to recapturing with the knight. This is the first time it's popped up on the ChessPublishing site. Black accepts a Carlsbad structure with the queen on a5 where it may well prove to be misplaced in the middlegame. However, before then, the 'threat' of ...Ne4 gives White a few things to think about. **8.Bd3**

[The prophylactic 8.Nd2 means that Black will probably have to change tack: Bd6 9.Bd3 0-0 *(9...Qc7* will probably transpose as after *10.Nf3* the most natural moves are *0-0 11.0-0* etc. *)* 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Nf3 etc. Re8 12.Rc1 Qb8 (Black has lost time with his queen, but the pressure along the b8-h2 diagonal gives him some play) 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bh4 Ng4 15.h3 Ngf6 (the threat is now ...g5 to win a pawn, so White needs something immediate) *(* otherwise after *15...Nh2 16.Nxh2 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Bd6* McGinnes, B – Henri, V e-mail 2015, White could continue with *18.Rce1* intending f2-f4 with an initiative, and if then *g5 19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.fxg3 Qxg3 21.Re2* there would be attacking chances for the pawn*)* 16.e4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Nf8 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Qb3 Tomashevsky, E - Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son, Baku 2015, and now Qe6= seems to essentially solve Black's problems.]

8...Ne4 9.0-0 Nxg5

[The critical test might seem to be grabbing the c-pawn, but when faced with this choice I personally preferred to pursue my development. Alexander Fier however didn't have the same qualms in the following: 9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 h6 11.Bh4

A) it's hard to believe that 11...Bd6 can lead to equality, with White having so many options in the centre, but I once played it (!): 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nb6 14.Bb3 Qh5 15.h3 *(*the stronger *15.Bg3! Bxg3 16.fxg3±* looks unpleasant*)* 15...0-0 16.Bc2 Be6 17.g4 Bxg4∞ Loiseau, Q - Flear, G French league 2019;

B) 11...Qxc3 12.e4 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Bd6 14.Rc1 Qa5 15.d5 c5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Re1 Chatalbashev, B - Fier, A Koge Xtracon 2015, and now perhaps Qc7 18.Qd3 g6 but White certainly has good compensation anyway.]

10.Nxg5 Nf6

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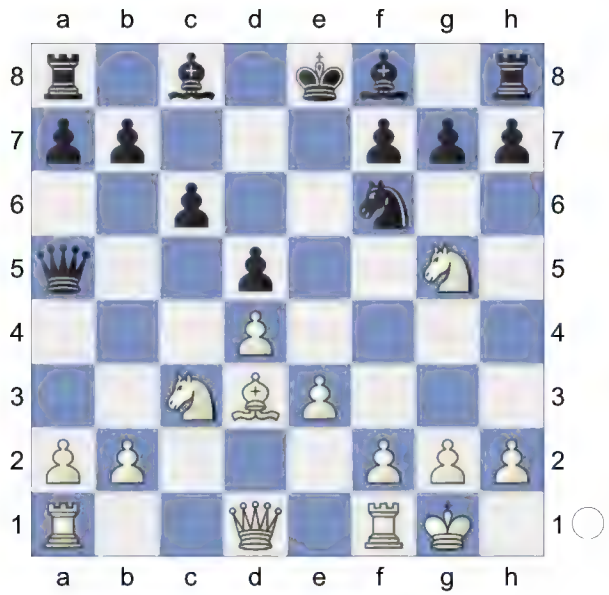


11.Qc2

[There are several other popular moves here: 11.e4 dxe4 12.Ngxe4 Be7 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.d5 0-0 (the most pragmatic answer to White's aggression) 15.Ne4 Be7 0.16/18 *(15...Bxb2∓ -0.37/20 16.Rb1 Bd4 17.dxc6 bxc6)* 16.d6= Bd8 17.Bc4 Bf5 18.Qf3 -0.01/18 *(18.Re1± 0.39/19 is superior.)* 18...Bb6= Repka, C - Ivanisevic, I Croatian league 2016.]

[Although 11.h3 looks slow, it's actually quite convenient to cover the g4-square before committing oneself. Black now has some choice, but as White's most testing plan involves f2-f4 and transferring the knight to e5, Black needs to be ready to react:

A) 11...Be7 12.f4 0-0 13.Qc2 h6 14.Nf3 c5! (a logical reaction) 15.Qf2 cxd4 16.exd4 Bb4 17.Rac1 Be6 18.f5 -0.68/21 *(18.Rc2=* -0.16/18 *)* 18...Bd7= Demuth, A - Malakhatko, V Calvi 2012;

B) 11...h6!? 12.Nf3□ Be6=;

C) 11...Bd6 12.f4 Qc7 13.Qc2 h6 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Ne5 Qe7 16.a3 0-0 17.Rae1 c5 (again this thrust seems to be important) 18.g4 a6 19.Qg2∞ Salov, V - Raicevic, V Moscow 1986.]

[11.f4 (if I remember correctly) was considered dangerous in the old days: h6 12.Nf3 Bg4 (this restrains Ne5) 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Ne5 (so White achieves the desirable knight centralization, but at the cost of trading queens when any attack becomes less dangerous) Qxb3 15.axb3 Bc8 *(*both *15...Be6;* and *15...Bd7* are also OK*)* 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Gozzoli, Y - Moranda, W PRO league internet rapid 2020, and now Be6! ensures that Black's bishops will have good scope.]

11...h6 12.Nf3 Bd6 13.Rae1

[The direct 13.Ne5? -0.46/19 13.h2-h3 -0.02 is best met with Bxe5! 14.dxe5 Ng4 when White sheds a pawn: 15.Bf5 Nxe5 16.Bxc8 Rxc8 17.Qf5 Qc7 18.Rac1 Nc3-b5! would now be deadly. Rd8! 19.Rfd1 Qe7∓ Nikolov, M - Stoyanov, T Plovdiv 2014.]

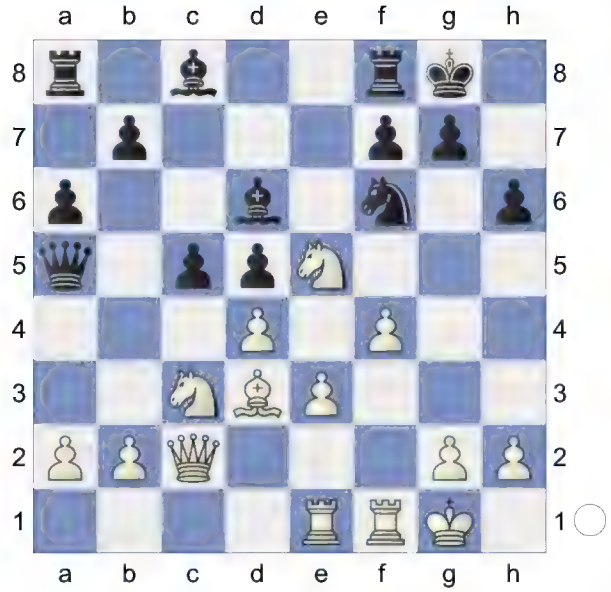
13...0-0 14.Ne5 Now, with the e3-pawn defended now by the rook, this knight leap becomes playable. **14...a6** This is new.

[After 14...c5 0.35/20 14...Rf8-e8 -0.15 then maybe 15.Nb5! is an issue, although after the following sequence: Be7! aiming for ...c5-c4. 16.dxc5 a6! 17.Nd6 Qc7 18.Rc1 Bxd6 19.cxd6 Qxd6 20.Nf3 White just has his regulation mini-edge associated with this particular pawn structure.]

15.f4 -0.32/20

[15.Na4= 0.04/19 is more appropriate.]

15...c5!∓



Black has to obtain counterplay somewhere. **16.Kh1 Qd8** 0.10/19 The queen has ran out of good reasons to be 'out on a limb' on a5.

[16...Be6∓ -0.36/17]

17.Qe2 The position is equal. **17...b5 18.Qf3 Bb7 19.g4 b4**

[It might also be possible to continue with the calm 19...Qe7 0.45/21 19...b5-b4 0.01 as Black has everything under control following 20.g5!? 0.09/20 *(20.Rg1± 0.45/21 was preferrable.)* 20...hxg5= 21.fxg5?! -0.93/22 *(21.Rg1= -0.01/19 keeps the balance. Bxe5 22.fxe5)* 21...Ne4∓]

20.g5! hxg5

[20...bxc3 simplifies 21.gxf6 Qxf6 22.bxc3 Bxe5 23.fxe5 Qxf3+ 24.Rxf3 Bc8]

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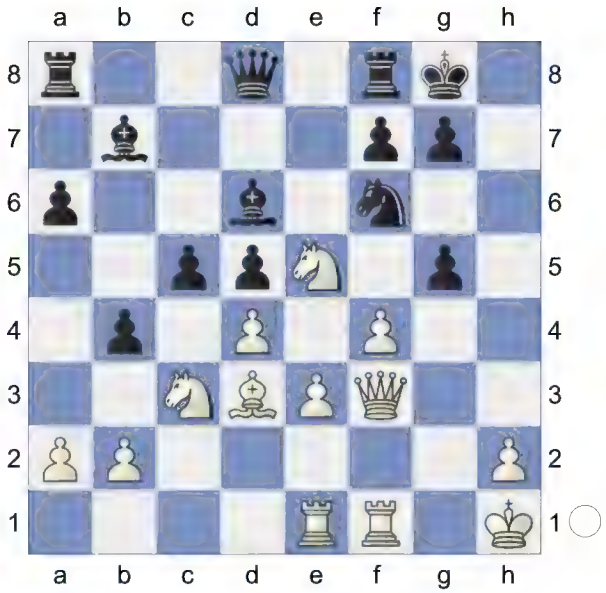

21.fxg5 Bxe5 22.gxf6

[More forcing is 22.dxe5!? Ne4 *(alternatively 22...Nd7 23.Qh5* Dodges Nd7xe5 *d4+ 24.Kg1 g6 25.Bxg6! fxg6 26.Qxg6+* is just a draw *)* 23.Nxe4 dxe4 24.Bxe4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Qxg5 26.Rxf7!? *(26.Rf5!? Qh6□ 27.Rg1=)* 26...Rxf7 27.Qxa8+ Rf8 28.Qe4 Qf5 and the coming rook endgame will probably be drawn.]

[22.dxe5 is interesting. Nd7 23.Qh5 d4+ 24.Kg1]

22...Bxf6

[22...cxd4 23.Qh5 g6 24.Bxg6 *(24.Qxe5 Re8+-)* 24...fxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kh8 26.Qg7#]

[22...Qxf6 feels hotter. 23.Qh5 Qh6 24.Qxe5 bxc3 25.bxc3 Rae8]

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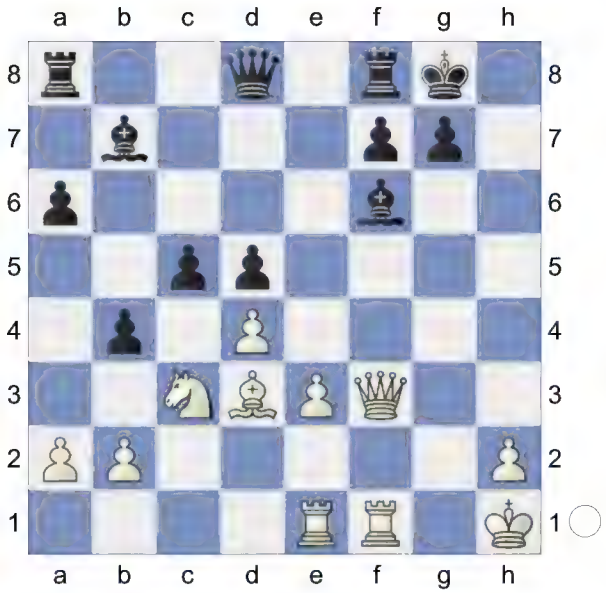
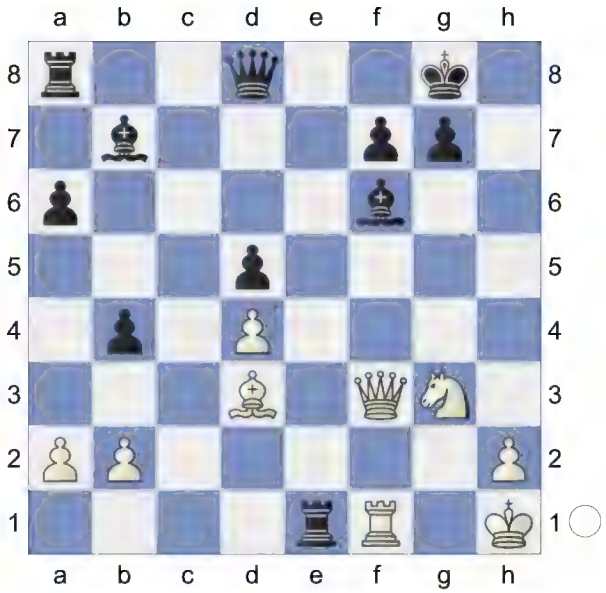


Strongly threatening ...c5-c4. **23.Ne2**
[23.Qf5 g6 24.Qxf6 bxc3 25.bxc3 c4]
23...Re8 **24.Ng3** Black has an extra pawn, but White's forces are massing for an attack (whereas some of Black's pieces can't help with the defence). Which side will prevail? Hoping for Qf3-h5. **24...cxd4!**
[24...c4 keeps more tension. 25.Bc2 Re6 26.Qh5 Re4]
25.exd4
[25.Qf5 dxe3 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Rxe3+ Kd7 29.Qh3+ Kc7 30.Rxe8 Qxe8-+]
25...Rxe1

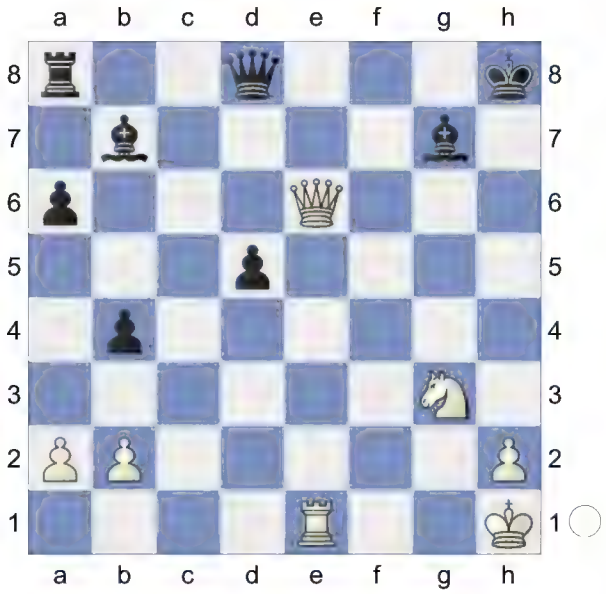
(Diagram)



26.Rxe1 next Qf3-h5 is good for White.
26...Bxd4 This pair of bishops is nice.
[There is plenty of life left in the position following the sharp 26...Qd7 27.Qh5! Dodges Ra8-e8. Intending Qh5-h7+ and mate. g6! 28.Bxg6! fxg6 29.Qxg6+ Qg7 30.Qf5≅ where I think that White has enough for a draw, but no more.]
27.Qh5 Inhibits Qd8-f6. White threatens Qh5-h7+ and mate. **27...g6!**
[Not 27...Bxb2 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh8#]
28.Bxg6

(Diagram)

This forces a draw immediately. Demolition **28...fxg6 29.Qxg6+ Bg7 30.Qe6+ Kh8**



31.Qh3+ Kg8 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.Qh3+ Kg8 34.Qe6+ Kh8

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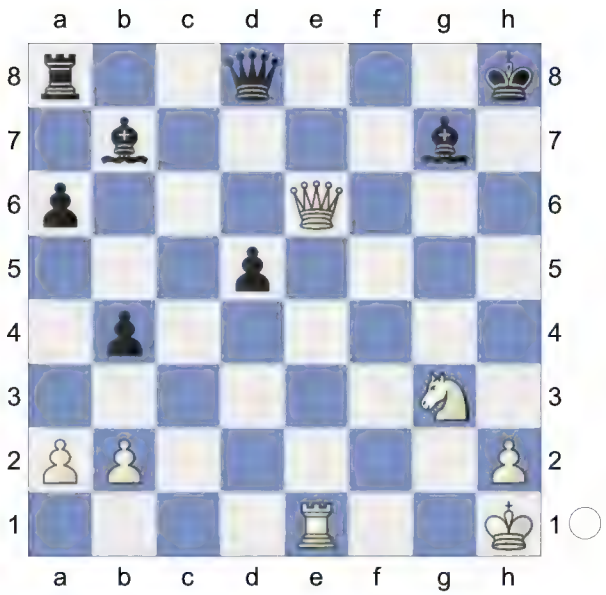

An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

123 **D52**
□ **Morozevich,Alexander** **2590**
■ **Bezgodov,Alexei** **2520**
RUS-Cup07 Tomsk (7) 21.07.1998
[Mikhalevski,Victor]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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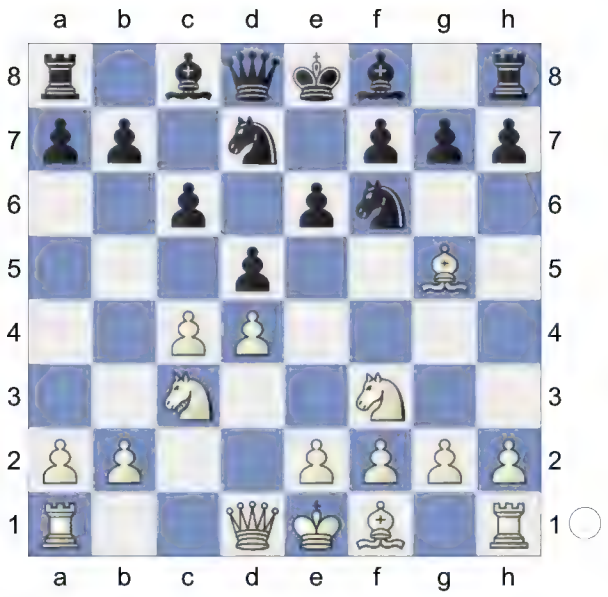
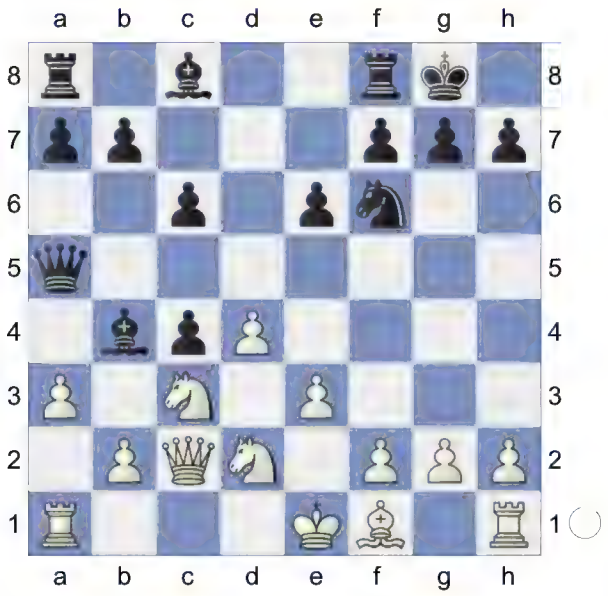


6.e3 Qa5 Relatively rare continuation. Black usually prefer 6...♕e7. **7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2!?N 0-0** Let White complete development and get the better position thanks to the better pawn structure. **9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6!** White is ready to change knights as then a-file is opened and weakness on a7 will become essential. White has been also preventing repairing of pawn structure by means of d7-d5 as after capture on d6 cd is not beneficial because of ♘:c5. **10...Nxf6**



11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3

[12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 c5 *(13...b6 14.Be2 Ba6 15.Ne5 Bxe2 16.Kxe2 Rac8 17.a4 c5 18.Rhc1)* 14.Be2]

12...Qc7?!

[12...Qg5 13.f4 *(13.Ne5)*

A) 13...Qh6 14.Be2 Nd5 15.Qd2 b5 16.Ne5 *(16.Na5 Bd7 17.0-0)* 16...Bb7 17.0-0 f6 18.Nd7 Rf7 19.Nc5;

B) 13...Qd5 14.Bd3 b6

B1) 15.e4 Qh5 *(15...Qd7 16.e5)* 16.0-0;

B2) 15.Ne5

B2a) 15...c5 16.0-0 *(16.e4 Qd6 17.Nc4 Qxf4 18.e5 Nd5 19.Bxh7+=* 0-1 Adamek,P-Zvara,P/Ceske Budejovice 1997/EXT 97 (32) *Kh8!? 20.g3* is the main line.Its opening survey you can find in CBM66(see Shovunov-Rodin, Russian Club Cup 1998);Other moves(7.♗d3,7.♗c4,7.♕e2,7.♕d4 and 7.♗e3) are not very popular. *Qh6 21.Bd3 Bb7)* 16...Bb7;

B2b) 15...Bb7 16.e4 Qa5± 1-0 Kuijf,M-Bollen,J/ Ellmedingen 1978/EXT 97 (30) 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Nc4 Qh5 19.Rf3 g6 *(19...h6 20.Ne5)* 20.Raf1 *(20.Rh3 Qg4∞* ½-½ Minasian,A-Kaidanov,G/ Erevan 1996/EXT 96ch2 (49) *21.Rf1!?* preventing 9.♕g4*)* 20...Qh6 21.Rh3]

[12...Qd5 13.Bd3 b5 *(13...Qxg2 14.0-0-0)* 14.e4 Qg5 15.Ne3 *(15.Ne5)*]

13.Bd3! Fourth rank is a good main road for the rook.

[13.e4 c5 14.e5 Nd5 15.Bd3 cxd4

(15...h6∓ 0-1 Van der Wiel,J-Van der Sterren,P/NLD-ch 1995/CBM 48 (33) *16.0-0 cxd4! 17.cxd4 Bd7 18.Rfc1 Bc6 19.Nd6)* 16.cxd4 g6 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Qd2]

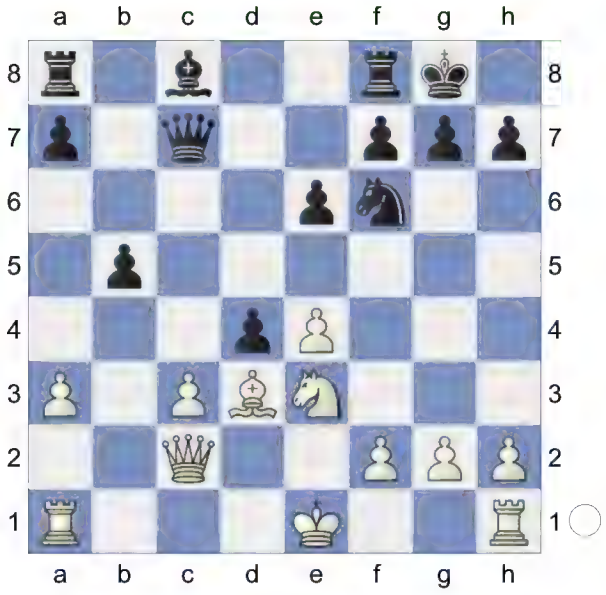
13...c5 14.e4 White is not afraid of changes as weaknesses on the queen side are weaker and weaker after every change.

[14.Ne5 b6]

14...b5 15.Ne3

[15.Nd2 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qxc2 17.Bxc2 Bb7 18.f3 Rfd8 19.Nb3 Rac8 20.Kd2± 1-0 Rewitz,P-Friis,C/DEN-chB 1992/TD 92\08 (30)]

15...cxd4



16.cxd4 Qa5+

[16...Qxc2]

17.Qd2 Qb6

[17...Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Bb7 19.f3 Rfd8 20.Nc2= ½-½ Omari-Lokvenc,J/Varna 1962/MCD-ol (32)]

18.e5 Nh5

[18...Nd7 19.Rb1 a6 20.Nc4]

[18...Nd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.0-0]

19.Nc2 Bb7 20.Be2

[20.Rg1 g6 21.Rb1 a6 22.a4 Bc6]

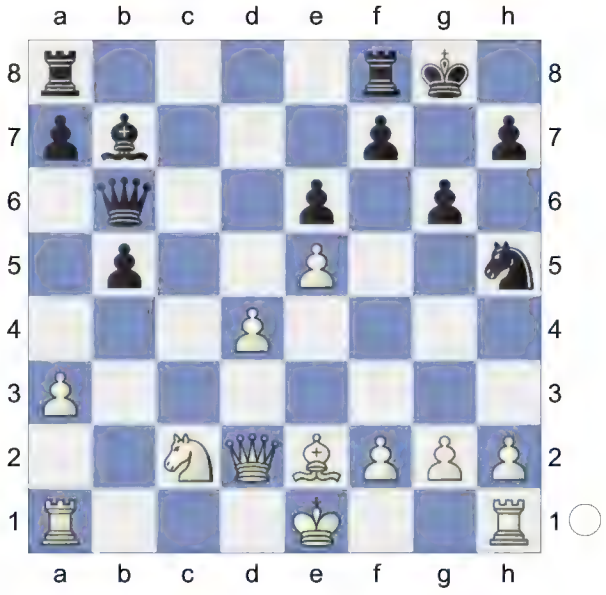
[20.0-0

A) 20...Qc6 21.f3 Rac8 22.Rfb1 *(22.Qg5 g6 23.Rfc1 Qd7 24.Rab1 a6)* 22...Qc3 *(22...a6 23.a4)* 23.Qe3⩲ 1-0 Zelcic,R-Baumegger,S/18th Mitropa Cup, Portoroz SLO 1998 (54) ⌓Bd5! 24.Rc1 *(24.Rxb5 Nf4 25.Bf1 Nxg2)*;

B) 20...g6 21.Rfb1 a6 22.a4]

20...g6 First signal.Black weaken a8-h1 diagonal and White takes it under control immediately.

[20...Bxg2 21.Rg1 Be4 22.Rc1 *(22.Bxh5 Bxc2 23.Qxc2 Qxd4=* 1-0 Lyell,M-Kolar,S/Bled 1997/EXP 57 (40) *24.Rc1* is the only alternative. *Qxe5+ 25.Be2 Qxh2 26.Rg3)* 22...Bg6 23.Rg5 f6 24.Rxh5 *(24.exf6 Nxf6 25.Rxb5 Qd6)* 24...Bxh5 25.Bxh5 fxe5 26.Qe3!± 1-0 Schmittdiel,E-Gostisa,L/Mitropa Cup 1995/EXP 46 (34) *(26.dxe5 Rf5 27.Bg4 Rxe5+ 28.Ne3 Rd8)*]



21.Bxh5!

[Black could try to win a pawn 21.Rb1!?]

[21.0-0 Ng7 22.Rfb1 a6∞

and White should prove his initiative. 23.a4 Qc6 24.Ne3]

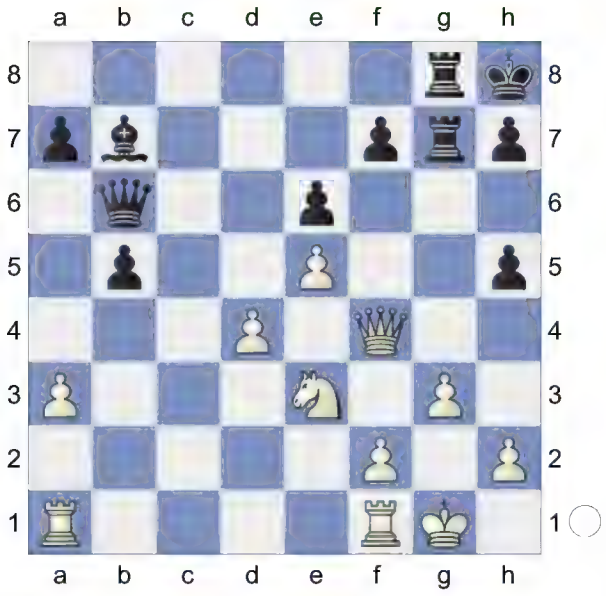
21...gxh5 22.0-0! preventing ♖b4
[22.Qg5+ Kh8! 23.Qf6+ Kg8± 24.0-0 Qd8 25.Qf4]

22...Kh8 23.Qf4± Consequences of ♘:b3 and ♗:d6? has become visible. Now White's advantage is out of question. **23...Rg8**
[23...Qd8!? 24.Ne3 f6 25.Rac1]

24.Ne3
[24.f3!? Rg7 25.Rac1 Rag8 26.Ne3+- ⌓Qa5]

24...Rg7 25.g3!?
[25.Rfc1 Rag8!? 26.g3 Ba8 27.Rc5 is enough for winning,but Morozevich prefer to keep all his pawns.]

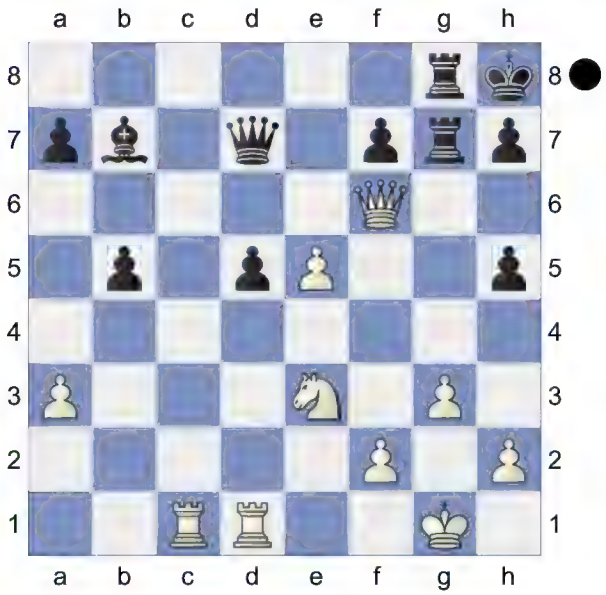
25...Rag8



26.Rfd1+-
[or 26.Rfc1]

26...Qc6 27.d5 exd5
[or 27...Qd7 28.d6! *(28.Rac1!?)* 28...Qc6 29.Kf1]

28.Rac1 Qd7 29.Qf6
[29.Qf6 d4 30.Rc5 *(30.Nf5 Qd5 31.Kf1 d3* Black resigned as after simple 38.c3 Δ39.♗d2(or ♔b3 and ♗d4) and then ♔c4-b3-a2 White wins a bishop. *)* 30...Ba8 31.Nd5 Bxd5 Bishops ending is winning easily. *(31...Qg4!* White is catching black's bishop.After c3 mousetrap will be locked. *32.f3 Qe6 33.Rxd4)* 32.Rxd4 Qe6 33.Rcxd5]



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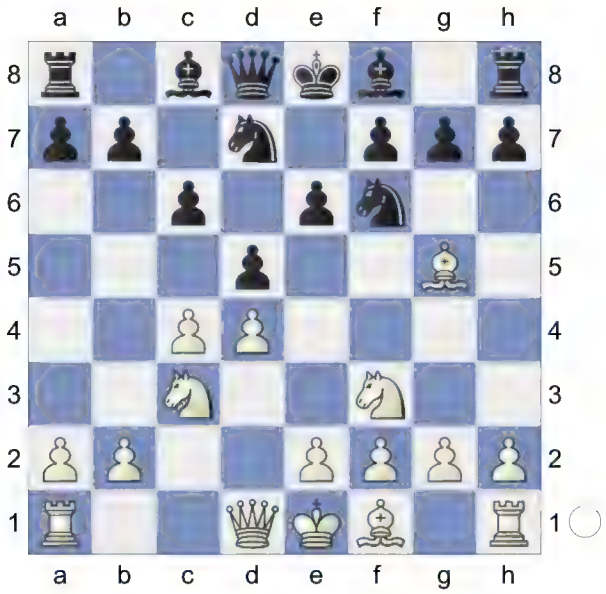
124 **D52**
□ **Alterman,Boris** **2585**
■ **Huzman,Alexander** **2570**
Haifa (1) 1996
[Alterman,Boris]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 HarZvi **1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7**
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7*

22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto,R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)) 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.Bg5 c6



6.e3N

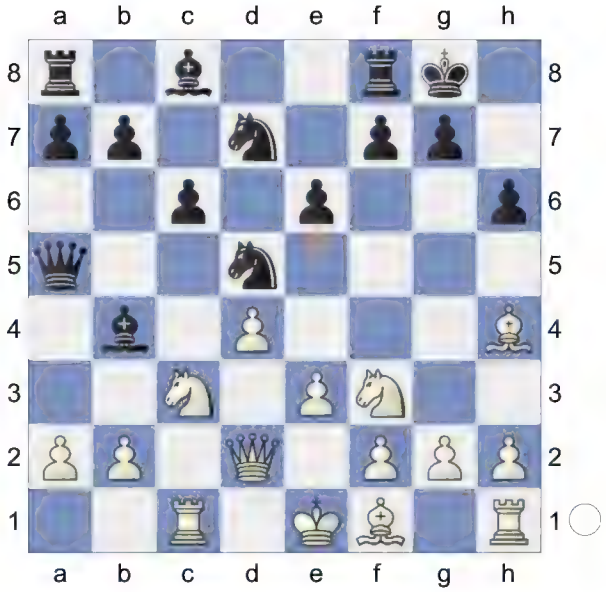
[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0

[10...c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3=

A) 12...Qxa3 13.e4 N5f6 14.Bd3 Qa5 15.d5 exd5 16.e5 Ne4 1.95/20 *(16...g5± 0.46/19)* 17.Bxe4!+- dxe4 18.Qd6 g5 2.90/20 *(⌓18...f6 1.82/21)* 19.Nxg5!+- Qb6 20.Nxe4;

B) 12...b6 13.e4 -0.04/20 *(13.c4± 0.35/19 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2)* 13...N5f6= 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.d5 c4 *(15...exd5 1.50/20 15...c5-c4 0.01 16.e5!)* 16.dxe6 cxd3 17.exd7+ Nxd7 18.Qxd3 g5 0.70/21 *(18...Ba6= 0.11/19 19.Qd6 Qc5)* 19.Bg3± Nc5 20.Qd6!]



11.Bd3 c5

[11...e5]

[11...c5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 b6]

[11...Re8?! 12.a3± Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 e5 *(14...Qf8)* 15.Nxe5 Nxe5± 16.dxe5?! Qc5!= *(16...Rxe5 17.e4 Nb6 18.f4)* 17.Kh1

A) 17...Rxe5 18.e4 Against Bc8-f5 Rh5 19.Bg3 Nf6 20.Rce1 -0.75/19 *(20.f4= -0.04/20)*;

B) 17...Rxe5= -0.16/21 18.e4 Rh5;

C) 17...Be6 0.62/19 18.e4± Nb6= 19.f4]

[11...e5 12.0-0 Re8 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 Rogozenko,D-Lutsko,I/Nikolaev (zt)/1993/0,5/40/CBM-35/ 15.exd4 *(15.Nxd4±)* 15...Nb6!

16.Bg3 -0.70/19 *(16.a3= 0.01/19 Bf8 17.Ne5)* 16...Qxa2∓ 17.Ne5 Be6! 18.f4]

12.a3 Har Zvi: untill recent time 12.♗xc4 was played in this position,but after this move it seems white gets a very pleasent position with a slight advantage but a permanent one

12...cxd4 White is slightly better.

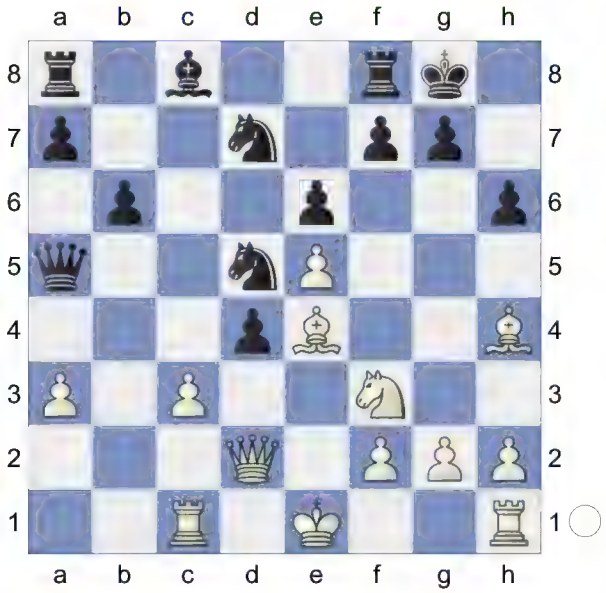
[12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 b6+- *(13...Qxa3± 0.51/20 13...b7-b5 0.13 14.0-0!?)*

A) 14.0-0 Ba6± 15.Bxa6! Qxa6 16.e4 N5f6 17.e5!

A1) 17...Nd5 18.c4 Nc7+- 19.Be7 0.78/18 *(⌓19.d5 1.41/19)*;

A2) 17...Nh7;

B) 14.e4 N5f6 15.e5 Nd5+- 16.Be4 c3-c4 would now be deadly. *(16.c4 Nf4)* 16...c4 *(16...cxd4+- 0.84/20* 16...Ra8-b8 -0.05



17.c4!; 16...Rb8! 17.c4 aiming for Qd2xa5. *Nf4∓ 18.Qxa5 bxa5 19.Bg3)* 17.Be7

B1) 17...Nxe7+- 18.Bxa8 Qxa3? 2.49/22 *(Black should play 18...b5!±* 0.32/21 *)* 19.0-0;

B2) 17...Re8 18.Bd6]

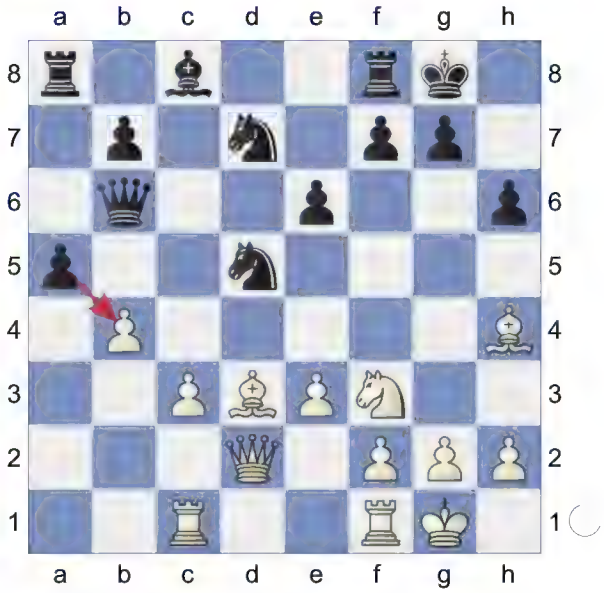
13.axb4 dxc3 14.bxc3

[14.bxa5 cxd2+ 15.Nxd2 *(15.Kxd2 b6=)* 15...b6=]

14...Qb6

[14...Qc7 15.0-0 N5f6+- *(15...b6* 2.06/22 15...e6-e5 0.74 *16.Bg3)* 16.Nd4]

15.0-0 Har Zvi: it is not strange that the other game I saw with 12.♕e2 was Topalov-Gelfand from the 19 category tournament in Dos Hermanas, as we all know Gelfand works a lot with Huzman, and Huzman was his second in the Dos Hermanas tournament. **15...a5N**



16.e4!

[16.Ra1 Qc7

A) 17.e4 0.54/21 17.Bh4-g3 1.19 Nf4! 18.Bg3 e5 19.Nxe5 -0.14/22 *(19.Rfd1!±* 0.43/17 *)* 19...Nh3+!;

B) White should try 17.Bg3± 1.31/20 e5 18.Qa2;

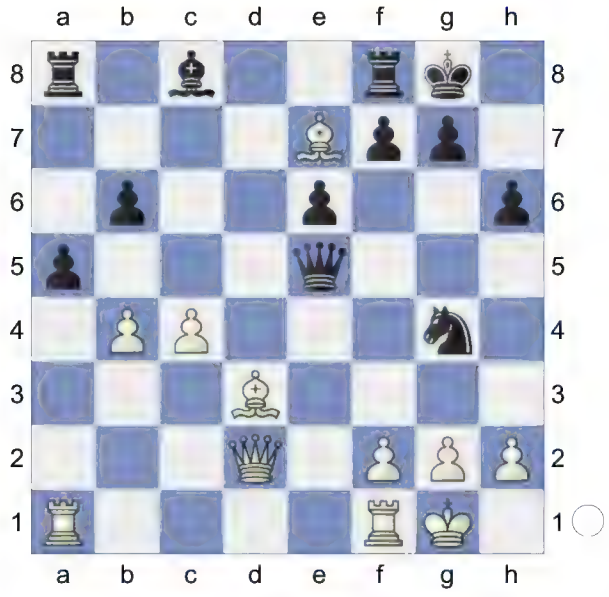
C) 17.c4 0.07/20 17...Nxb4= Har Zvi: the position is a dead draw 18.Be7! Nc5 0.78/19 *(18...Nxd3!=* 0.18/20 *19.Bxf8 Qxc4)*]

16...N5f6 17.Ra1 White is more active.

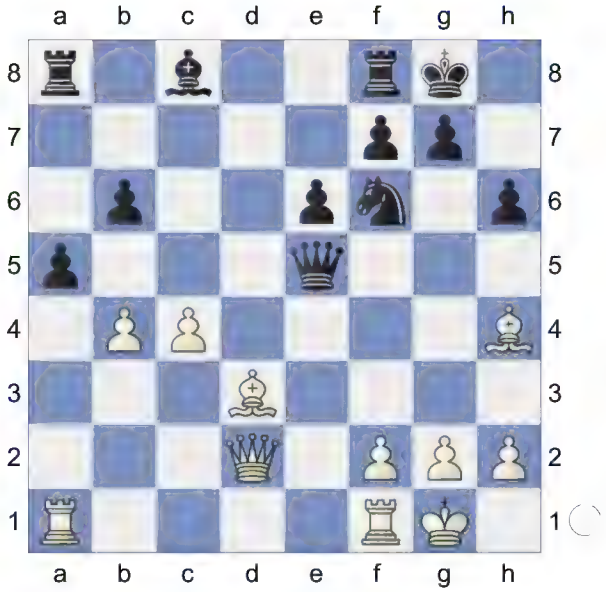
17...Qc7

[17...a4 1.86/18 17...e6-e5 0.94]

18.c4 b6 1.62/21
[18...a4± 0.97/18]
19.e5!+- Nxe5 3.90/21
[19...Ng4 20.Be7
A) 20...Re8? 3.75/22 20...Bc8-b7 1.83 21.Bd6!;
B) 20...Ndxe5
B1) 21.Nxe5 Qxe5



22.Bd6!;
B2) 21.Bd6 1.69/22 21.Nf3xe5 3.05 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Ne5;
B3) ∩21.Nxe5! 2.94/26 Qxe7 *(21...Nxe5 22.Bd6)* 22.Nxg4;
B4) 21.Bd6!= 1.66/22 Har Zvi: black threatenes ♔c3-♗a3;
C) 20...Ngxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 *(21...Nxe5 22.Bd6)* 22.Rfe1;
D) 20...Bb7 ...Bb7xf3! is the strong threat. 21.Bd6 Qd8? Har Zvi: a serious mistake,after 32.♗e8! with the idea 32...c3 33.♗f7 followed by ♗b3 white's position seems winning now black is exactly in time to take half point. *(21...Qc8* 1.98/20 21...Qc7-d8 1.55 *22.Qf4)* 22.Rfe1 1.08/21 *(22.h3+-* 1.95/19 *Bxf3 23.hxg4 Bxg4 24.c5)*]
[19...Nh5± 1.53/22 is a better defense.]
20.Nxe5 Qxe5

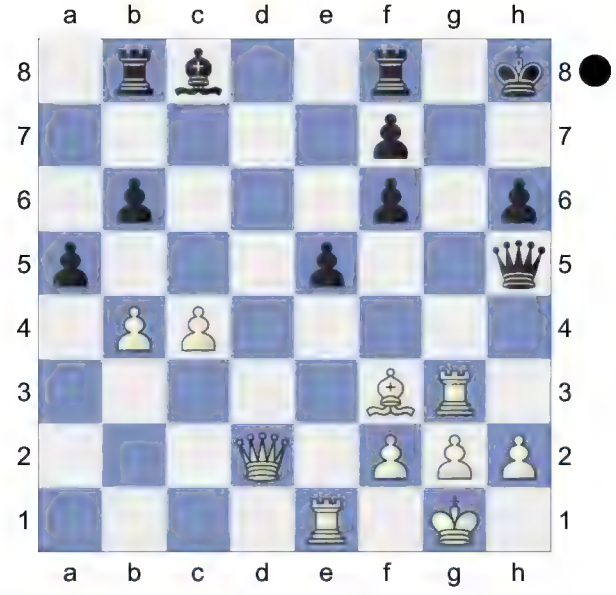


Har Zvi: 20...a5 was a necessary move
21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6± gxf6
Har Zvi: with out the "a" pawns black's task was much easy,but as we all know that with pawns on both side of the board the two bishops are much stronger than a bishop and knight **23.Be4** Prevents Bc8-b7. Deflection
[23.Re3 Har Zvi: if white can only bring his king in time to the center than there will be completely nothing more to see,but there is a little problem but not to big,to black's fortune white failed to find the correct continuation. e5]
23...Rb8 5.90/21
[23...Ra7 2.95/21 was worth a try. 24.Ra3 f5]
24.Ra3+- White is clearly winning.
[24.bxa5 f5+-]
24...e5
[24...Kh8 25.Qf4]
25.Rg3+
[25.bxa5 bxa5 26.c5 *(26.Qxa5 Bf5±; 26.Rxa5 Be6±)* 26...Be6+-]

25...Kh8

26.Bf3!

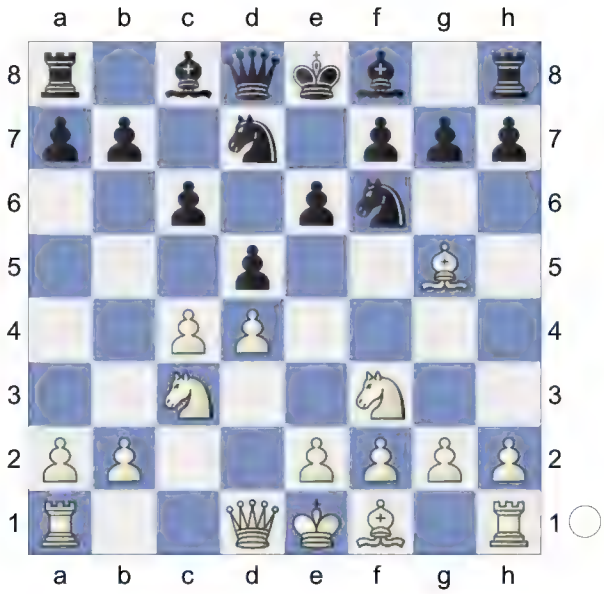
[26.Bf3 Qh4 27.Re4]
[26.bxa5 bxa5 27.Bc2 *(27.Qxa5 Be6±)* 27...Re8]



Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.62. An unexpected result.
½-½

125 **D52**
□ **Dao,Thien Hai** **2572**
■ **Gurevich,Mikhail** **2633**
EUR-ASIA Rapid Match (5) 18.09.2001
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA

Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

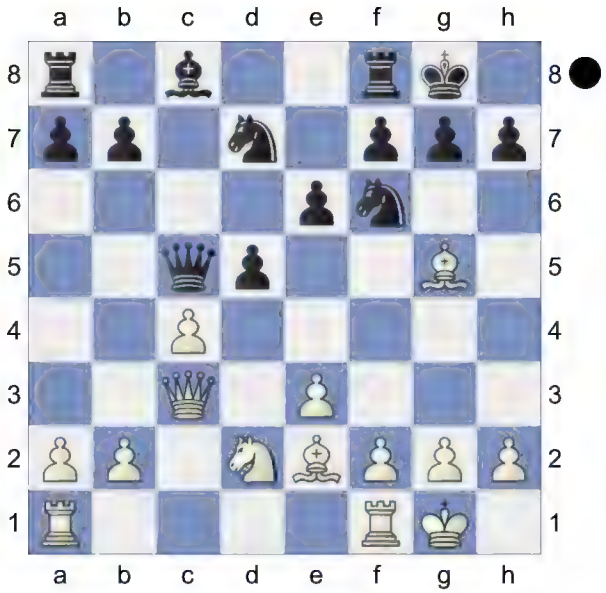
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.dxc5 Qxc5

11.0-0 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 -1.32/21

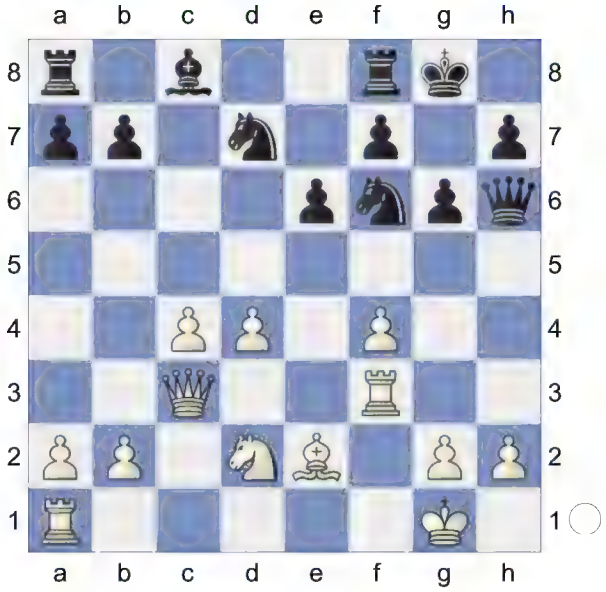
[12.bxc3= -0.12/21 dxc4 13.Bh4]

(Diagram)



12...d4!∓ Discovered Attack **13.exd4 Qxg5 14.f4 Qh6 15.Rf3 g6** -1.50/17

[Better is 15...b6-+ -1.89/19 16.Raf1 g6]

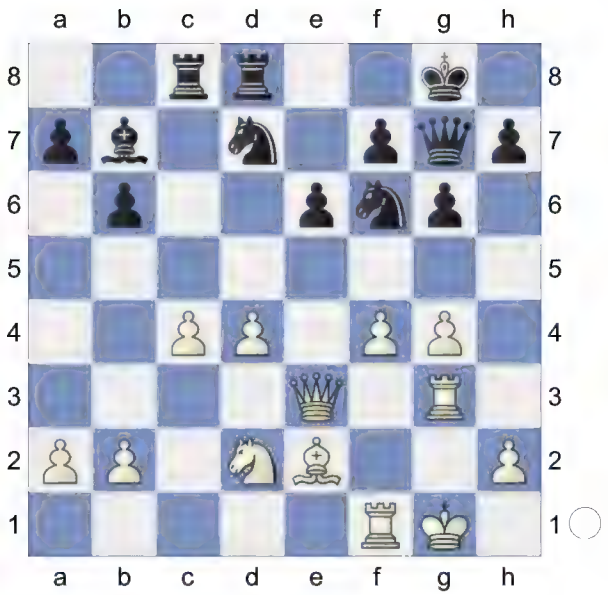


16.Raf1 -1.87/18

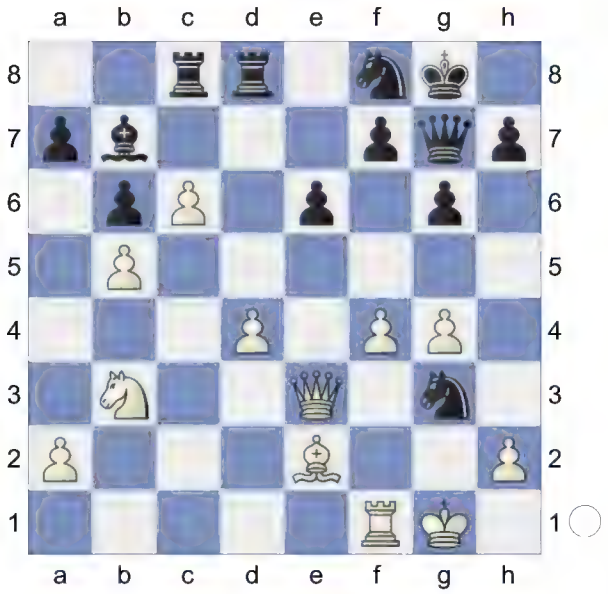
[16.g4∓ -1.50/17]

16...b6-+ 17.Rh3 Qg7 18.Qe3 Rd8 19.g4 Bb7 20.Rg3 Rac8

(Diagram)



21.b4 Nf8 Threatens to win with ...b6-b5! **22.b5 Ne8 23.Nb3 Nd6 24.c5 Ne4 25.c6 Nxg3**



26.cxb7? -6.21/20
[26.hxg3 -3.32/22 Bxc6 27.bxc6]

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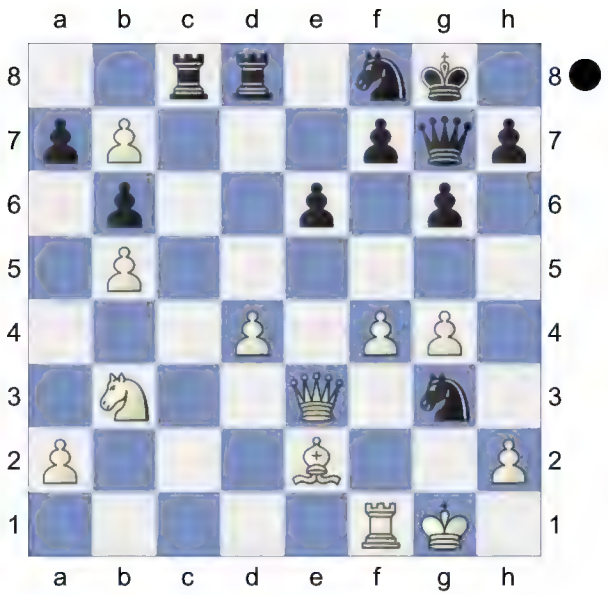
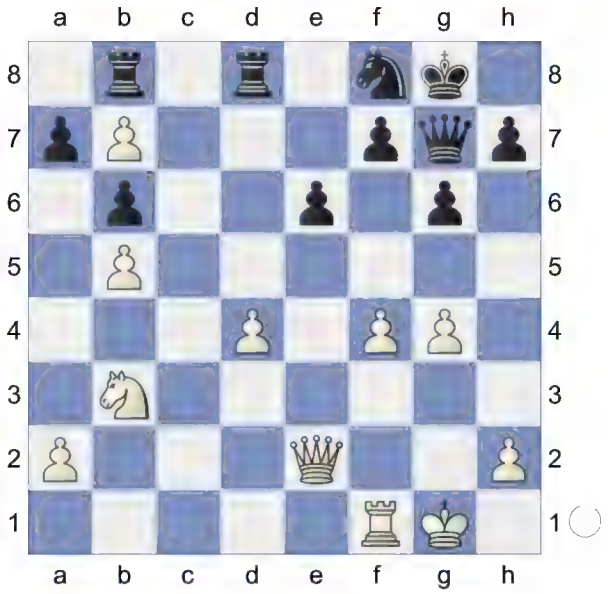


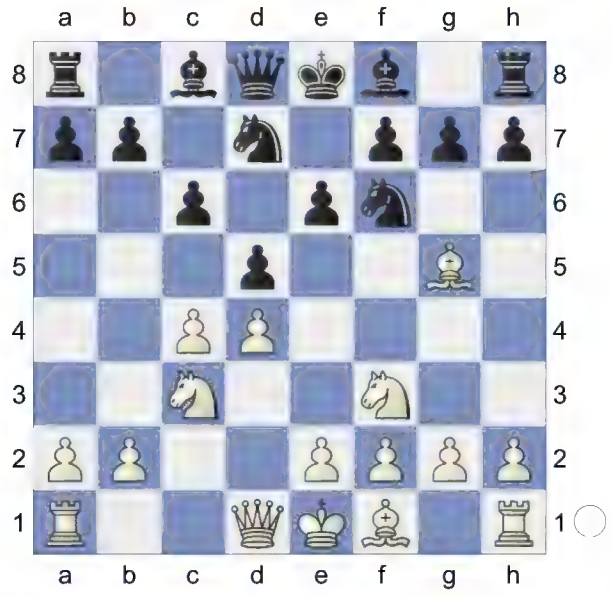
26...Nxe2+
[26...Nxf1 27.bxc8Q Rxc8 28.Kxf1]
27.Qxe2 Rb8



White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

126 **D52**
□ **Atalik,Suat** **2568**
■ **Grigore,George Gabriel** **2473**
ROM-chT Sovata (3) 02.05.2003
[Atalik,Suat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Atalik,S **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3** The move order I have already used against GM Relange in Saint Vincent. **4...e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7** Anyway George only plays Kings Indian.
[5...h6 6.Bh4 dxc4!± 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7]



6.e3 Qa5 George has an affiliation for this move.
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]
7...Bb4
[7...dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7 11.g3 0-0± 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4]
8.Qc2 0-0 Back in ♘bd7 lines. **9.Be2 c5 10.Bf4 b6**
[10...cxd4 11.exd4! dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qd5 13.0-0 Qxd4± 14.Bg3 *(14.Be3!? Qh4□ 15.Rfd1=)* 14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qe4± 16.Qb2?!]

(Diagram)

11.0-0 Nd2-b3 is the strong threat. **11...Bxc3! 12.bxc3** White is slightly better. **12...Ba6 13.a4 cxd4?! 14.cxd4N** Since George's opening choices are very limited which makes him very predictable I have studied this opening thoroughly.However my choice did not impress me later. **14...Rfc8 15.Qa2**

[15.Rfc1+- Rc6 Only in this moment I have realized that 16.e4! is the move.

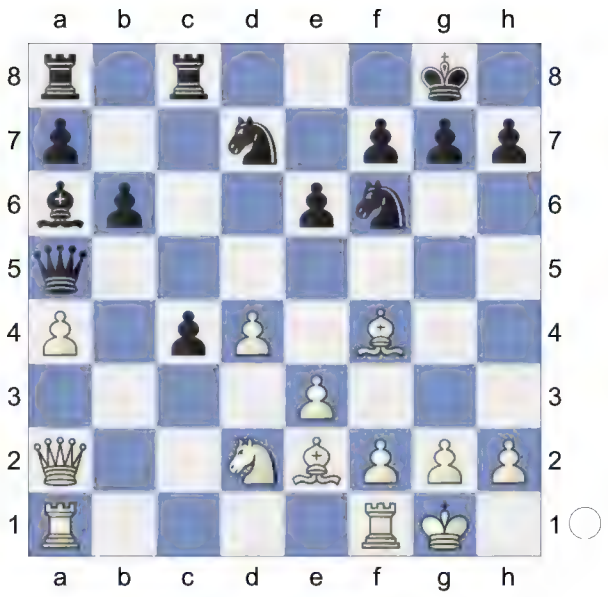
A) 16...dxc4 1.07/22 16...d5xe4 0.27 17.Nxc4 Qb4 18.Bd6± Rxd6?? 19.Nxd6-+ Bxe2? 20.e5;

B) 16...dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Rac8 19.Bd3± Qh5! 20.a5 bxa5 *(20...b5?* 4.74/23 20...b6xa5 0.57 *21.Be2)* 21.f3!;

C) 16...Rac8 17.e5= Ne8! 18.Ra3 Nf8 19.Rc3]

15...dxc4

(Diagram)

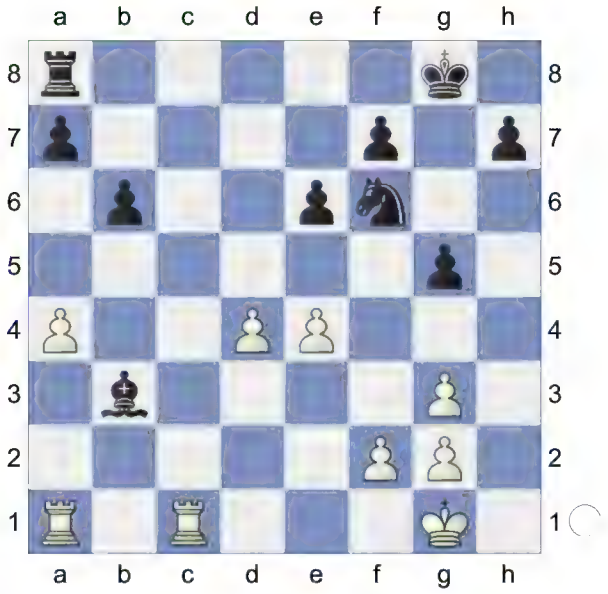


16.Nxc4 Qd5 17.Rfc1

[17.Rac1!?]

17...g5! So he sidesteps the first oppurtunity to go wrong. **18.Bg3** A strong pair of Bishops. **18...Ne4! 19.Rc2**

[19.Qb1 Black should prevent Nc4xb6! Nxg3 0.76/24 *(19...Bxc4=* 0.08/22 *20.Rxc4 h6)* 20.hxg3± Bxc4 21.Bf3 Ba2 22.Qb2 Qb3 23.Qxb3! Bxb3 24.Bxa8 Rxa8 25.e4! Inhibits Bb3-d5. Nf6



26.Ra3 0.24/23 *(* White should try

26.f3!± 0.75/23) 26...Bd5 1.13/24 (*26...Bxa4=* 0.24/23 *27.e5 Nd5 28.Rxa4 a5*) 27.exd5± Nxd5?]
[19.Bf3? -2.60/22 19.Rc1-c2 0.27 Rxc4]

19...Rc6! **20.Ne5?** -0.27/24 Even this was part of my preparation.It is a very good proof that sometimes how braindead I may turn out to be.

[20.Nd6 Threatens to win with Qa2xd5. Qxa2 21.Rcxa2 Rxd6 22.Bxa6 Black must now prevent Ba6-b7. Nxg3 23.hxg3 e5]
[20.Nd2 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Rc8 22.Qb2 Bxe2 23.Nxe4 Qxe4 24.Qxe2 Rc2 0.68/24 (*24...a5=* 0.06/25) 25.Qb5!± Qd5F]
[20.Nd6± 0.36/25 Qxa2 21.Rcxa2 (*21.Raxa2 Rxc2 22.Rxc2 Bxe2=*) 21...Nxg3 22.Bxa6 Rxd6 23.hxg3]

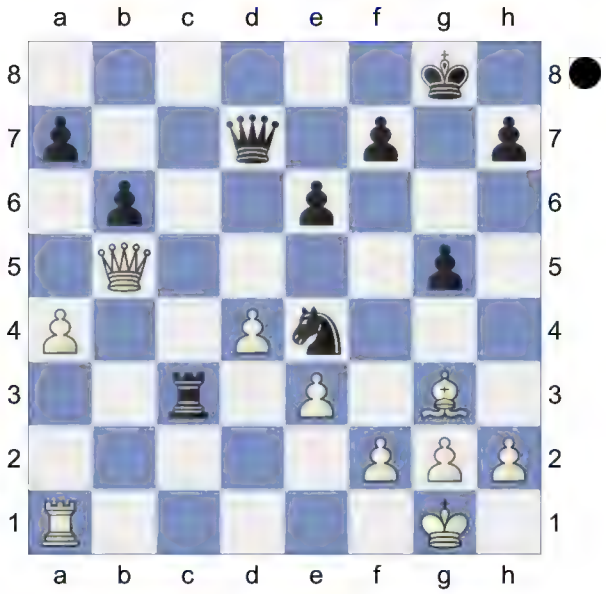
20...Rxc2=

21.Qxc2 **Rc8** Wards off Ne5-c6 **22.Qb2** Now we will have a more or less equal game. **22...Bxe2** **23.Nxd7!** **Qxd7** -0.43/21

[23...Ba6! 24.f3 -1.41/23 (*⌓24.Ne5* -0.92/23) 24...Qxd7∓ 25.fxe4 Bd3 26.d5 exd5 27.Qe5 Bxe4 Hoping for ...h7-h6. 28.Qxg5+ Kf8! 29.Be5 Qe6]
[23...Bd3 0.35/23 23...Be2-h5 -0.85 24.Ne5]
[23...Bh5∓ -0.87/24 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5 Be2]

24.Qxe2∓ I had to exchange queens from the right square. **24...Rc3** **25.Qb5** -0.50/23

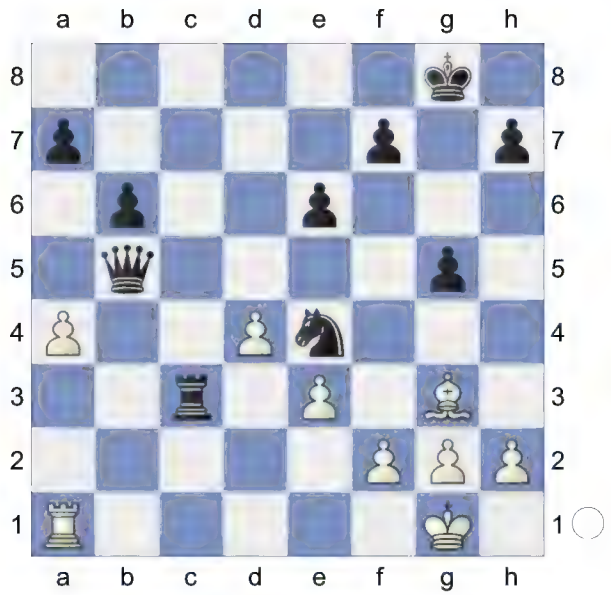
[25.h4!= Black would have slight difficulties to achieve equality after 25...Nxg3 26.fxg3 Qd5 27.Rf1 Qe4 28.Qh5 Qxe3+ 29.Rf2 Rc1+ (*29...Rc7!? 30.Kh2□ gxh4 31.Qxh4 Rd7±*) 30.Kh2= Qxf2 31.Qxg5+ Kf8 aiming for ...Qf2-g1+. 32.Qd8+=]
[25.Qg4= 0.01/21 Qxa4 26.Rf1]



25...Qxb5

[25...Qc6! 26.Qxc6 Rxc6 27.Bb8 a6= 28.g4 -0.91/21 (White should play *28.h3∓* -0.41/18) 28...Rc2∓ 29.Bg3]

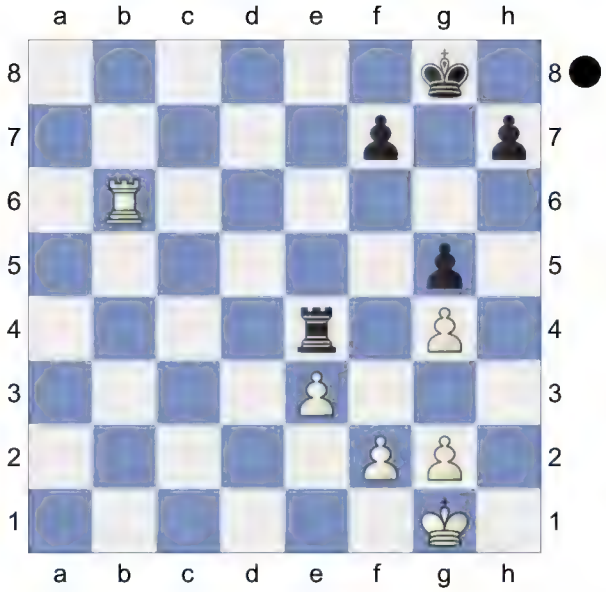
(Diagram)



26.axb5 Lack of concentration.
26...Nxg3 27.hxg3 KR-KR. The position is equal. **27...Rb3**
[27...g4 28.Kf1 Rb3 29.Rxa7 Rxb5= 30.Ra2]
28.g4 I was lucky that I had a more or less equal game after the blunder.
28...Rxb5 29.Rxa7 e5 30.dxe5!= Rxe5

31.Rb7
[31.Kh2 Re6 32.Rb7= makes white to sweat more. 32...h6 33.Kg3 Rf6 34.f3 Kg7 35.e4 Rc6]
31...Re4? Sort of an early draw offer!

32.Rxb6



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½-½

127	**D52**
□ **L'Ami,Erwin**	**2565**
■ **Esen,Baris**	**2420**
Olympiad-37 Turin (3)	23.05.2006

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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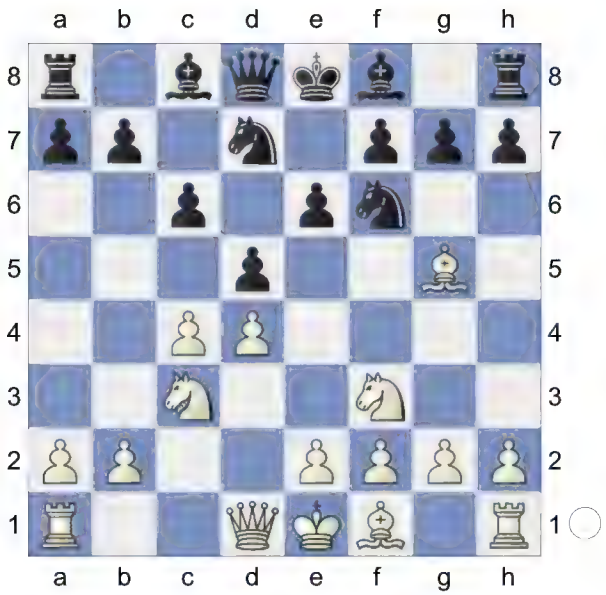


6.e3 Qa5

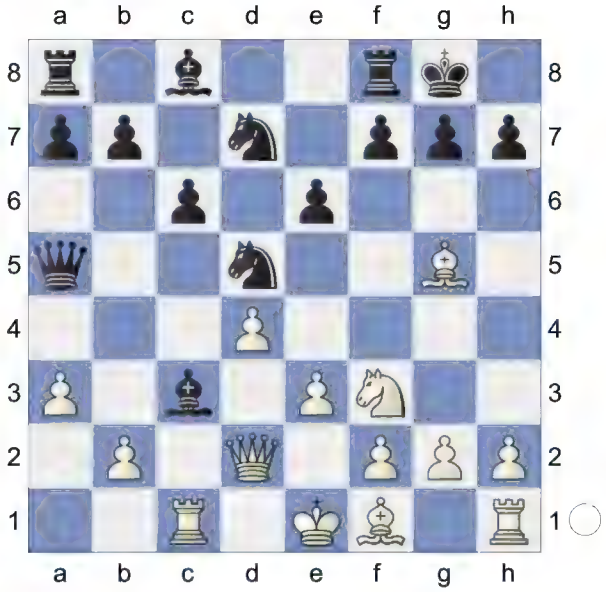
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

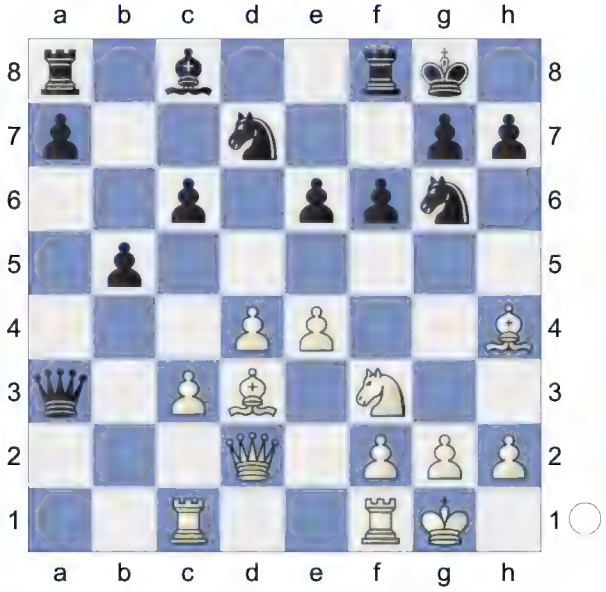
7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

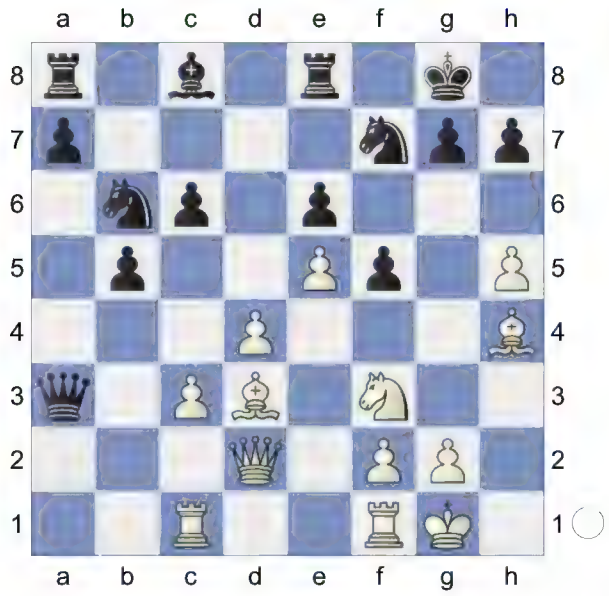
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.a3 Bxc3



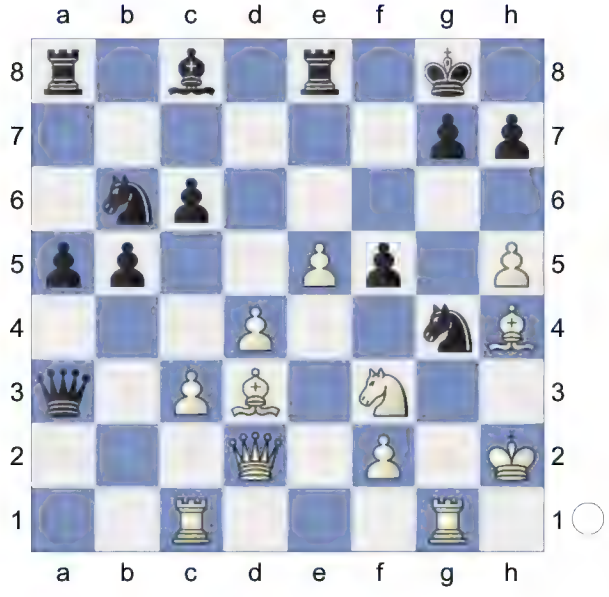
11.bxc3 f6 12.Bh4 White is slightly better. **12...Qxa3 13.e4 Ne7 14.Bd3** White has compensation. **14...b5 15.0-0 Ng6**



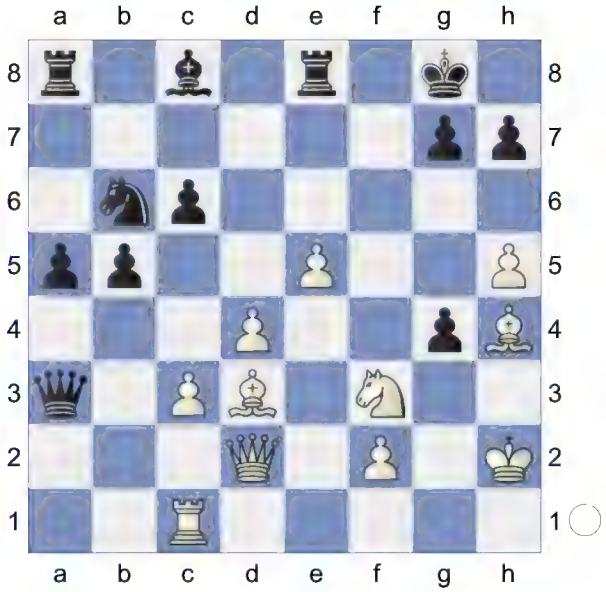
16.Bg3 Nb6 17.h4 Nh8 18.h5 Nf7 19.e5
[19.Ra1!? Qe7□ 20.Rfb1±]
19...f5 20.Bh4 Re8 0.41/19
[20...a5= 0.01/20 is more appropriate.]



21.g4 -0.19/19 **a5 22.gxf5 exf5 23.Kh2 Nh6** 0.85/19
[23...Re6= -0.20/20 remains equal. 24.Bg5 *(24.Bxf5 Rh6±)* 24...Nh6]
24.Rg1± White wants to mate with Rg1xg7+! **24...Ng4+**

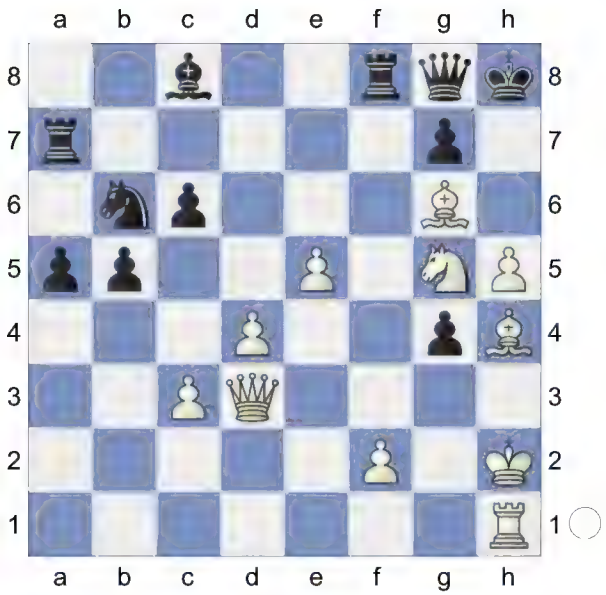


25.Rxg4! fxg4

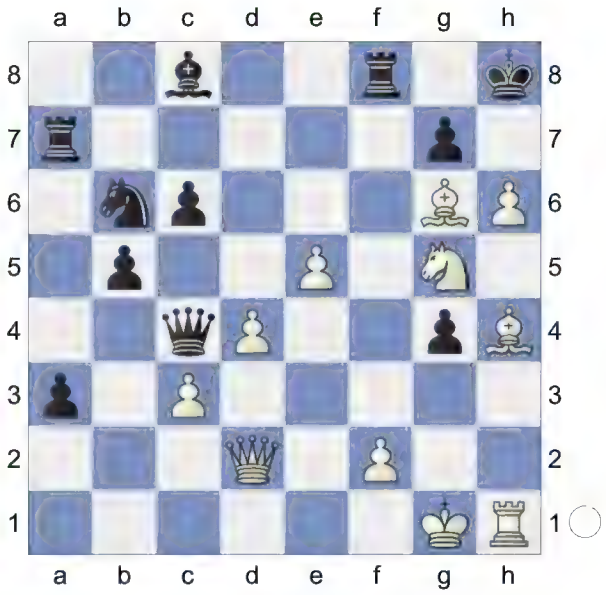


26.Bxh7+! Decoy **26...Kh8**
[26...Kxh7? 27.Qc2+ Kg8 28.Ng5+-]
27.Bg6 0.01/21
[27.Ng5 Qf8±]
[27.Be4!± 1.50/21 Strongly threatening Bh4-f6! Qf8 *(27...gxf3? 28.h6+-)* 28.h6 *(28.Ng5 Nc4=)*]
27...Rf8 Inhibits Bh4-f6.
[27...Qf8!? 28.Ng5 Be6=]
28.Ng5 Dancing on a razor blade.
28...Qb3? 2.39/20
[Black should try 28...Bf5± 0.40/20]
29.Qd3 0.96/21
[29.Re1+- 2.39/20 e5-e6 is the strong threat. Be6 30.Ne4 g3+ 31.Bxg3 *(31.Kxg3 Ra7+-)*]
29...Qg8 30.Rh1 0.10/19 White is more active.
[30.Re1!± 1.28/19 Black must now prevent e5-e6. Nd5 31.Bg3 *(31.e6 Bxe6 32.Bh7 Rf3+-)*]
30...Ra7? 1.65/21
[30...Nd5= 0.10/19 and Black stays safe.]

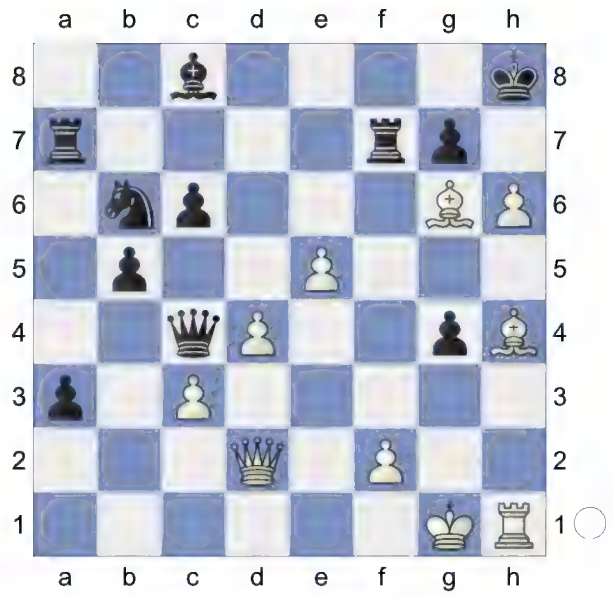
(Diagram)



Against e5-e6 **31.Kg1 a4 32.h6! Qc4** 6.64/20
[32...gxh6± 1.03/20 33.e6 *(33.Bg3 Bf5=)* 33...Qg7 *(33...hxg5 34.Bxg5+; 33...Bxe6? 34.Bg3+-)*]
33.Qc2? 1.65/19
[33.hxg7+ Kxg7 34.Qc2 *(34.Qe4 Qd5=)* 34...Qb3=]
[33.Qe3 6.64/20]
33...Qb3+-
[33...gxh6? 34.Bf7 *(34.Nh7 Rxh7 35.Bxh7 g3±)* 34...Rfxf7 *(34...Raxf7 35.Qg6)* 35.Nxf7+ Kg7 *(35...Qxf7? 36.Bf6+* Discovered Attack *Kg8 37.Rxh6+-; 35...Rxf7 36.Qg6 Nd7 37.Qxh6+ Rh7 38.Bf6+ Nxf6 39.Qxf6+ Kg8 40.Qg6+* Deflection, Double Attack *Kf8 41.Rxh7 Qe6 42.Rh8+)* 36.Nd6+-]
34.Qd3→ -0.01/17 White attacks.
[34.Qc1+- 1.70/20 Bf5 *(34...gxh6? 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Nxh6+ Kg7 37.Qg5+-)* 35.hxg7+ Rxg7 *(35...Kxg7? 36.Bxf5 Rxf5 37.Ne4+-)* 36.Ne6 *(36.Nf7+ Rfxf7 37.Bf6+* Pin, Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8=)*]
34...Qc4!= ...Qc4xd3 would now be deadly.
[34...gxh6? 35.Bg3+-]
35.Qd2 Ng5-f7+! would kill now.
[35.hxg7+ Kxg7 36.Qe3 *(36.Qe4 Qd5=)* 36...Kxg6=]
35...a3 #8/18
[Worse is 35...gxh6 36.Nf7+ Kg8 37.Qxh6 *(37.Nxh6+ Kg7 38.Qg5 Nd5 39.Bf7+ Kh7 40.Qg6+ Kh8 41.Bf6+ Nxf6 42.Qxf6+ Kh7 43.Nxg4#; 37.Nxh6+ Kg7 38.Qg5 Qf1+ 39.Kxf1 Kh8)*]
[35...b4+- 4.93/16 36.Nf7+ Promotion *(36.cxb4 Ba6+-)* 36...Qxf7 *(36...Rfxf7 37.hxg7+ Rxg7 38.Be7+)* 37.hxg7+ Kg8 38.Bf6 *(38.Bxf7+ Kxg7 39.e6 Bxe6+-)* 38...Qxg6 39.Rh8+ *(39.gxf8B Rh7∓)* 39...Kf7 40.gxf8Q+ *(40.gxf8B? a3-+)* 40...Ke6 41.Qd6+ *(41.cxb4 Qb1+ 42.Kg2 Qe4+ 43.Kg3 Qf3+ 44.Kh2 Rd7 45.d5+ Nxd5 46.Qg8+ Rf7)* 41...Kf5 42.Qd3+ Skewer Kf4 43.e6#]



36.Nf7+! Rfxf7
[36...Qxf7 37.hxg7+]



37.hxg7+! Kg8? #3/8
[37...Rxg7+- 3.03/5 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Be7 Qf1+ 40.Kxf1 Rgxe7 41.Qh8#]
38.Qh6 Rxg7

39.Be7!

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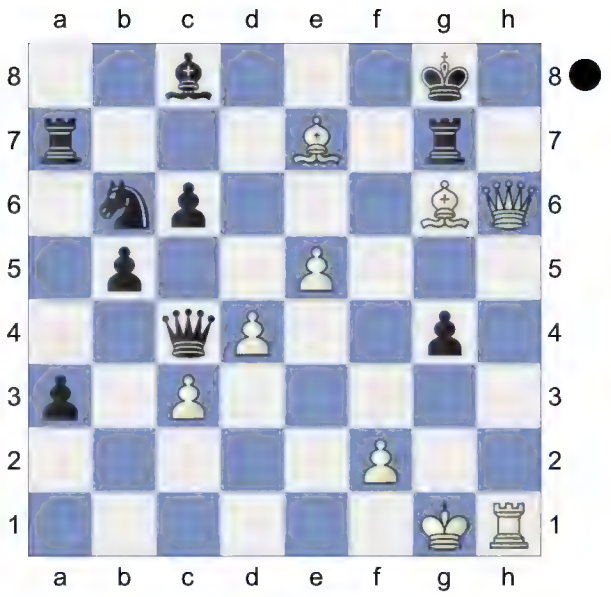

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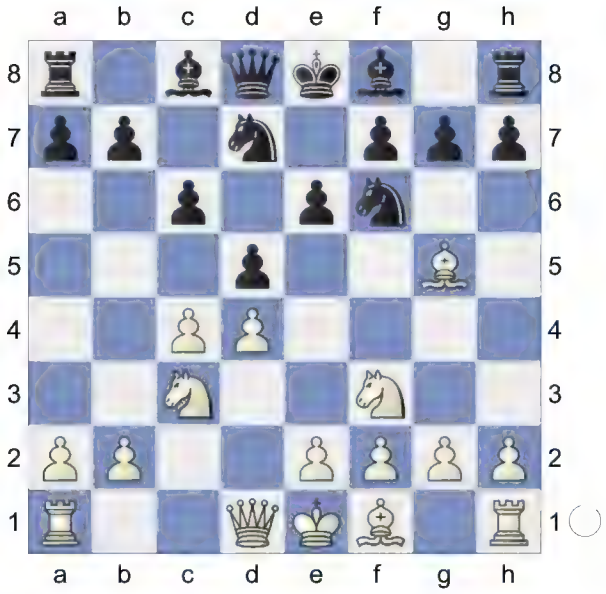
128 **D52**
□ **Komarov,Dimitri** **2565**
■ **Smagin,Sergey** **2540**
Open Amantea 1994
[Komarov,Dimitri]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Komarov **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7**
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto, R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)) 11.Na4 Qb8

12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.Bg5 c6



6.e3N

[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4

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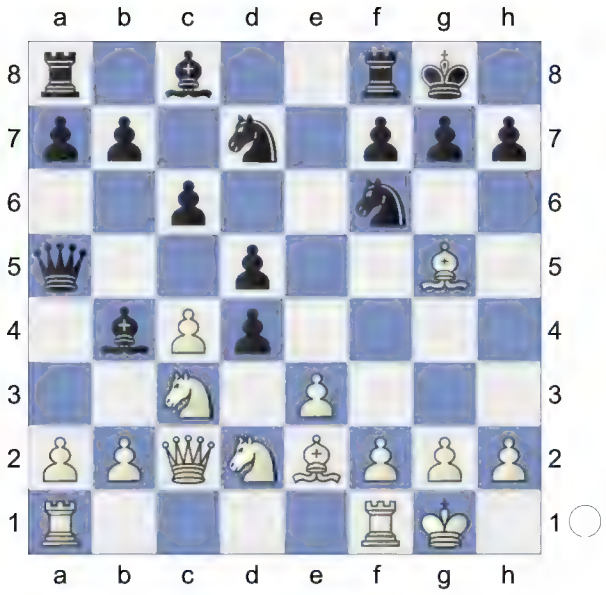

11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4N

[12.Nxd4?! Ü 60/442 dxc4?! 13.Bh4 Qc5 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Bxc4! c5? 0.62/19 *(15...Re8=* 0.25/17 should be considered.) 16.Nb5± a2-a3 would now be deadly. a6 17.Nd6 b5 18.a3! bxc4 19.axb4 Qxb4 20.Qxc4± Van der Sterren,P-Yusupov,A/Munich/1994/0,5/47/]

12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc7 The position is equal. **14.Nd2! Ng4**

[14...Bd6

A) 15.g3± b5 0.37/15 Δ Bb7 *(15...h6=* 0.01/18 *16.Bh4 b5)*;

B) 15.Nf3 Bf4=]

15.Nf3 Bd6

[RR15...h6! △16.Bh4 Bd6 17.h3 Nh2 18.Nxh2 Threatens to win with Nh2-g4. Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Bf4∞ Smagin,S]

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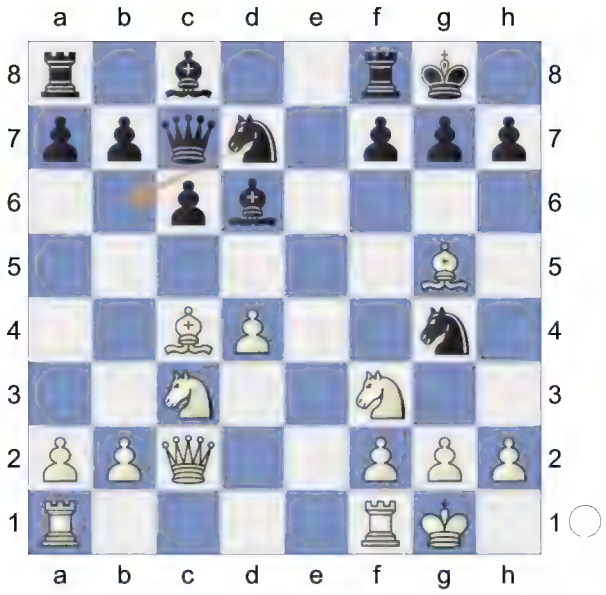

16.g3 Nb6 0.64/19
[16...b5= 0.19/16 17.Bd3 h6]
17.Bb3!± White is more active.
17...Kh8!? 18.Rfe1 0.40/20
[18.h3?! Nh6 19.Bxh6 gxh6→ ⇔g]
[Better is 18.Ne4± 0.76/18]
18...f6?! 0.97/20
[18...Bd7↻ 0.97/18 18...h7-h6 0.52]
[18...h6± 0.40/20]
19.Bd2± Bd7 1.30/19
[Black should play 19...a5 0.88/17]
20.Ne4! Bf5 1.98/19
[20...Rae8 21.Nxd6 0.96/24 *(⌓21.Rac1 1.48/18)* 21...Qxd6± 22.h3 Strongly threatening Bd2-f4. Nh6 23.Bf4±]
[20...Rae8± 1.25/20 might work better. 21.Rac1 Bf5]

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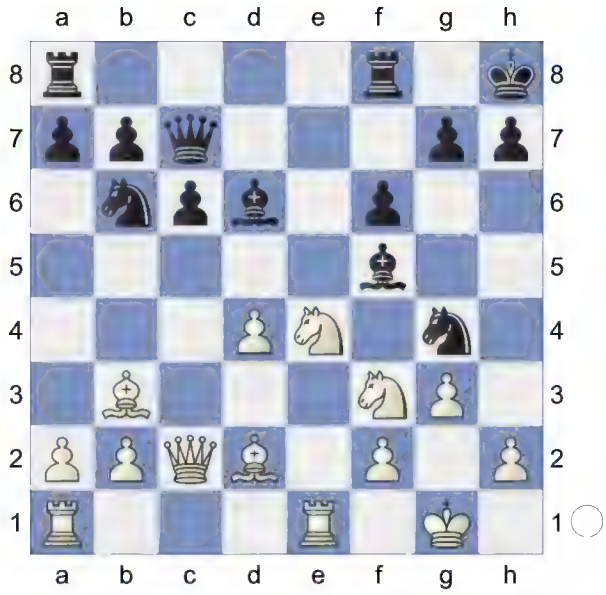


21.Nh4+- Bd7 3.20/22
[21...Bxe4
A) 22.Qxe4 f5 23.Qg2!± Δ Qh3± *(23.Nxf5 Nxf2!∞)*;
B) 22.Rxe4 f5 23.Nxf5! Rxf5 *(23...Nxf2? 4.11/21 23...Rf8xf5 1.80 24.Rh4!)* 24.Rxg4±]
[⌓21...Bxe4 1.89/22 22.Qxe4 f5 23.Nxf5 Nxf2]
22.h3! Nh6 4.81/25
[22...Nxf2 2.99/19 23.Kxf2 Be7]

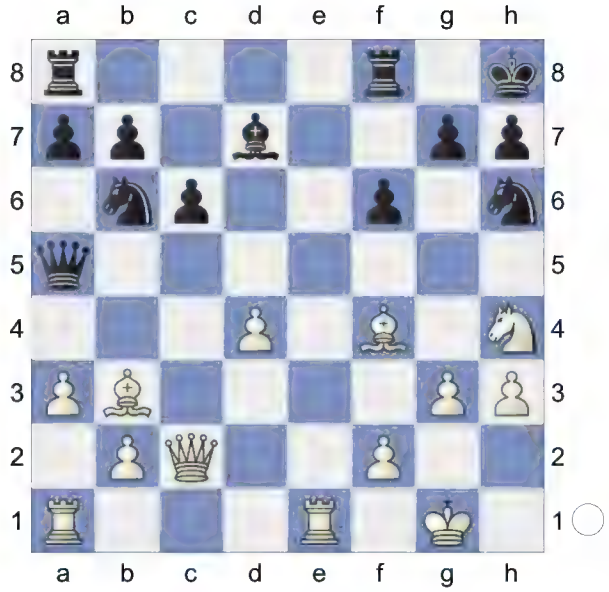
23.Nxd6 Qxd6 24.Bf4 This pair of

bishops is nice. **24...Qb4** Black is weak on the dark squares

[24...Qxd4 25.Rad1 Qb4 26.a3 Qa5 27.Bxh6+-]

25.a3 Qa5

[25...Qb5 26.Bxh6 gxh6 27.Re7 f5 28.a4 Qb4 29.Qc5 Qxb3 30.Qe5++-]



26.Bxh6 gxh6 5.83/23

[26...Qh5 4.04/23 keeps fighting. 27.Bd2 Bxh3]

27.Re7 f5 28.Qc5! Qb5

[28...Qxc5 29.dxc5]

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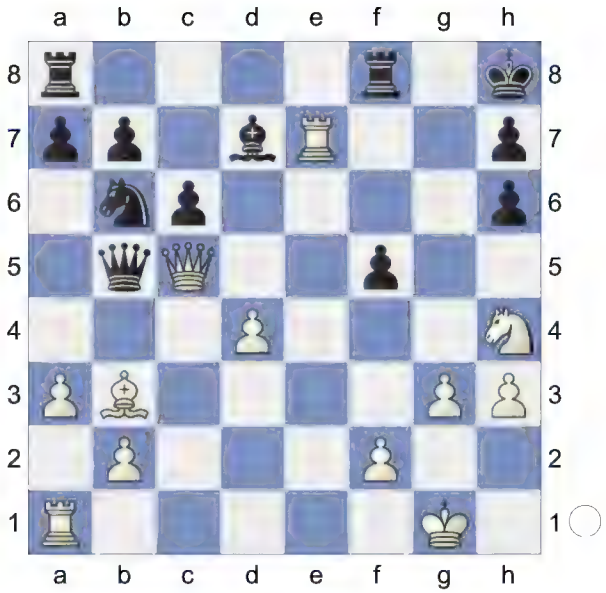
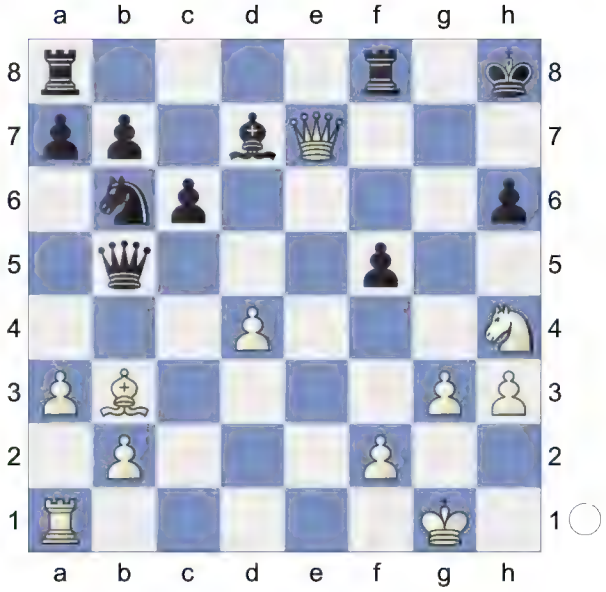


29.Rxh7+!! Decoy, Clearance. White mates. **29...Kxh7 30.Qe7+ Kh8**



31.Ng6#

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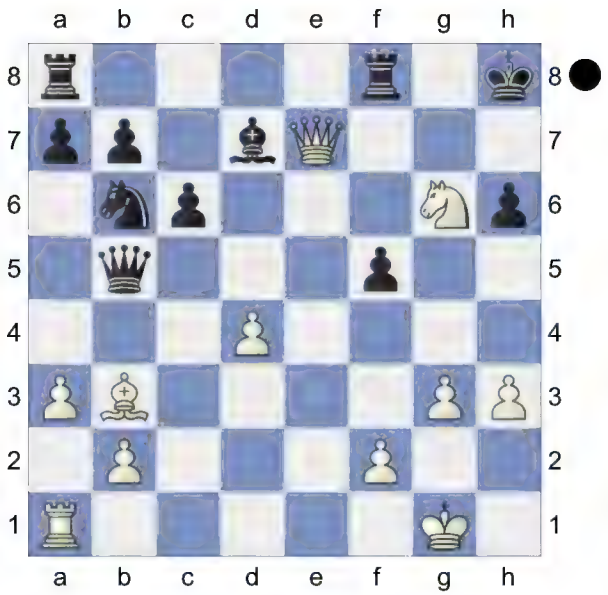
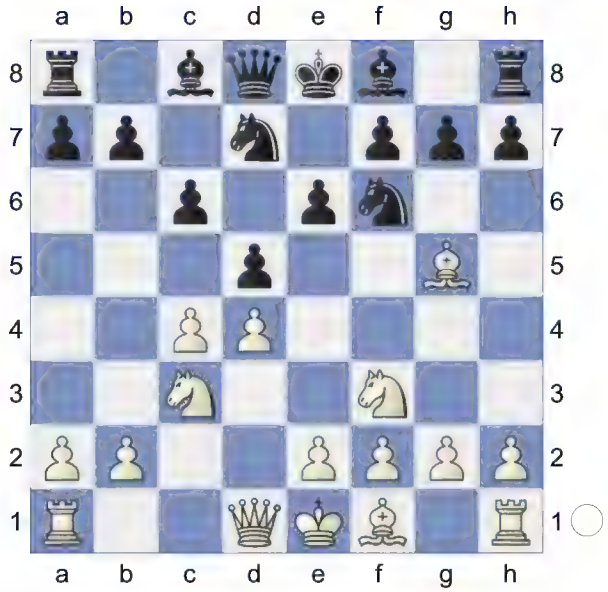


Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.70
1-0

129 **D52**
□ **Greenfeld,Alon** **2560**
■ **Huzman,Alexander** **2570**
Haifa ISR (5) 1996
[Greenfeld,Alon]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Greenfeld Greenfeld HarZvi Greenfeld: 'HarZvi Greenfeld,Alon: 'Greenfeld HarZvi" **1...Nf6**
[1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/(528) 1996 1-0 (26) Greenfeld,A-Huzman,A Haifa 1996 Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/(528) 1996]
2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto,R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]
5.Bg5 1-0 (26) Greenfeld,A-Huzman,A Haifa 1996 **5...c6**



6.e3N
[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]
6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6
[9...0-0 10.Bd3 h6 Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/

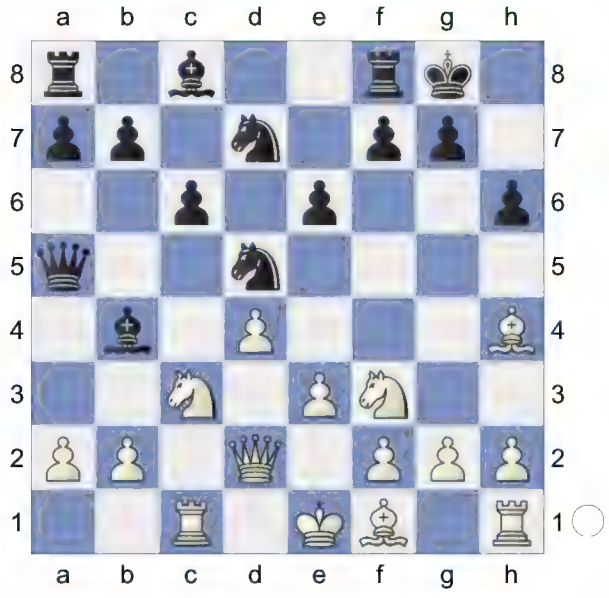
(528) 1996 1-0 (26) Greenfeld,A-Huzman,A Haifa 1996 Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/(528) 1996]

10.Bh4 0-0

[10...c5 HarZvi 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3

A) 12...Qxa3 HarZvi: a very risky move 13.e4 N5f6 14.Bd3 Qa5 15.d5 exd5 16.e5! Ne4? 2.35/20 *(16...g5= 0.25/20)* 17.Bxe4!+- dxe4 18.Qd6! g5 2.43/20 *(⌓18...f6 1.80/24)* 19.Nxg5!+- Qb6 3.79/23 *(⌓19...Qa6 2.55/23)* 20.Nxe4 26 HarZvi: and white is winning Petursson,M-Halasz,T Naestved op 1988 1-0 26;

B) 12...b6 13.e4 -0.08/20 *(⌓13.c4 0.28/19 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2)* 13...N5f6= 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.d5 c4! *(15...exd5 1.36/21 15...c5-c4 0.08 16.e5)* 16.dxe6! cxd3 17.exd7+ Nxd7 18.Qxd3 g5 19.Bg3 Black should prevent 0-0. Nc5! 20.Qd6 1-2/1-2 Kramnik,V-Ivanchuk,V Novogorod 1995 63/(395)]



1-0 (26) Greenfeld,A-Huzman,A Haifa 1996 **11.Bd3 c5** Black usually plays. 'N' HarZvi: I am not sure if this move is OK since very quick black got a clear worse a clear worse position 'N' 'N'HarZvi: I am not sure if this move is OK since very quick black got a clear worse a clear worse position.

[11...e5 here. With the textmove he strives for a Nimzo-indian type of position, e.g. after 12.0-0 Re8! 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.exd4 *(15.Nxd4=* HarZvi Greenfeld: '=' Greenfeld: 'HarZvi Greenfeld,Alon: '=" *)* 15...Nb6 16.Bg3 -0.86/21 *(16.a3=* 0.18/19 keeps the balance. *Bd6 17.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 18.Rxe1)* 16...Qxa2!∓ 17.Ne5 Be6! 18.f4 -1.26/21 41 HarZvi: with unclear position Shirov,A-Piket,Je Aruba (m/6) 63/395 [Piket,Je] 1-0 41 *(⌓18.Qe2 -0.76/17)*]

[11...Re8 HarZvi 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 e5 *(14...Qf8!?)* 15.Nxe5! Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 0.34/19 *(16...Rxe5 17.e4 Nb6 18.f4⩲; 16...Rxe5=* -0.08/19 feels stronger. *17.e4 Nb6)* 17.Kh1

A) 17...Rxe5 18.e4 Prevents Bc8-f5. Rh5! 19.Bg3 Nf6 20.Rce1!± -0.96/20 *(20.f4=* -0.16/19 remains equal. *)*;

B) 17...a5= 0.07/21;

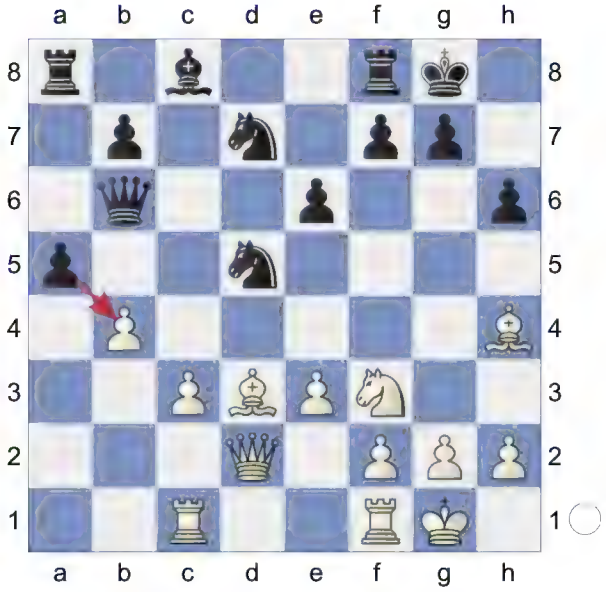
C) 17...Be6 0.70/19 18.e4!± Nb6 19.f4 36 HarZvi: with initiative for white Shirov,A-Piket,J Amsterdam 1995 64/414 [Shirov,A] 1-0 36]

12.a3!

[12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 b6 with Ba6 to follow. The timing of the following move is therefore important.]

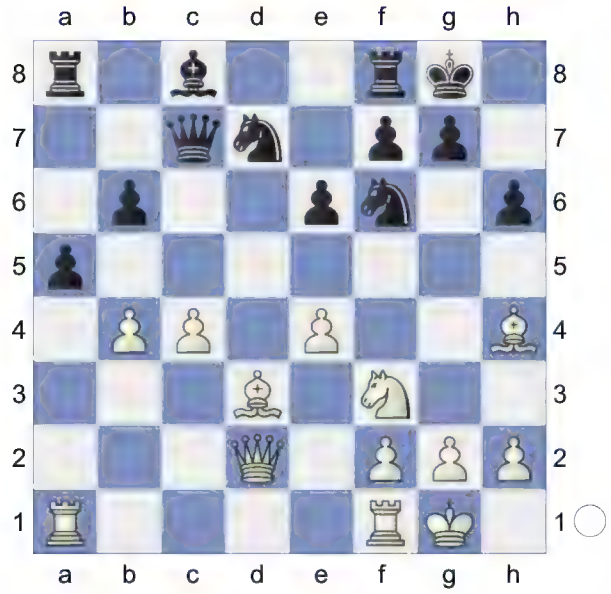
12...cxd4?! 0.89/21 Another Nimzo motive,but not an effective one,since Black doesn't have enough grip of the centre here. Better was

[12...Bxc3 13.bxc3
A) 13...Qxa3 0.63/21 13...b7-b5 0.12 14.0-0 0.14/21 with 15.e4 etc.), and now: *(14.e4± 0.63/21 N5f6 15.0-0)*;
B) 13...cxd4= 0.06/22 14.cxd4 Qxa3;
C) 13...b6 0.46/21 (dangerous is
C1) 14.0-0 Ba6 15.Bxa6! Qxa6 16.e4! N5f6 17.e5!
C1a) 17...Nd5 1.42/19 17...Nf6-h7 0.66 18.c4 Nc7 19.Be7 0.57/18 *(19.d5± 1.37/19)*;
C1b) 17...Nh7! with mutual chances;
C2) 14.e4!± N5f6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Be4! c3-c4 would now be deadly. *(16.c4 Nf4)* 16...c4 0.31/19 *(16...cxd4 0.58/22 16...Ra8-b8 -0.01 17.c4!; 16...Rb8 17.c4 Nf4 18.Qxa5 bxa5 19.Bg3; 16...Rb8= -0.12/23)* 17.Be7!
C2a) 17...Nxe7 18.Bxa8 Qxa3? 2.49/23 *(18...b5!± 0.31/21)* 19.0-0;
C2b) 17...Re8 18.Bd6 and White has the better prospects thanks to his attacking possibilities in the kingside.]
[12...Bxc3= 0.09/21 13.bxc3 b5]
13.axb4± dxc3 14.bxc3
[14.bxa5 cxd2+ 15.Nxd2 *(15.Kxd2?! b6=)* 15...b6=]
14...Qb6 The last chance to complete the development lies in
[14...Qc7 15.0-0 N5f6 (after the immediate *(15...b6* 1.79/21 15...e6-e5 0.57 *, 16.Bg3!* is annoying). Still, White's advantage is indisputable after*)* 16.Nd4! with the ideas Nb5-d6 and f4,e4.]
15.0-0 HarZvi: white is much better,he has a pair of bishops and black did not finish his development yet,very quickly white is able to carry out a strong attack against black's king **15...a5**



Black's intention to gain counterplay in the queenside proves too slow against the developing White initiative. HarZvi: black's position is not pleasent but after this move white playes very strong and black's position becomes maybe lost
16.e4 It was possible to win the exchange with
[16.Ra1 Qc7
A) 17.e4 0.53/21 17.Rf1-c1 1.16 Nf4! 18.Bg3 e5 19.Nxe5 -0.01/22 *(19.Rfd1!± 0.45/20)* 19...Nh3+ is unclear;
B) Better is 17.Rfc1± 1.19/20;
C) 17.c4 0.01/21 17...Nxb4= 18.Be7 , but after Nc5 0.70/21 Black would enjoy an excellent positional compensation. *(18...Nxd3= 0.26/21 19.Bxf8 Qxc4)*]
16...N5f6 **17.Ra1!** HarZvi: now black has also a problem with his "a" pawn ' ±'

'±' '±'. White is more active. **17...Qc7**
[17...a4 1.88/18 17...e6-e5 0.85 HarZvi]
18.c4 Takes control over the important d5 square. **18...b6**



Greenfeld: '{#} Greenfeld,Alon: '{#}" **19.e5!** **Nxe5** 3.45/23 HarZvi: really losing immediately but what else?
[19...Ng4 2.24/20 19...Nf6-h7 1.48 20.Be7! also loses:. Black must now prevent Be7-d6.
A) 20...Re8? 3.37/22 20...Bc8-b7 2.28 21.Bd6 and 22.h3;
B) 20...Ndxe5?
B1) 21.Nxe5! HarZvi HarZvi: it is still possible to go wrong with 21.F d6 <xml X:>HarZvi HarZvi: it is still possible to go wrong with 21.<sym>B</sym>d6</: X/xml> Qxe5

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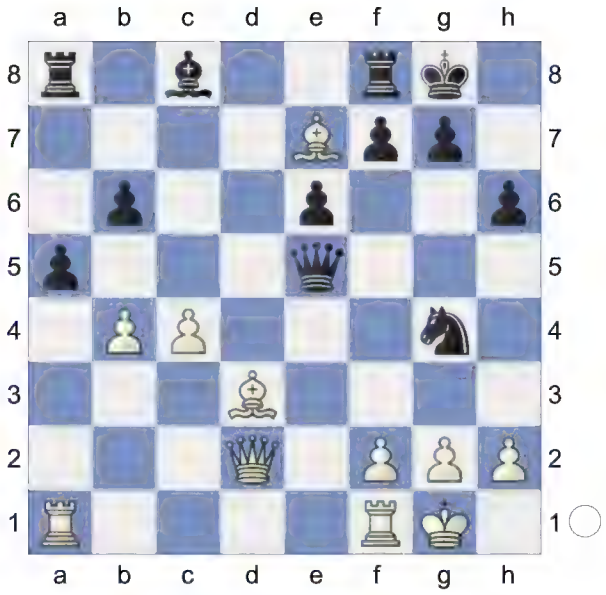

22.Bd6! HarZvi: and white has a winning advantage;
B2) 21.Bd6?! 1.46/23 21.Nf3xe5 2.97 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Ne5;
B3) White should try 21.Nxe5!+- 2.90/26 Qxe7 *(21...Nxe5 22.Bd6)* 22.Nxg4;
B4) 21.Bd6! 1.52/23 costs a piece;
C) 20...Ngxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 *(21...Nxe5 22.Bd6)* 22.Rfe1 and wins;
D) 20...Bb7!? Threatens to win with ...Bb7xf3! 21.Bd6 Qd8 *(21...Qc8 22.Qf4)*

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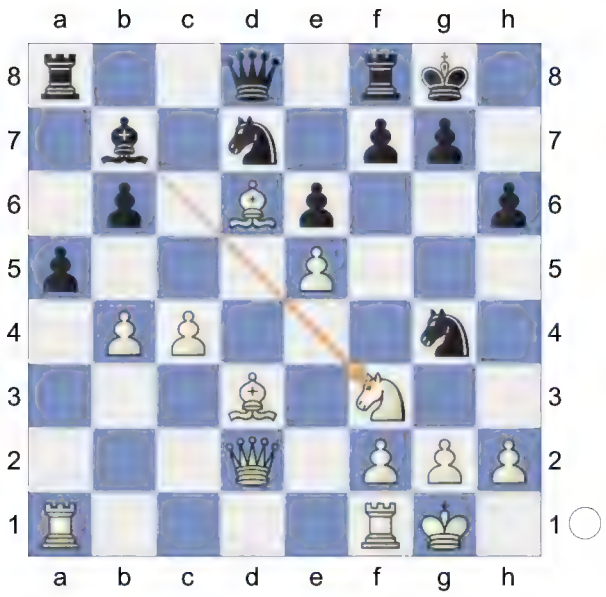
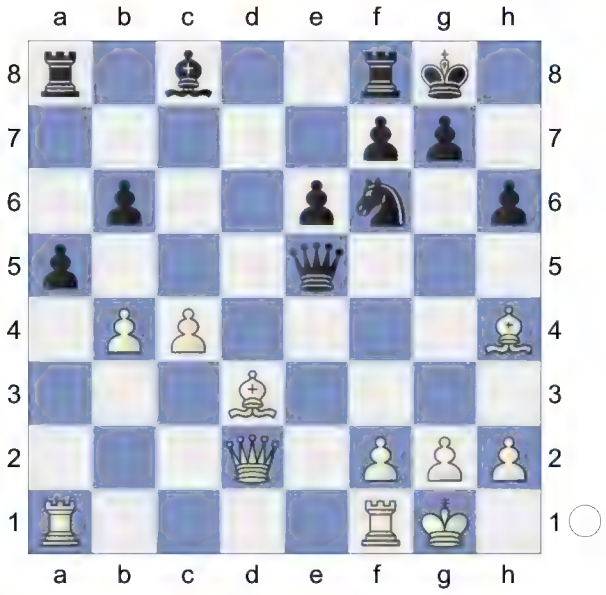


22.Rfe1! 1.07/20 etc (*22.h3!+-* 2.12/20 *Bxf3 23.hxg4 Bxg4 24.c5*)]

[19...Nh7± 1.52/22]

[19...Nh5 20.Be7]

20.Nxe5+- Qxe5



21.Rfe1 Qh5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Be4 HarZvi: white is winning,the "a" rook goes to the third rank and black days are numbered. Against Bc8-b7. Deflection

[23.Re3 e5]

23...Rb8 4.88/21

[⌓23...Ra7 3.16/21 24.Ra3 f5]

24.Ra3 White is clearly winning.

[24.bxa5 Bb7 25.Bxb7 (*25.axb6 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rxb6±*) 25...Rxb7±]

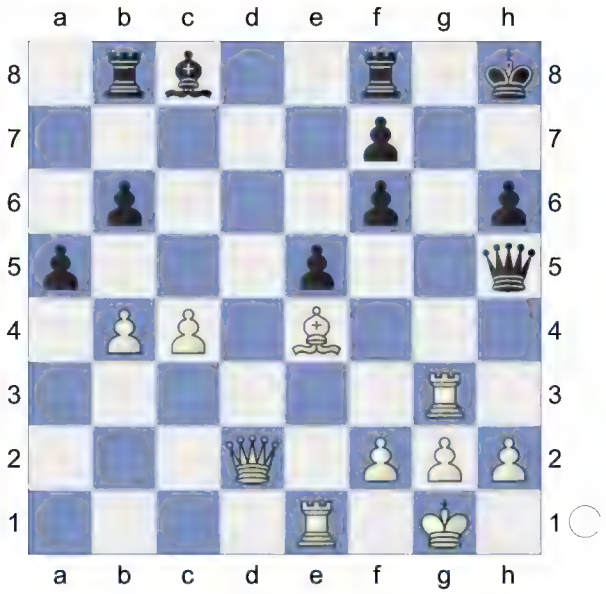
24...e5

[24...Kh8 HarZvi 25.Qf4]

25.Rg3+

[25.bxa5 bxa5 26.c5 (*26.Qxa5 Bf5±; 26.Rxa5 Be6±*) 26...Re8 27.Rg3+ (*27.Qxa5 Bf5±; 27.Rxa5 Qg5±*) 27...Kh8+-]

25...Kh8



26.Bf3 1-0 (26) Greenfeld,A-Huzman,A Haifa 1996 Greenfeld,A (2560)-Huzman,A (2570) Haifa 67/(528) 1996

[26.bxa5 bxa5 27.Bc2 (*27.Qxa5 Be6±*) 27...Rg8+-]

26...Qh4 27.Re4

[Less strong is 27.bxa5 bxa5 28.Bd5 (*28.Qxa5 Qxc4 29.h3 Be6∓*) 28...Bf5±]

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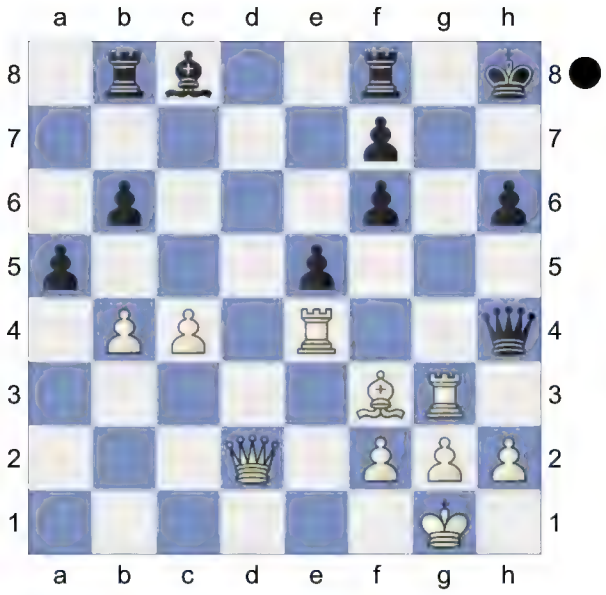

Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.52
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130 **D52**
□ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2560**
■ **Sedlak,Nikola** **2460**
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[Rogozenco,Dorian]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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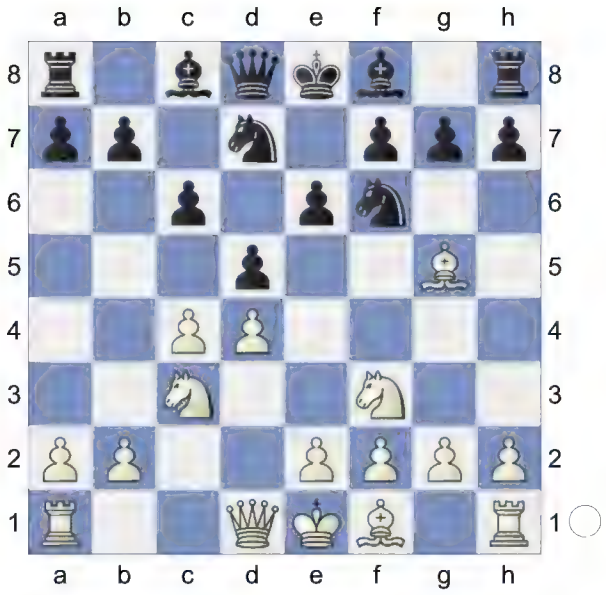
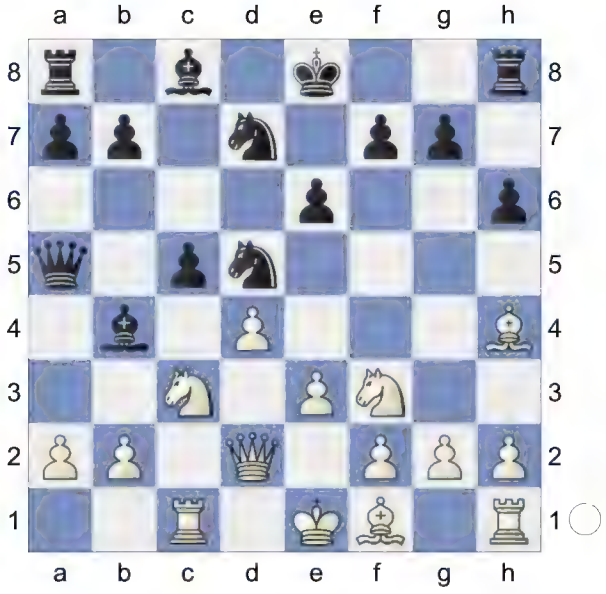


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.e4
[13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 g5 15.e4 *(15.Bg3 Bb7 16.e4 Ne7 17.f3 Rd8 18.Qb2 Ba6 19.Bxa6* ½-½ Lugovoi,A (2540)-Aseev,K (2565)/St Petersburg 1998 *)* 15...Ne7 16.Rd1?! *(⩲16.Bg3 Bb7=* see 15.♗g3*)* 16...0-0 17.Bg3 Bb7 18.Qe3 Rad8 19.Rd6 Qxa3∓ 0-1 Sherbakov,R (2541)-Goloshchapov,A (2519)/Ekaterinburg 1999 (58)]

13...N5f6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.d5

[15.e5 g5!? 16.Bg3 *(16.exf6 gxh4 17.Nxh4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Nxf6 20.Rc7 Rb8=)* 16...Nh5 17.0-0 *(17.h4 g4 18.Nh2 Rc8↑)* 17...Bxf3 18.gxf3 cxd4F]

[15.Qe2 cxd4 16.Nxd4 a6 is at least equal for Black.]

15...c4!

[15...exd5?! 16.e5 Ne4? *(16...g5 17.exf6 gxh4 18.Qe3+ Kf8 19.0-0±; 16...Nh5 17.e6↑)* 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd6 g5 19.Nxg5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 f6 21.Qe6+ Kd8 22.exf6+-]

16.Bc2 exd5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.e6□

[19.Qd6 Qc5-+]

19...0-0

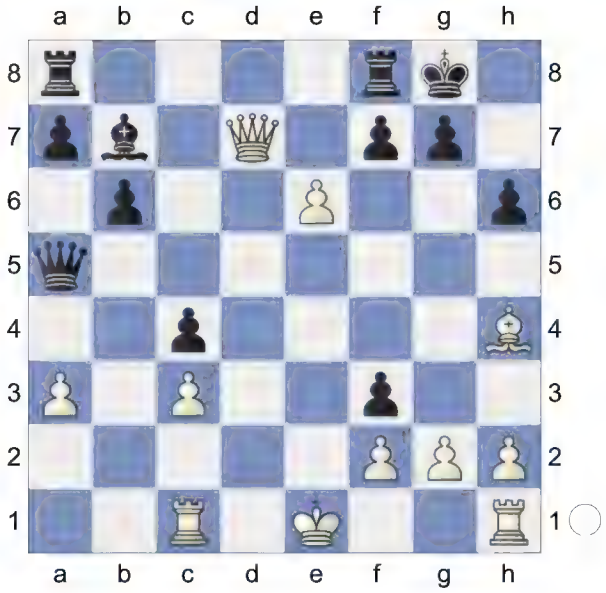
[19...fxe6? 20.Qd6 Qc5 *(20...g5 21.Qxe6+ Kd8 22.Rd1 Qxc3+ 23.Kf1+-)* 21.Qxe6+ Kf8 22.Bg3+-]

[19...Nc5 20.Qd6 f6 21.Ne5! Rd8 22.Qc7 0-0 23.e7±]

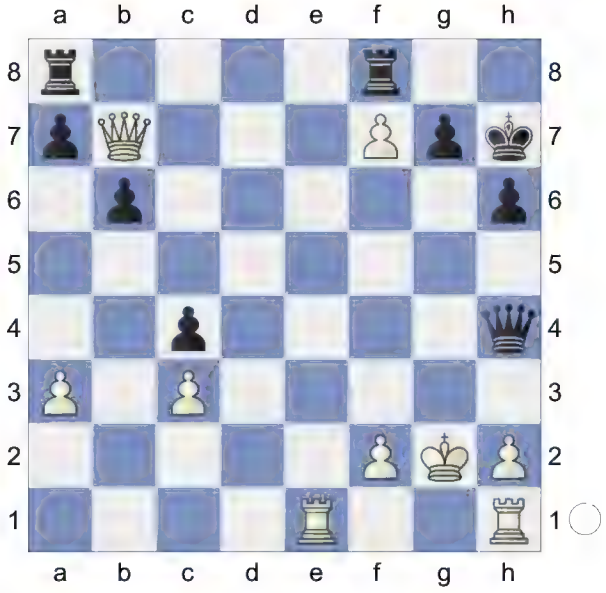
20.Qxd7□ White keeps equality with only moves.

[20.exd7 exf3 21.0-0 *(21.d8Q? Raxd8 22.Bxd8 fxg2 23.Rg1 Re8+ 24.Kd1 Qa4+ 25.Rc2 Qxa3-+; 21.gxf3 Bxf3 22.Rg1 Qe5+ 23.Kf1 Qxh2-+)* 21...f6∓]

20...exf3



21.Qxb7 Qe5+ 22.Kf1 Qf4 23.exf7+ Kh7 24.Re1 fxg2+ 25.Kxg2= Qxh4



26.Rhg1 Rad8 27.Re3 Qg4+

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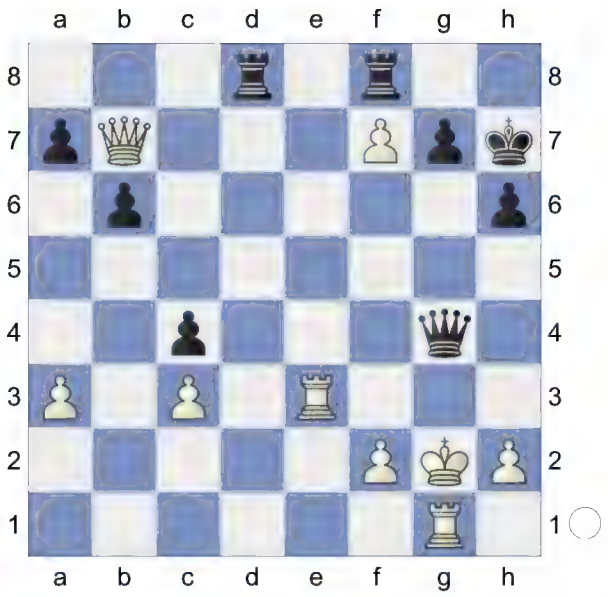

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131 **D52**
□ **Robson,Ray** **2560**
■ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2710**
FIDE World Cup (1.6) 30.08.2011
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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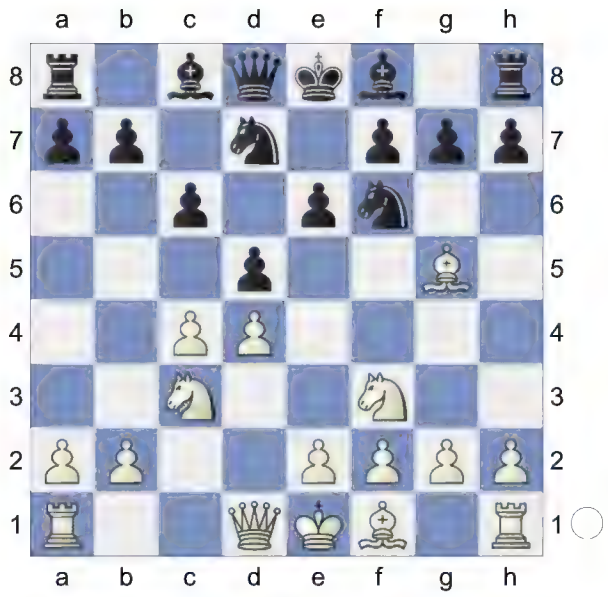

6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10.d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/(6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
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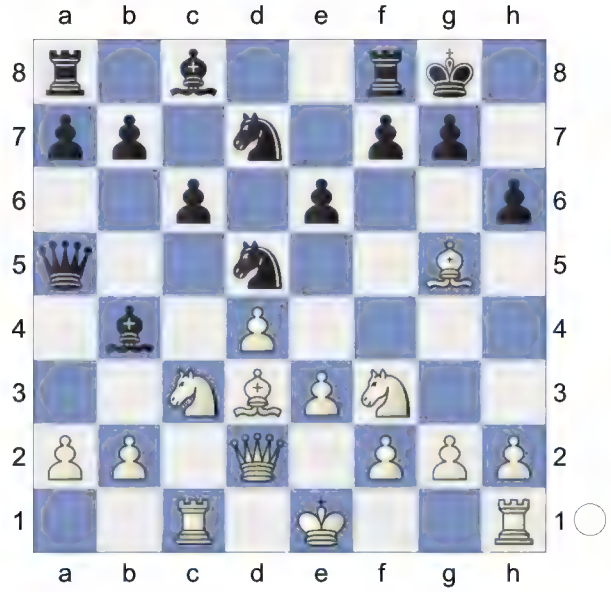
31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Bd3 h6

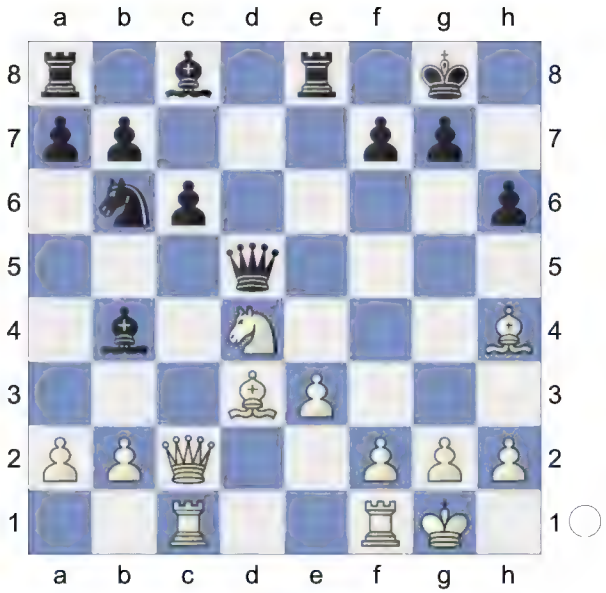


11.Bh4 e5 12.0-0 Re8 ...e5-e4! is the strong threat. **13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5** White is slightly better.

[Reject 14.Nxd4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bd6=]

14...Qxd5 15.Nxd4 Nb6

(Diagram)



16.Rfd1 -0.18/20

[16.a3± 0.47/19 Bd6 17.Nf5]

16...Qh5 0.52/19

[Better is 16...Qxa2= -0.18/20 17.Kh1 Qa5]

17.Bg3± Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Qf2 Be7 20.Bb1 g6

21.e4 c5 0.69/20

[21...Rad8= 0.30/18]

22.Ne2 Bf8 23.e5 Rxe5? 2.62/22

[23...c4± 0.89/20 might work better.]

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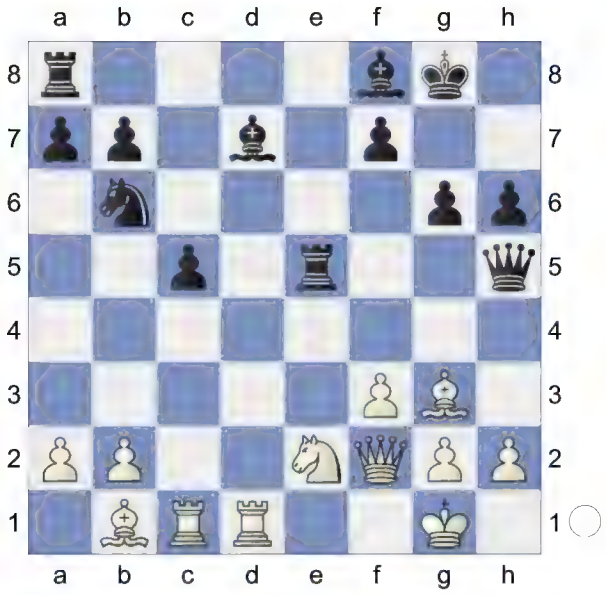
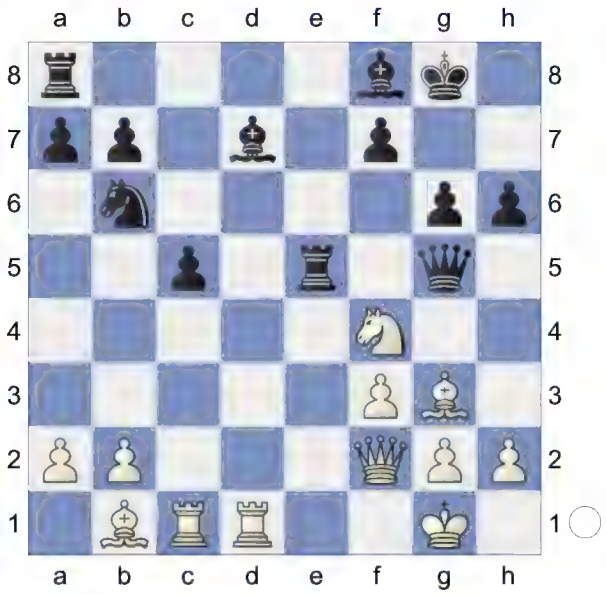


Black cannot hold the game after this.
24.Nf4!+- Qg5



25.Nxg6! Discovered Attack **25...Ree8**
[25...fxg6 26.f4]

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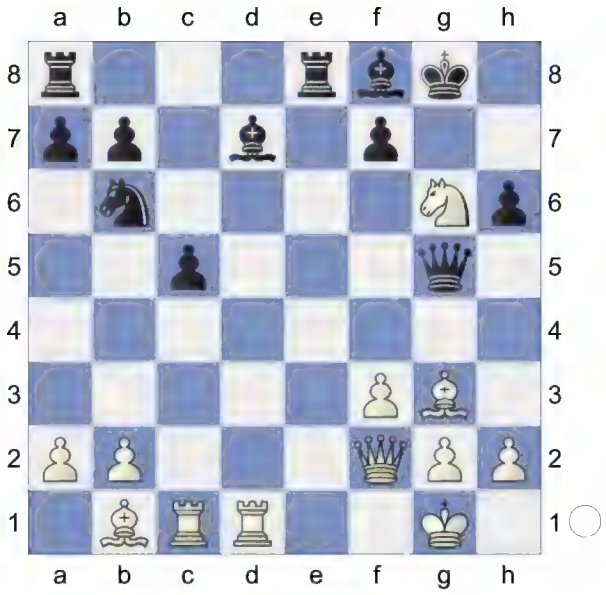
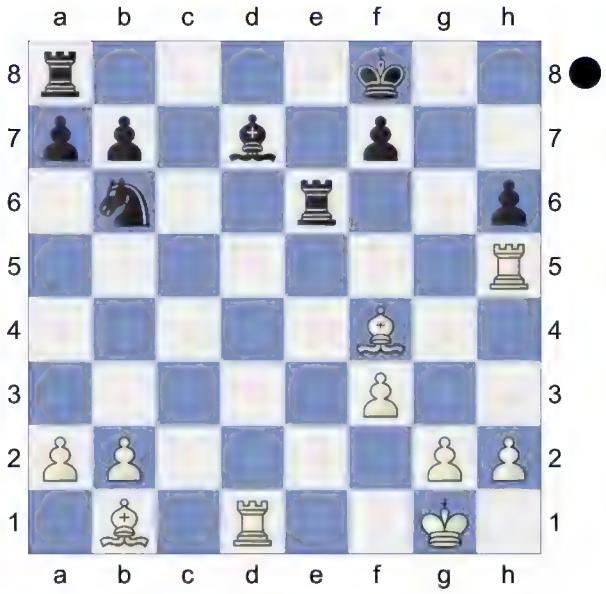


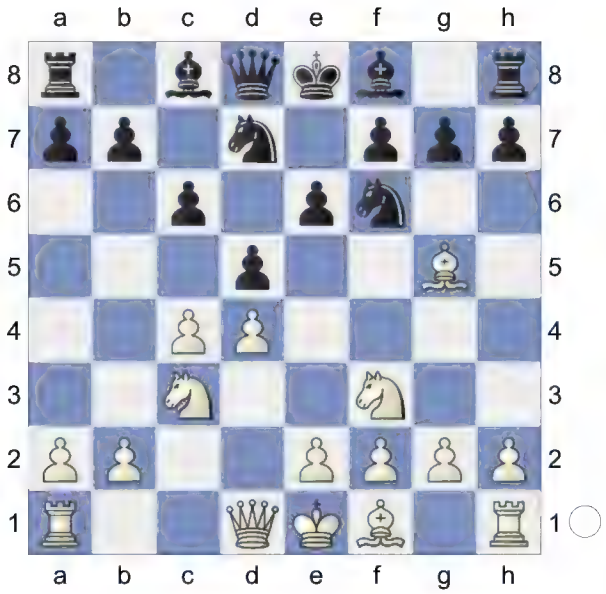
26.Nxf8 Kxf8 27.Rxc5 Qe3 28.Qxe3 Rxe3 Black is weak on the dark squares
29.Bf4 A strong pair of Bishops.
29...Re6 30.Rh5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.35. Loss on time!?
0-1

132 **D52**
□ **Ivanisevic,Ivan** **2557**
■ **Sedlak,Nikola** **2448**
Jugoslavija 81/371 2001
[Sedlak,Nikola]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



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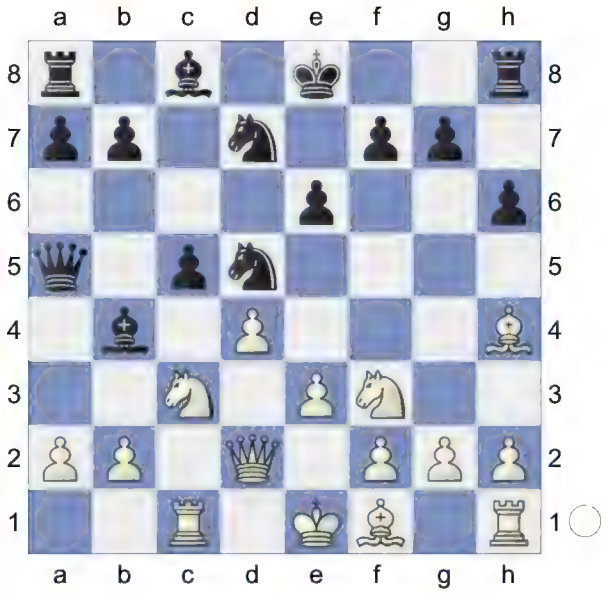

11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.e4 White is slightly better. **13...N5f6 14.Bd3 Bb7**

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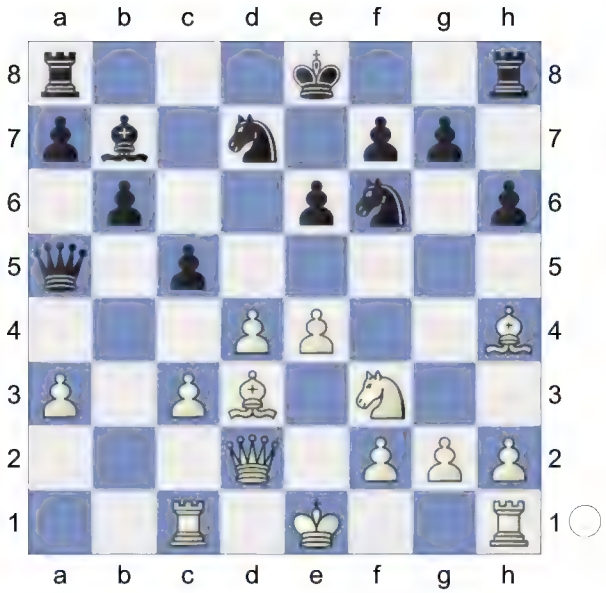
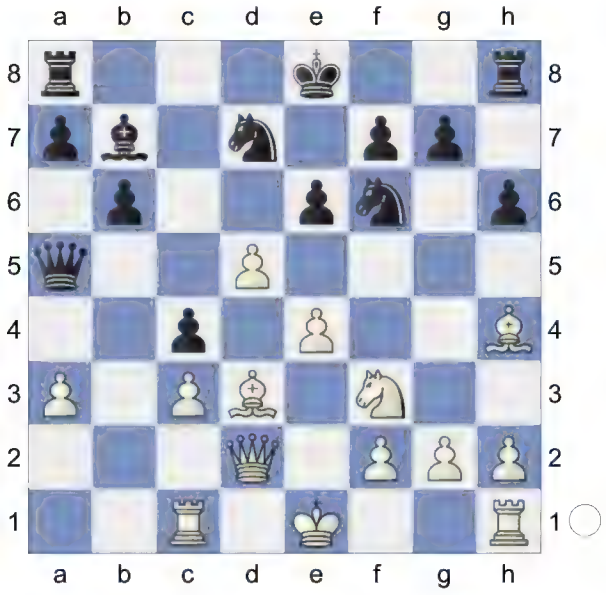


15.d5! c4



16.Bc2N -0.57/21
[16.dxe6 Ü 63/(395)]
[White should try 16.dxe6!= -0.01/24 cxd3 17.exd7+ Nxd7 18.Qxd3]
16...exd5!∓ 17.e5 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.e6! 0-0!! □
[19...fxe6? 3.49/21 19...0-0 -0.32 20.Qd6! g5 21.Qxe6+ Kd8

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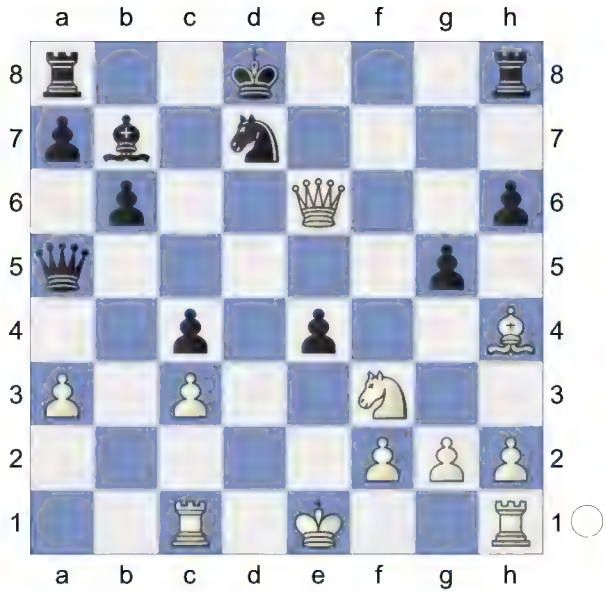

22.Rd1! Qxc3+ 23.Kf1 Qg7? 12.86/23 *(23...Qd3+ 2.97/20 24.Rxd3 exd3 25.Nxg5 hxg5)* 24.Ne5+-]
[19...Nc5? 20.Qd6! f6 21.Ne5! Ne5-g6 would kill now. Rd8 22.Qc7! 0-0 23.e7 Rde8 24.exf8Q+ Rxf8 25.Ng6 Nd3+ 26.Kd2 Nxc1 0.99/23 *(26...Qh5!± 0.53/23 27.Nxf8 e3+ 28.fxe3 Qxh4)* 27.Rxc1± e3+ 28.fxe3 -0.01/24 *(28.Ke1!± 1.23/23 Qxa3 29.Qxc4+ Rf7 30.Rd1)* 28...Qd5+= 29.Ke1 Black must now prevent Ng6-e7+. Qxg2 30.Qxc4+ Rf7 31.Ne7+ Kf8 32.Nf5 Rd7! 33.Bf2 Qh1+ 34.Qf1 Qxh2 35.Ng3+-]
[19...fxe6? 20.Qd6! g5 21.Qxe6+ Kd8 22.Rd1 Qxc3+ 23.Kf1+-]

20.Qxd7
[20.exd7? exf3
A) 21.d8Q? -17.06/23 21.0-0 -0.56 Raxd8 22.Bxd8 fxg2 23.Rg1 Re8+ 24.Kd1 Qa4+ 25.Rc2 Qxa3-+;
B) 21.gxf3 Bxf3 22.Rg1 Bh4-f6 is the strong threat. Qe5+ 23.Kf1 Qxh2 24.Be7? -6.30/29

(24.Qe3 -3.11/24 Qh3+ 25.Ke1 Qxh4 26.Qxf3 Qe7+ 27.Kf1 Qxd7 28.Rd1) 24...Qh3+ 25.Ke1 Rfd8 26.Bxd8 Rxd8-+;

C) 21.0-0! f6 Hoping for ...Ra8-d8. 22.Rfe1 -1.40/23 *(22.Qd6!= -0.12/20* was the only way to keep the balance.*)* 22...Rad8∓ 23.Bg3? -3.18/22 *(23.Re7∓ -1.53/21 Qb5 24.a4)* 23...Qa4-+ 24.Re7 aiming for Bg3-c7. Rf7∓]

20...exf3

21.Qxb7 Qe5+ 22.Kf1 Qf4 23.exf7+

[23.Qxf3? is the wrong capture. Qxc1+ 24.Ke2 Qxh1-+]

23...Kh7! 24.Re1

[24.Qxf3? loses. Qxc1+ 25.Ke2 Rae8+ *(25...Qxh1? 26.Qe4+ g6 27.Bf6-+; 25...Qxa3 26.Rd1∓)* 26.fxe8Q Rxe8+-+]

24...fxg2+→ White needs to defend precisely. **25.Kxg2** -0.59/22

[25.Qxg2= -0.01/24 Qxh4 26.Qf3]

25...Qxh4

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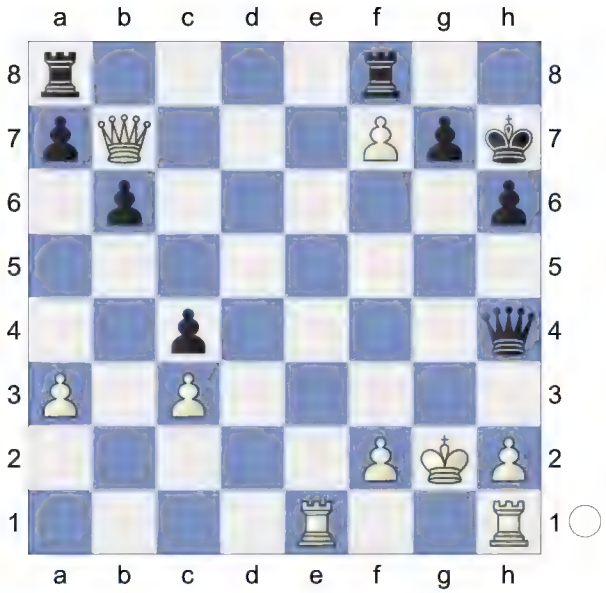
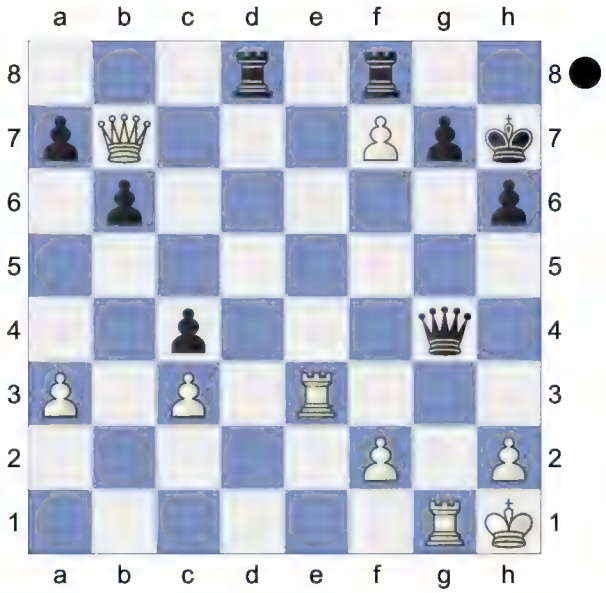


26.Rhg1! -1.11/21

[White should play 26.Qf3∓ -0.59/22]

26...Rad8∓ 27.Re3 Qg4+

[27...Qg4+ 28.Kh1



Rd1 -0.01/24 *(28...Qf5!∓* -1.05/22 Strongly threatening ...Rd8-d7. *29.Rf3 Qe6)* 29.Rxd1= Qxd1+ 30.Kg2 Qg4+ 31.Rg3 Qf5 32.Rf3=]

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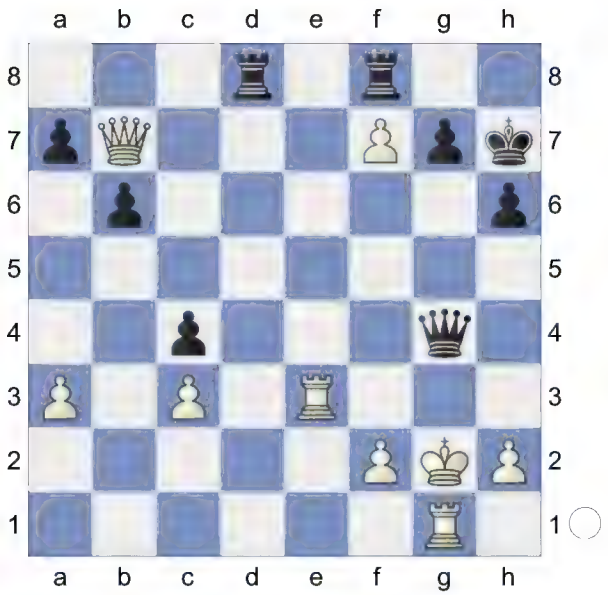

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

133 **D52**
Nyback,Tomi **2554**
Fridman,D2 **2578**
36. Olympiad (13) 28.10.2004
[R.Scherbakov]

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8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5 0.42/19
[10...0-0= 0.06/18 is more appropriate.]

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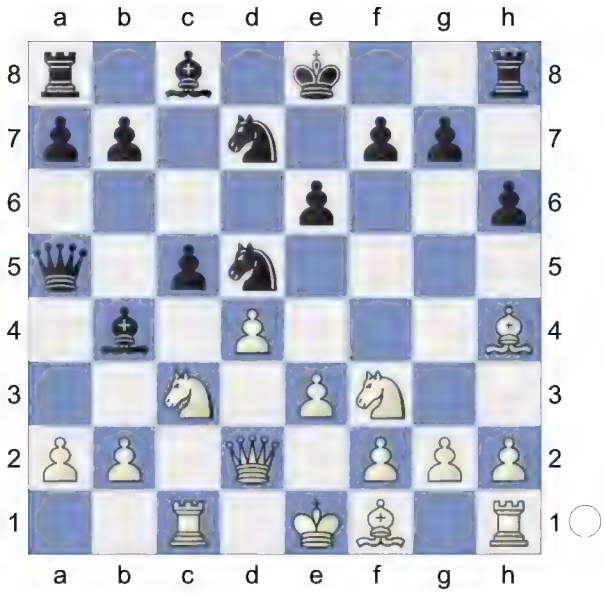

11.a3±
[11.Bd3 0.02/20 11.a2-a3 0.49 is supposed to be harmless for Black: Rogozenco,Dorian: '(R.Scherbakov) is supposed to be harmless for Black:' is supposed to be harmless for Black: cxd4 12.exd4 Recently he preferred to develop his Q-side first: Recently he preferred to develop his Q-side first: b6!? *(*or *12...0-0 13.0-0 b6* with good play for Black according to tournament practice Rogozenco, Dorian: 'is acceptable for Black as well' Rogozenco,Dorian: 'with good play for Black according to tournament practice R.Scherbakov: 'is acceptable for Black as well" with good play for Black according to tournament practice *)*

A) 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Bb7 is also good for Black. Then in case of 15.Bg3 he can think about Qxa3! *(*after *15...N5f6 16.Qb2 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.c4 0-0 19.0-0* a draw was agreed in the game Sakaev - Filippov, RUS-chT Smolensk 2000 a draw was agreed in the game Sakaev - Filippov, RUS-

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B) 13.0-0 Bb7 (*13...0-0* is acceptable for Black as well) 14.Bb5!? An interesting option - White is trying to exploit the fact that Black hasn't castled yet. The game Beliavsky - Bruzon, Calvia (ol) 2004continued An interesting option - White is trying to exploit the fact that Black hasn't castled yet. The game Beliavsky - Bruzon, Calvia (ol) 2004continued Qxb5 15.Nxb5 Bxd2 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Nxd2 Ba6 18.Rfe1 g5 19.Bg3 Kg7 20.Nf3 Rhd8 21.h4 g4 0.57/19 (*21...gxh4*= 0.13/23 *22.Bxh4 Rg8*) 22.Ne5± Nxe5 23.dxe5± with a certain advantage for White so perhaps Black should still castle first. with a certain advantage for White so perhaps Black should still castle first.]

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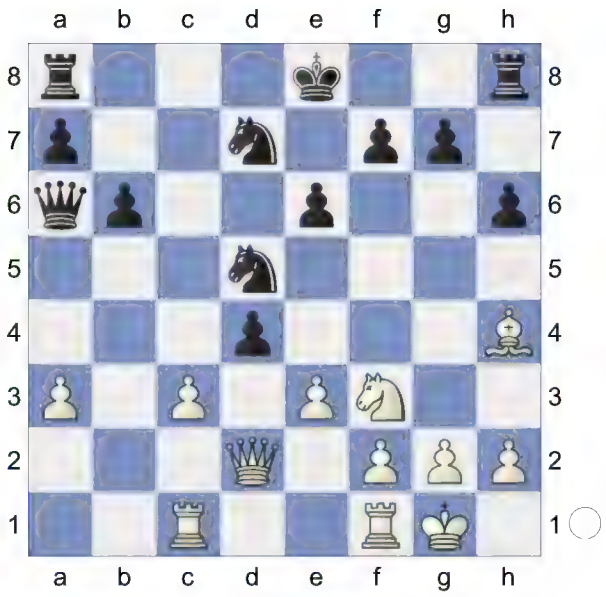

16.Qxd4 0-0

[16...Qxa3? 17.Qxg7 Qf8 18.Qd4+-]

17.e4

[17.e4!? Nf4□ 18.Qxd7 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nxc1 20.Rxc1=]

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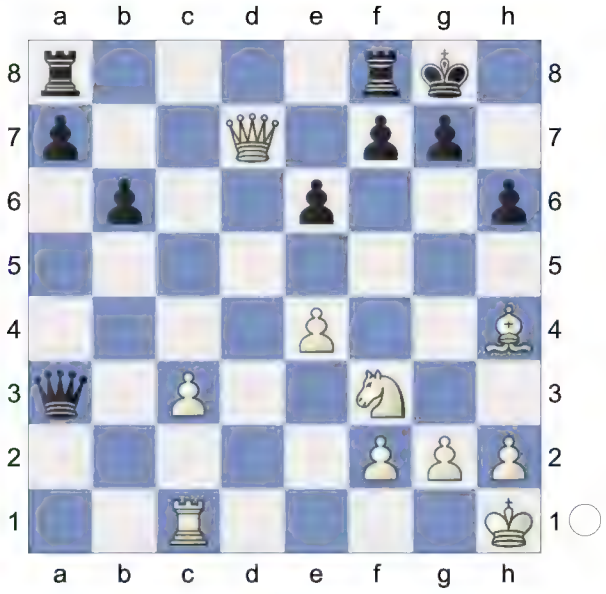


21.Qd2 Rac8 Black has compensation.

[A recent game Lutsko - Kveinys, Riga 2004 ended in a draw after Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: 'A recent game Lutsko - Kveinys, Riga 2004 ended in a draw after'' A recent

game Lutsko - Kveinys, Riga 2004 ended in a draw after Rogozenco, Dorian: 'Interesting is to keep the rook on a8:' 21...Rfc8 0.01/22 21...Qa3-c5 -0.36 22.Nd4 -0.35/22 *(22.Bg3=* 0.01/22 deserves consideration.*)* 22...a6 23.Ne2 -0.81/22 *(23.Bg3=* -0.08/18 remains equal.*)* 23...b5 24.Rb1 a5

A) 25.Rxb5? -2.74/22 25.f2-f3 -0.66 Rogozenco,Dorian Qa1+ 26.Ng1 Qxc3∓ -1.46/20 *(26...a4-+* -3.09/22 and Black stays clearly on top. *27.Qb2 Qf1)*;

B) 25.h3

B1) After 25...a4 Rogozenco, Dorian 26.Rxb5 -1.52/23 *(⌓26.f3* -0.76/20 *)* 26...Qa1+? 0.21/22 *(26...Rcb8!∓* -1.52/23 *27.Rxb8+ Rxb8)* 27.Kh2= a3? 3.73/21 White has *(27...Rcb8!∓* -0.71/21 and life is bright. *28.Rxb8+ Rxb8)* 28.Bf6!+-

B1a) 28...e5 8.68/24 28...a3-a2 4.29

B1a1) 29.Bxg7! Kxg7 30.Rb6 a2 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Qg5+ Kf8 33.Rh6+-;

B1a2) 29.Bxg7!+- 8.68/24 is the precise move to win. Kxg7 *(29...Ra6 30.Bxe5)* 30.Rb6;

B1a3) 29.Rb6? 0.74/23 29...a2? 15.16/21 *(29...Rcb8±* 0.74/23 *30.Qd5 Rxb6 31.Qxa8+ Kh7 32.Bxg7 Kxg7)*;

B1b) ⌓28...Rd8 4.00/20 29.Bxd8 a2;

B1c) 28...gxf6 15.72/21 29.Qxh6;

B2) Black should try 25...a4∓ -0.70/23;

B3) 25...Qa4 0.01/21 Rogozenco,Dorian: 'Centralizing the queen looks logical now.' 26.f3!= Qc4 Rogozenco,Dorian: 'The players agreed to a draw in Lutsko,I (2519)-Kveinys,A (2565)/ Riga 2004.']

22.Nd4 A rather important position for the assessment of the whole line is reached. With the queens on the board two minor pieces are often stronger than the rook but it is usually thanks to the attacking possibilities against the rival's king. Here it seems to be not easy as White has to take care of his c-pawn first of all. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R. Scherbakov: 'A rather important position for the assessment of the whole line is reached. With the queens on the board two minor pieces are often stronger than the rook but it is usually thanks to the attacking possibilities against the rival's king. Here it seems to be not easy as White has to take care of his c-pawn first of all." A rather important position for the assessment of the whole line is reached. With the queens on the board two minor pieces are often stronger than the rook but it is usually thanks to the attacking possibilities against the rival's king. Here it seems to be not easy as White has to take care of his c-pawn first of all.

[22.Bg3 -0.71/21 22.Nf3-e5 0.01 Rogozenco,Dorian Rfd8F]

22...a6 Rogozenco,Dorian: '!?' '!?' '!?' '!?' Rogozenco,Dorian: 'The move introduced into practice by A. Dreev.'

[The alternative 22...Qd6 does not solve the problems - see the game Ruck - Grabarczyk/ Griesheim 2003. Rogozenco,Dorian: '(R.Scherbakov) does not solve the problems - see the

game Ruck - Grabarczyk/ Griesheim 2003.' does not solve the problems - see the game Ruck - Grabarczyk/ Griesheim 2003.]

23.f4 -0.37/21

[After the restrained Rogozenco, Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: 'After the restrained''Rogozenco,Dorian: 'In the game Khalifman-Dreev, St Petersburg 2004 the draw was agreed immediately after' 23.f3 a draw was agreed in the game Khalifman - Dreev, St. Petersburg 2004. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: 'a draw was agreed in the game Khalifman - Dreev, St. Petersburg 2004.'' a draw was agreed in the game Khalifman - Dreev, St. Petersburg 2004.Rogozenco,Dorian: 'Black could continue' b5 Rogozenco, Dorian with a typical position for the present variation.]

[23.f3= 0.01/20 was preferrable.]

23...b5 24.Ne2 a5

[An immediate Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R. Scherbakov: 'An immediate'' Rogozenco,Dorian: 'Deserving attention is the idea of playing first' 24...Rc4!? was worthy of consideration. Rogozenco,Dorian: '⇄!?' ' ⇄!?' ' ⇄!?' ' ⇄!?' Rogozenco, Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: '!?' R. Scherbakov: 'was worthy of consideration.''Rogozenco,Dorian: 'and only then deciding whether to advance the pawns or continue ...♖fc8 first.']

25.Rb1 Rc4

(Diagram)

26.Rxb5

[26.Qd3 -1.32/21 26.Rb1xb5 -0.64 was well met by Rogozenco,Dorian: '(R.Scherbakov) was well met by' Rfc8! since 27.Rxb5? -3.60/22 was impossible due to *(27.Be1∓* -1.54/19 keeps fighting. *)* 27...Rxc3!]

26...Qa1+! 27.Be1 -0.87/20

[27.Ng1∓ -0.35/22]

27...Rxe4 0.01/23

[27...a4∓ -0.87/20 28.Nd4 a3]

28.Rb2 Qa3?! Black is playing with a fire - he avoids the repetition of moves Rb2-a2-b2 but objectively he can hardly get real winning chances here. Rogozenco,Dorian: '?' '?' '?' '?' Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'Black is playing with a fire - he avoids the repetition of moves Rb2-a2-b2 but objectively he can hardly get real winning chances here.'' Black is playing with a fire - he avoids the repetition of moves Rb2-a2-b2 but objectively he can hardly get real winning chances here.Rogozenco, Dorian: 'A serious mistake. Black wastes precious time.'

[Both 28...Ra8 Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.

Scherbakov']
[and Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R. Scherbakov: 'and''Rogozenco,Dorian: 'After' 28...a4 were quite good for Black. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R. Scherbakov: 'were quite good for Black.'' were quite good for Black. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'the position remains with mutual chances:'

A) 29.Ra2 Rogozenco,Dorian Qb1 30.h3? -3.40/21 *(30.Rb2= 0.01/23* and White has nothing to worry. *Qa1 31.Ra2)* 30...Rb8!-+ 31.Nc1 *(31.Kh2 a3!-+)* 31...Rb5!?↑ *(31...a3 32.Rxa3 Rb2↑* Wards off Ra3-a2 *)*;

B) 29.Ra2!? Qb1□ 30.Rb2=;

C) 29.h3 Rogozenco,Dorian 29...Ra8= Rogozenco,Dorian: '=' '=' '=' '=' '='. ...a4-a3 is the strong threat. 30.Ra2 *(30.Kh2? -2.18/21* 30.Rb2-a2 -0.01 *a3 31.Ra2 Qxa2 32.Qxa2 Rxe2 33.Qxe2 a2∓)* 30...Qb1 31.Kh2 *(31.Rb2 Qa1=)* 31...a3 And now ...Ra8-b8 would win. 32.Bf2

C1) 32...Rea4!?

C1a) 33.Bc5 R8a5∞ △34.Bb4? -4.13/25 *(34.Bd4=* -0.01/20 *)* 34...Rd5-+ 35.Nd4 Rxb4! 36.cxb4 Rxd4! 37.Qxd4? -9.33/23 *(37.Qe2* -3.49/24 *Rxb4 38.Rxa3)* 37...Qxa2-+;

C1b) 33.Bd4 Rb8 White must now prevent ...Qb1-b2! 34.c4 Strongly threatening Ne2-c3. Qb3 35.c5 -0.83/22 *(35.Be5=* 0.01/21 *Rc8 36.Ng3)* 35...Qd5∞;

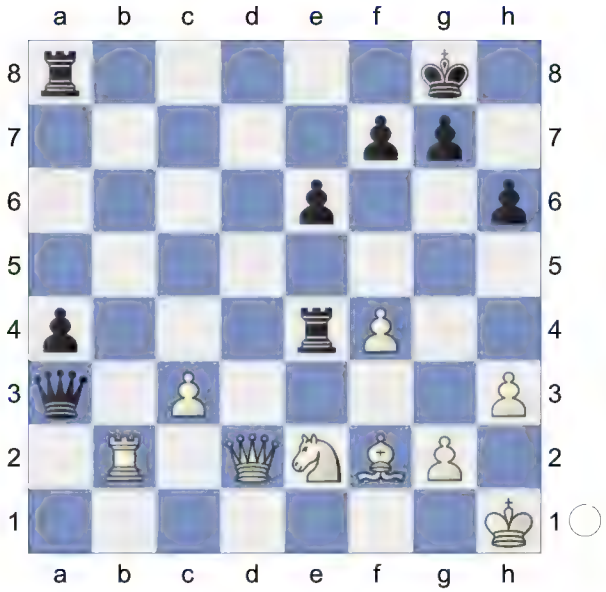
C2) 32...Qxa2 This is not forced, it's just enough to force a drawish variation. 33.Qxa2 Rxe2! 34.Qxe2 a2 35.Bd4 a1Q Hoping for ...Qa1-a3. 36.Qg4 f6 *(36...g6* 0.73/22 36...f7-f6 0.01 *37.Qh4↑)* 37.Bxf6 Qa7 38.Qxe6+ Qf7=]

29.Bf2

[29.Ra2 Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R. Scherbakov' Qc5 30.Ng3 could have been met by Qb5!? 31.h3 Ra4 with good play.]

29...a4 30.h3 Ra8 0.45/24

[30...Rc4!= 0.00/23]



31.Bd4 The bishop is excellently placed on the long diagonal, keeping an eye on both Black's passed pawn and the king. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: 'The bishop is excellently placed on the long diagonal, keeping an eye on both Black's passed pawn and the king.'' The bishop is excellently placed on the long diagonal, keeping an eye on both Black's passed pawn and the king.

[However, 31.Rb7!? seemed more energetic. Rogozenco,Dorian: '(R. Scherbakov) seemed more energetic. ']

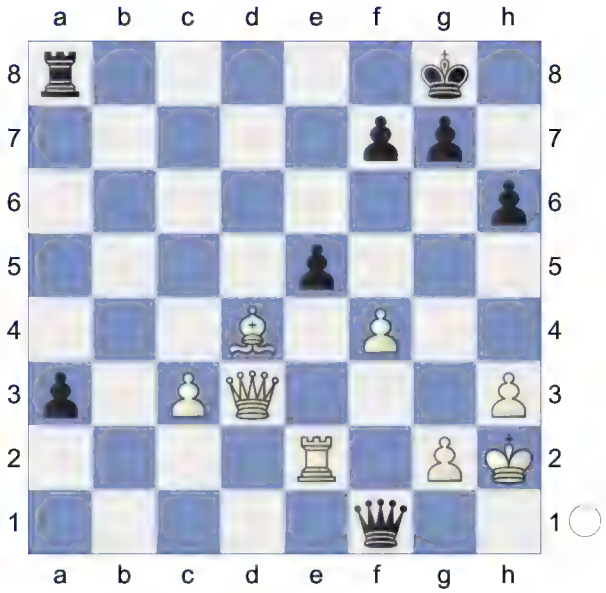
31...Qa1+ Black's queen goes back - it is

hard to believe such a waste of time can bring good results but White was also playing rather slowly. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: 'Black's queen goes back - it is hard to believe such a waste of time can bring good results but White was also playing rather slowly.'' Black's queen goes back - it is hard to believe such a waste of time can bring good results but White was also playing rather slowly. **32.Kh2** aiming for Qd2-c2. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'It is obvious that Black has simply lost two tempi. In a dynamic position he can't allow himself such a luxury.' **32...a3** **33.Ra2** **Qf1** 0.93/23 A fatal mistake - Black probably missed White's forthcoming ideas. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: '?' R. Scherbakov: 'A fatal mistake - Black probably missed White's forthcoming ideas.''

[33...Qb1 should have been played. White's chances look preferable after the possible Rogozenco,Dorian: '(R. Scherbakov) should have been played. White's chances look preferable after the possible' should have been played. White's chances look preferable after the possible 34.Nc1 followed by Nc1-d3 but Black was still very much alive.]

[33...Qb1= 0.17/27 keeps the balance.]

34.Qd3!± Precisely calculated! Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: '!' R. Scherbakov: 'Precisely calculated!'' **34...Rxe2** **35.Rxe2→** Perhaps Black thought his a-pawn becomes very strong here but actually his king has already become an easy target. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: 'Perhaps Black thought his a-pawn becomes very strong here but actually his king has already become an easy target.'' Perhaps Black thought his a-pawn becomes very strong here but actually his king has already become an easy target. Black is in trouble. **35...e5?** 1.97/25



The interesting but losing. Rogozenco, Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: '?' R. Scherbakov: 'The interesting but losing.'' **36.Qe4!+-** Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R. Scherbakov: '!''

[Of course, not 36.Bxe5? 0.21/22 36.Qd3-e4 2.15 Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov' a2 37.Qg3 g6 and White doesn't have Re2-e6, attacking the g6-pawn. and White doesn't have Re2-e6, attacking the g6-pawn.]

[36.fxe5 a2 37.c4 Rd8∓]

36...Ra5 5.05/25

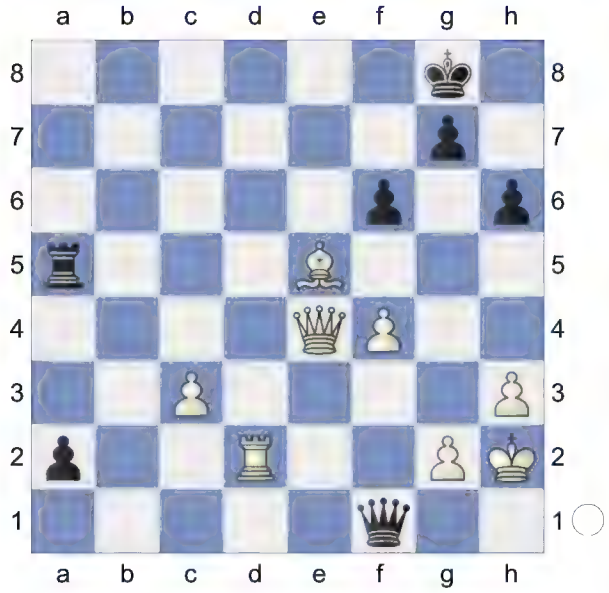
[The endgame after 36...Qxf4+ Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov' 37.Qxf4 exf4 38.Ra2+- was winning for White.]

[36...Qxf4+ 2.18/25 37.Qxf4 exf4]

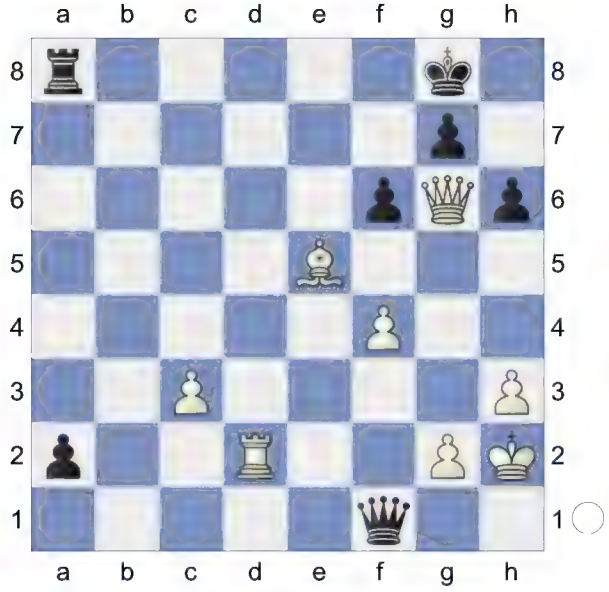
37.Bxe5 White wants to mate with Re2-d2. **37...a2** 13.90/25

[⌓37...Qd1 4.19/22 38.Ra2 Qb3]

38.Rd2 Black just cannot defend his king. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R.Scherbakov: 'Black just cannot defend his king.''
38...f6



39.Qg6! Ra8
[39...Qh1+ 40.Kxh1]



40.Rd7!

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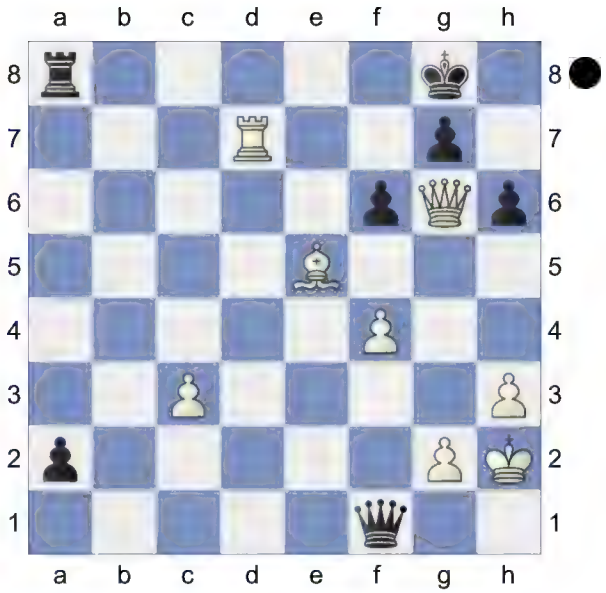

Resigned. Rogozenco,Dorian: 'R. Scherbakov: 'Resigned.''.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.48
1-0

134	**D52**
□ **Babula,Vlastimil**	**2551**
■ **Gurevich,Mikhail**	**2641**
Saint-Vincent 84/373	2002
[Kitty Kat]	

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508''
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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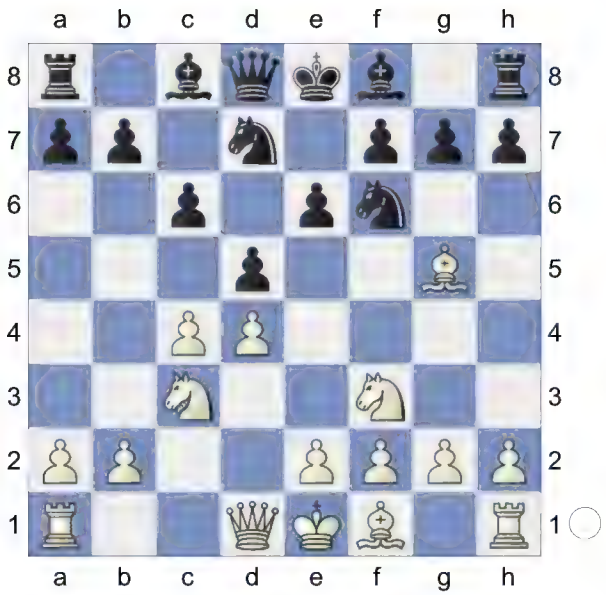


6.e3 Qa5

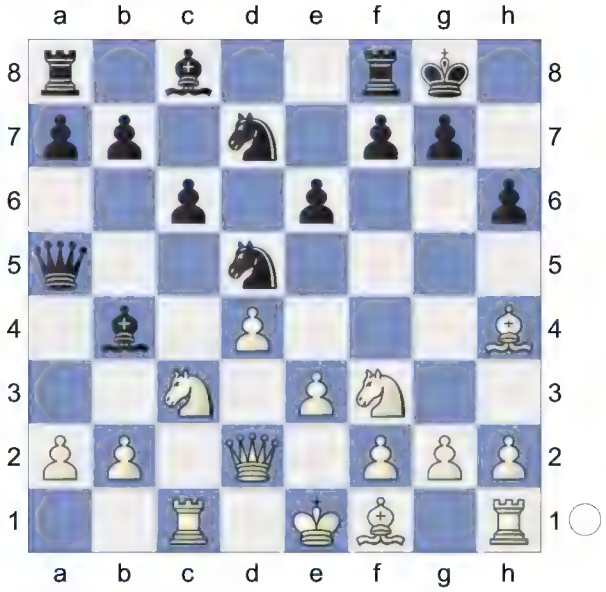
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

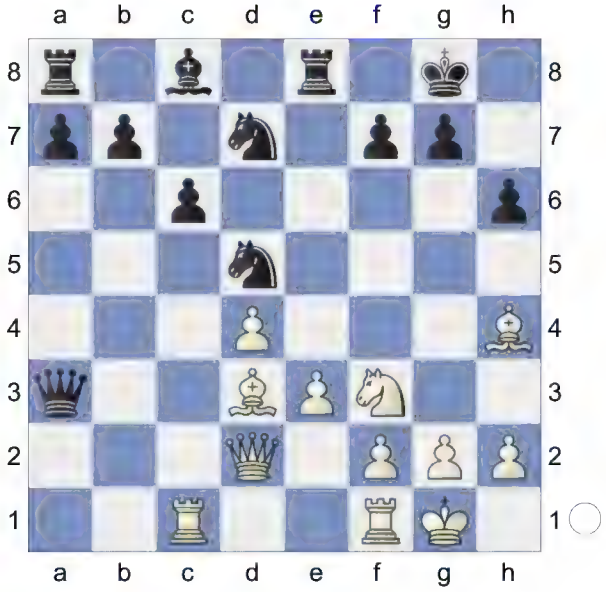
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0



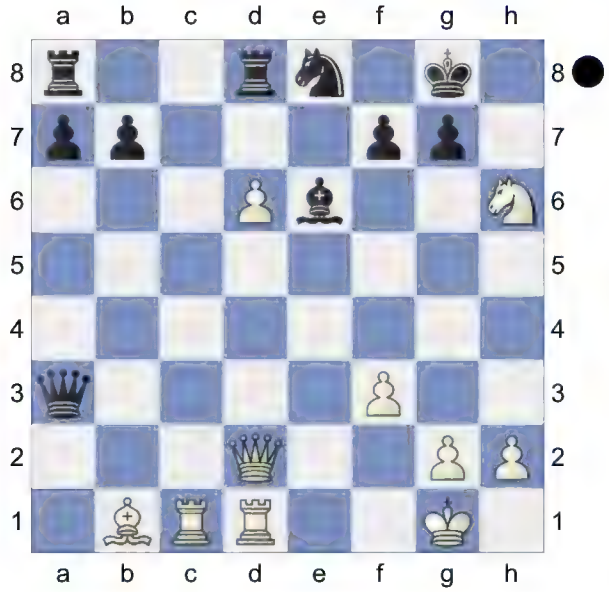
11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 exd4 14.cxd4 Qxa3 15.0-0 Re8 0.35/21

[15...Qb4= -0.03/18]



16.e4± Nf4 Deflection **17.Bb1 Ng6 18.d5** -0.52/20
[18.Bg3= -0.10/18]
18...cxd5∓ 19.exd5 Nxh4 20.Nxh4 Nf6

21.d6 Rd8 22.Rfd1 Bg4 23.f3 Be6 24.Nf5 Ne8 Hoping for ...Be6xf5.
25.Nxh6+



Kf8!
[25...gxh6 26.Qxh6 Rxd6 27.Bh7+ Kh8 28.Re1+-]

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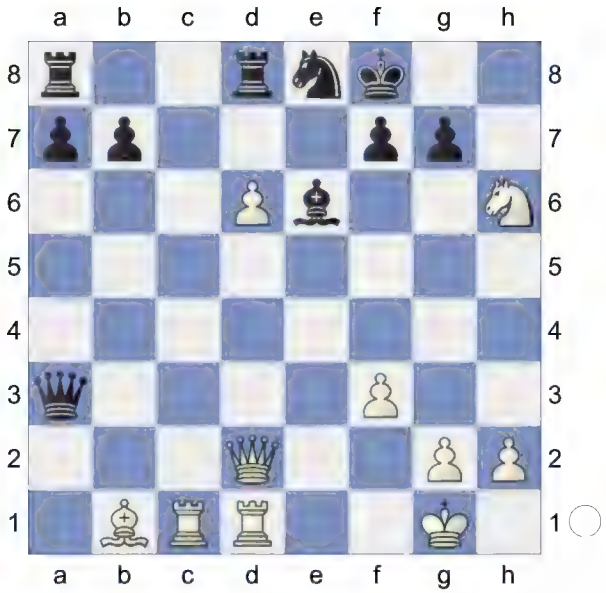
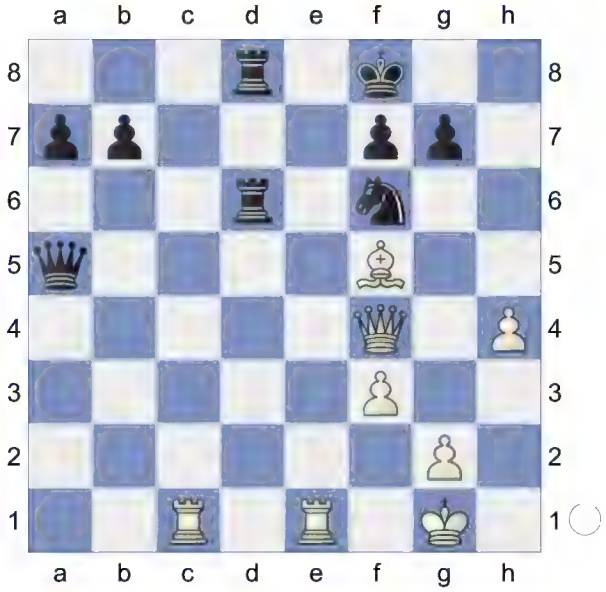


26.Nf5 Bxf5 27.Bxf5 Rxd6 28.Qf4 Rad8 29.Re1 aiming for Qf4-h4.
29...Nf6 30.h4 Qa5



Repels Rc1-c7 **31.Kh2**

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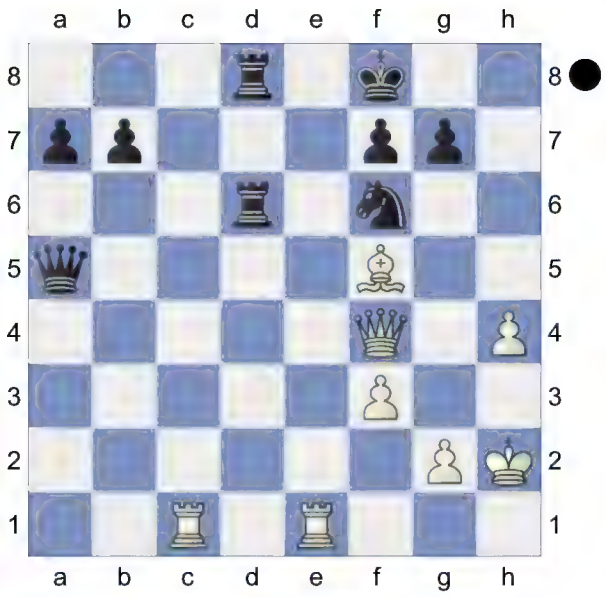
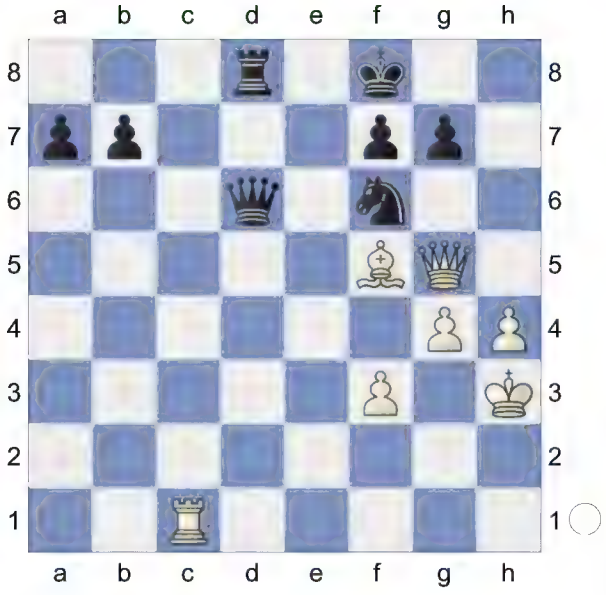
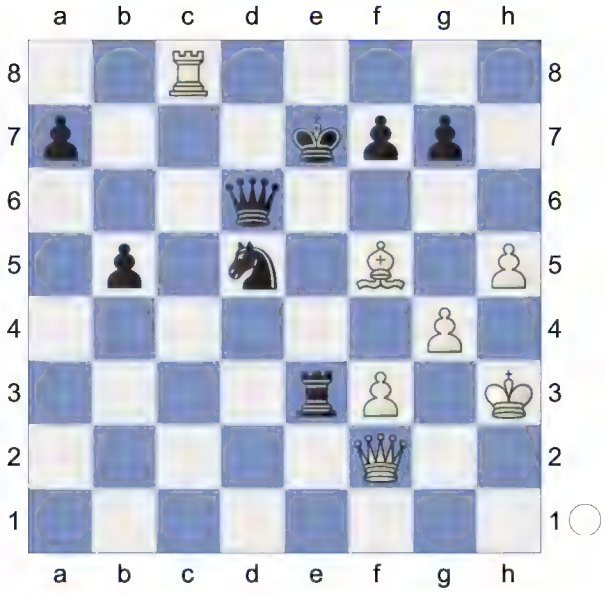


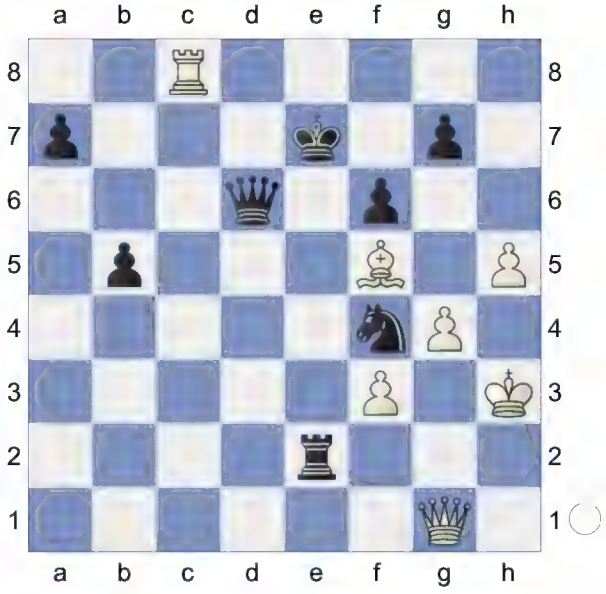
Rd4! 32.Qg5 R4d5 33.g4 Re5 34.Rxe5 Qxe5+ 35.Kh3 Qd6 -1.09/22
[35...b6-+ -1.90/22 Strongly threatening ...a7-a5. 36.Rc2 Rd1]



36.h5 -1.94/21
[36.Rc3∓ -1.09/22 keeps fighting.]
36...Nd5 -1.45/23
[36...Qe5-+ -1.94/21 And now ...Rd8-d3 would win. 37.Rc2 b5]
37.Rc4∓ Re8 -0.61/21
[37...b5∓ -1.52/21 38.Rd4 a5]
38.Qd2? -6.63/22
[38.Bd3∓ -0.61/21]
38...Re3-+ 39.Qf2 b5? -0.32/22
[39...Nf4+-+ -5.90/21 40.Rxf4 Qxf4]
40.Rc8+∓ Ke7

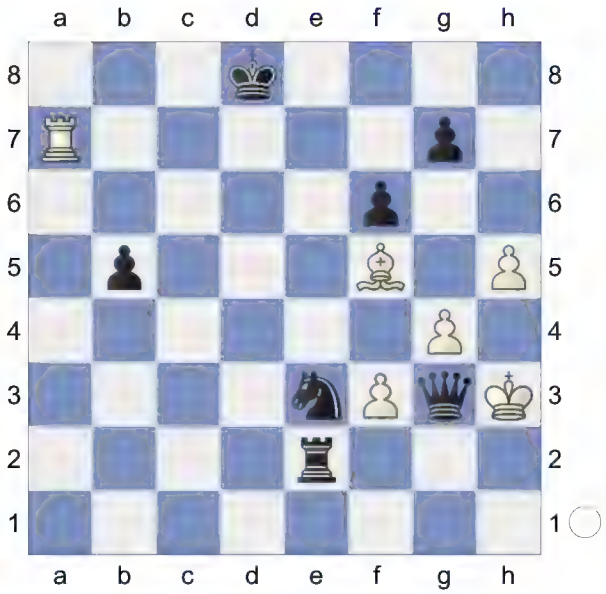


41.Qh4+ f6 -0.01/22
[41...Qf6∓ -0.72/23 42.Qxf6+ Kxf6]
42.Qg3= The position is equal. **42...Nf4+**
[42...Qe5 simplifies 43.Qxe5+ Rxe5 44.Ra8 Kd6]
43.Kh4 Re2 44.Qg1! Ng2+ 45.Kh3 Nf4+

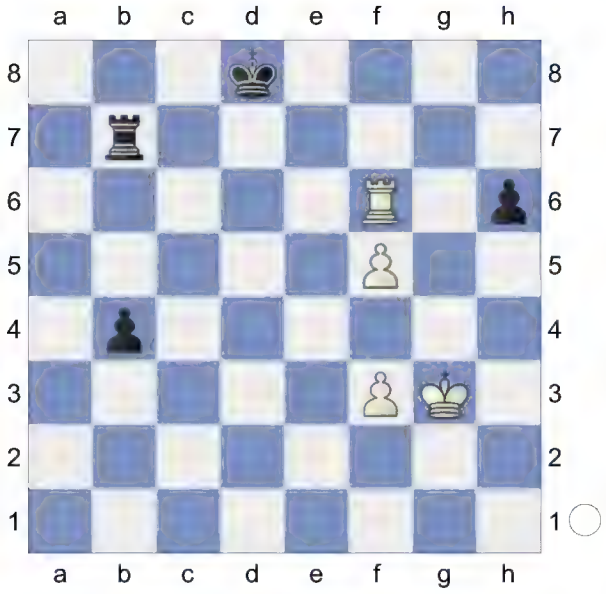


46.Kh4 Ng2+ 47.Kh3 White is weak on the dark squares **47...Ne3P** Black puts

up resistance **48.Ra8 Qf4 49.Rxa7+ Kd8 50.Qg3** Dancing on a razor blade. **50...Qxg3+**



51.Kxg3 Nxf5+ 52.gxf5 KR-KR **52...Re7 53.Ra6 Rb7** Threatens to win with ...b5-b4. **54.h6!** Deflection **54...gxh6 55.Rxf6 b4**



56.Rxh6 Rb5

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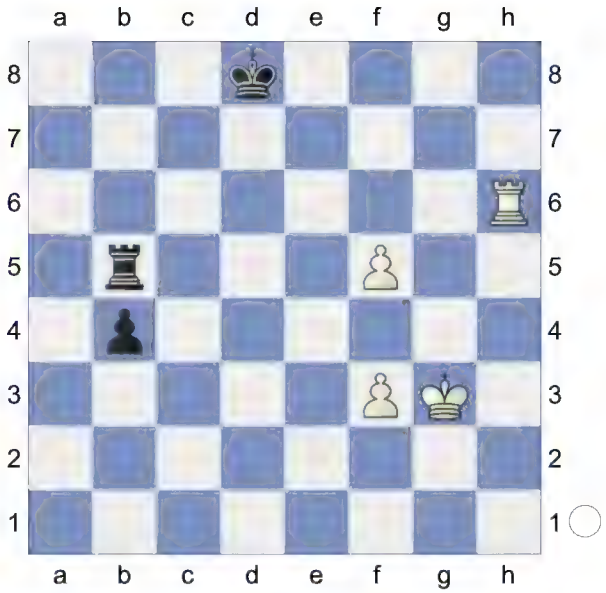

White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

135 **D52**
□ **Rogers,Ian** **2550**
■ **Smagin,Sergey** **2550**
Prague Chip Prague CZE (10) 1992
[Ftacnik,Lubomir]

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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

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[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto, R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.Bg5 c6

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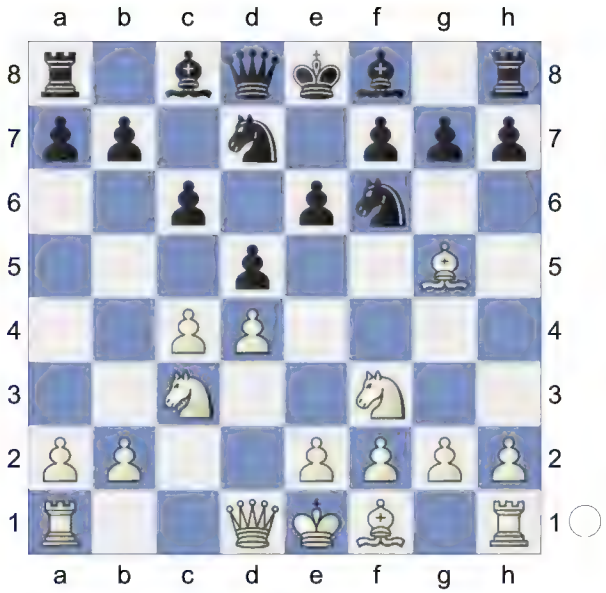


6.e3N

[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.Bd3 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The old continuation'

[The old continuation 10.e4 (R.Scherbakov) is not popular nowadays. A possible continuation is Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'is not popular nowadays. A possible continuation is' Nxc3 11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 e5! 13.Bd3 exd4 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'in the game R. Garcia Vera - Sanguinetti, Mar del Plata 1946 after' *(* in the game R. Garcia Vera - Sanguinetti, Mar del Plata 1946 after R.Scherbakov: 'in the game R. Garcia Vera - Sanguinetti, Mar del Plata 1946 after' *13...Re8 14.0-0 Bd6 15.Bh4* followed by Bg3 White achieved an advantage*)* 14.cxd4 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Nb6

The ending looks acceptable for Black. The game Trifunovic - Bergqvist, Dubrovnik (ol) 1950 continued with Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The ending looks acceptable for Black. The game Trifunovic - Bergqvist, Dubrovnik (ol) 1950 continued with' 16.Nc4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Re8 *(17...h6?! 18.Be3 Re8 19.f3 b6 20.Kf2 Bb7 21.g4 Bf8 22.h4 g6 23.Rhd1±* was slightly better for White, Kan - Levenfish, Leningrad 1934 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was slightly better for White, Kan - Levenfish, Leningrad 1934') 18.f3 b5 19.Bb3 a5 20.Kf2 a4 21.Bc2 Be6 22.d5 cxd5 23.Rxb5 dxe4 24.Bxe4 Rab8↑ with an initiative on the queenside. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'with an initiative on the queenside.']

10...h6

11.Bh4 e5 12.a3 N R.Scherbakov: 'Ftacnik: 'N"

[12.0-0 exd4 R.Scherbakov: 'Ftacnik' *(12...Re8!* (R.Scherbakov) was considered in the game Shirov - Piket, Aruba (m/6) 1995.*)* 13.exd4 Re8 14.Bb1 Nf8 15.Ne5 Be6

A) 16.Qc2 Ne7 17.Ne4 -1.11/21 *(17.a3=* -0.04/20 remains equal. *Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Qxc3 19.bxc3)* 17...Nf5∓ 18.a3 Nxd4 19.axb4 -1.78/23 *(19.Qd1∓* -1.03/20 *Qxe5 20.f4)* 19...Qxe5∓ Conquest,S-Smagin,S/Hastings Masters/1990/;

B) 16.Qd3 Nf4 17.Qf3 N4g6 18.Bg3 Nxe5 19.Bxe5 f6 20.Bf4 Rad8= Uhlmann,W-Smagin,S/Dortmund-A/1991/]

12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 exd4 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'Taking the opportunity.' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Black has other possibilities. The principled'

[Black has other possibilities. The principled R.Scherbakov: 'Black has other possibilities. The principled' 13...Qxa3 R.Scherbakov 14.0-0 Re8 is considered in the game Shirov - Piket, Amsterdam 1995 Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'is considered in the game Shirov - Piket, Amsterdam 1995']

[13...Re8!? 0.23/21 13...e5xd4 -0.14 (R.Scherbakov) deserves serious attention, the game Beliavsky - Oll, Polanica Zdroj 1996 continued with Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'deserves serious attention, the game Beliavsky - Oll, Polanica Zdroj 1996 continued with' 14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Ne7! *(15...Nc7?* is much weaker: *16.0-0 Ne6 17.Rfe1 b6 18.Bf5 exd4 19.exd4±* with a certain advantage in the previous encounter between same opponents, Beliavsky - Oll, Netherlands (ch-team) 1995 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'with a certain advantage in the previous encounter between same opponents, Beliavsky - Oll, Netherlands (ch-team) 1995') 16.0-0 *(16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.d5±* could promise a small edge for White,

according to Lembit Oll) 16...exd4 17.exd4 Nf8 18.Rfe1 Bf5!

A) 19.Rxe7 Bxd3 20.Rxb7 Ne6!⩱;

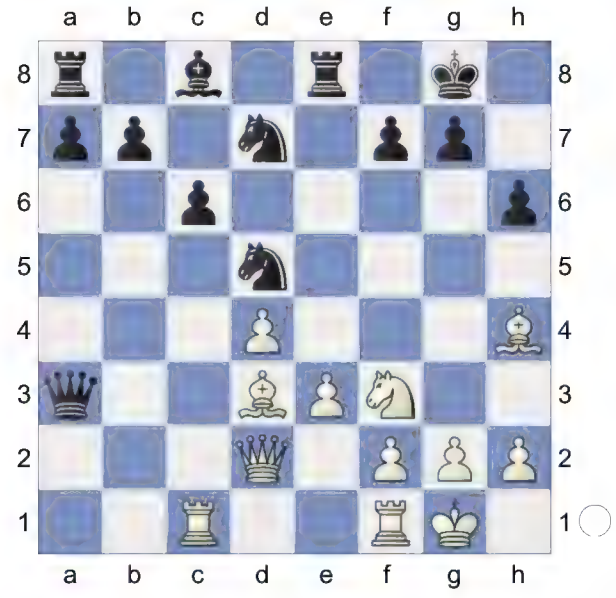
B) 19.Bxe7 -0.05/20 19.Bd3-f1 0.31 Bxd3 20.d5 -0.76/22 Prevents Nf8-e6 *(20.Re3=* -0.05/20 *)* 20...Ng6∓ 21.d6! Bf5!;

C) 19.Bf1 Neg6 20.Bg3 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rd8 and Black has achieved good counterplay. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and Black has achieved good counterplay.']

14.cxd4 The position is equal.

[14.exd4 -0.91/21 14.c3xd4 0.02 R.Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'looks suspicious:' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '?!' Re8+ 15.Be2 N7f6 R.Scherbakov: 'and Black takes the initiative.' 16.c4 -1.56/22 R.Scherbakov: 'Ftacnik' *(*White should try *16.Bxf6* -1.00/21 *Nxf6 17.0-0)* 16...Qxd2+∓ 17.Kxd2 Ne4+ 18.Ke1? -4.12/20 *(18.Kc2∓* -1.46/22 *Nxf2* Discovered Attack *19.Rhe1 Bf5+ 20.Kb3)* 18...Nf4↑]

14...Qxa3 15.0-0 Re8



16.Bb1 -0.36/20 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'An important moment of game:'

[R.Scherbakov: 'An important moment of game:' 16.e4 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' '!?' R.Scherbakov: 'was worthy of consideration and after possible' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'was worthy of consideration and after possible'

A) 16...Nb4 0.73/20 16...Nd5-f4 0.23 R.Scherbakov 17.Bc4 Threatens to win with Rc1-a1. Nb6 1.99/21 *(17...Na6±* 0.80/21 *)* 18.Ne5↑;

B) 16...Nf4= 0.27/20;

C) 16...N5b6 0.78/20 17.Rfe1N R.Scherbakov: '⩱''⩱''⩱' R.Scherbakov: 'with good compensation for the pawn.' R.Scherbakov: 'with good compensation for the pawn. Ftacnik: 'N'' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '⩱' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'with good compensation for the pawn.']

[16.e4= 0.21/19 Nb4 *(16...Nf4 17.Bb1=)* 17.Bc4]

16...Qb4 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' '!?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'The game Frosch - Rabiega, Graz 1997 continued with'

[The game Frosch - Rabiega, Graz 1997 continued with R.Scherbakov: 'The game Frosch - Rabiega, Graz 1997 continued with' 16...N5b6 R.Scherbakov 17.e4 Nf8 with complicated play.]

17.Qd3 Nf8 Prevents Qd3-h7+. Active counter play! **18.Ne5?** -1.99/20 R.Scherbakov: 'An unexpected and already fatal mistake which can be explained by careless calculation.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'An unexpected and already fatal mistake which can be explained by careless calculation.'. This move loses the game for White.

[18.e4 R.Scherbakov: '!?' '!?' '!?' R. Scherbakov: 'came into consideration although Black is already fine:' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'came into consideration although Black is already fine:' Nf4 19.Qe3

A) 19...N8g6!? R.Scherbakov 20.Bg3 and now Black can go for a repetition by Nd5!? *(20...Nh5!?)* 21.Qd3

A1) 21...Nf6 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Bxe5 Ng4 0.94/19 *(23...Nd7=* 0.19/18 keeps the balance. *)* 24.Bg3↑;

A2) 21...Ndf4 22.Qe3 *(22.Qc2* -1.45/20 22.Qd3-e3 -0.01 *Bg4)* 22...Nd5= as White's strong pawn center and pair of Bishops should not be underestimated. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'as White's strong pawn center and pair of Bishops should not be underestimated.';

B) 19...N4g6 20.Bg3N R.Scherbakov: 'Ftacnik: 'N"]

[18.e4∓ -0.33/20 Nf4 19.Qe3]

18...Rxe5!-+ Pin **19.Rc4** -2.77/21

[19.dxe5 Qxh4-+]

[⌓19.dxe5 -1.99/21 Qxh4 20.f4]

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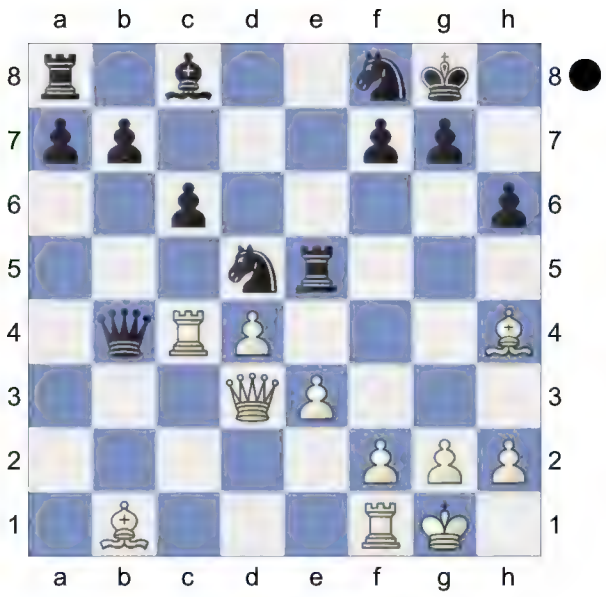

19...Bf5! R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' '!' R. Scherbakov: 'An excellent blow which leaves Black with a material advantage in all variations.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'An excellent blow which leaves Black with a material advantage in all variations.' **20.Qxf5** Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'or'

[R.Scherbakov: 'There were no good alternatives:' 20.Rxb4? -6.38/24 20.Qd3xf5 -2.61 Bxd3 21.Rxb7 Bxf1 22.dxe5 Bb5-+]

[R.Scherbakov: 'or' 20.Qe2 Qb5 21.dxe5 Bxb1-+ R.Scherbakov: 'with a decisive advantage.' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'with a decisive advantage.']

20...Qxc4

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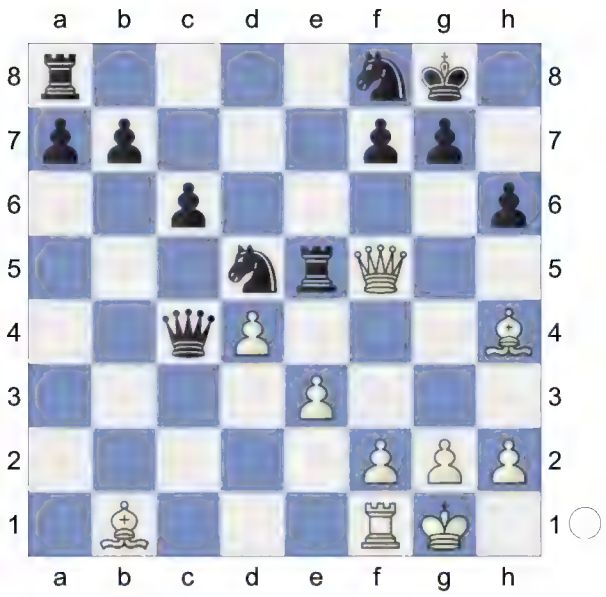
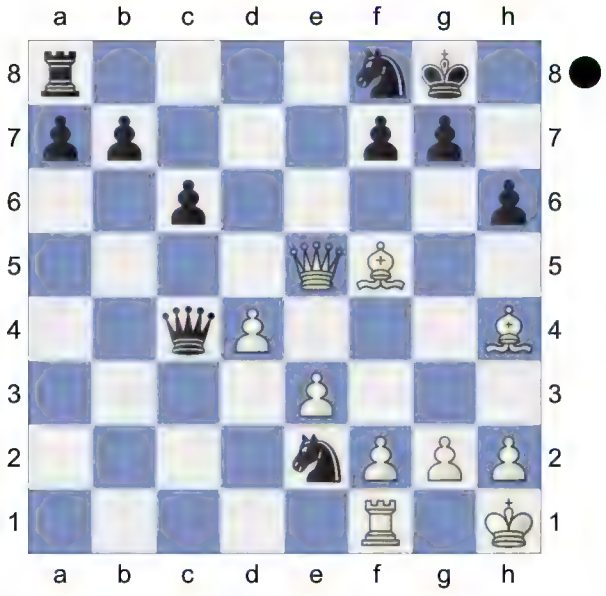


21.Qxe5 Nc3 R.Scherbakov: '-+' '-+' '-+' R.Scherbakov: 'The things happen to be much worse for White as further exchanges are inevitable in view of the threat ...Ne2-g3!' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '-+' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The things happen to be much worse for White as further exchanges are inevitable in view of the threat ...Ne2-g3!'. Dodges Qe5-e4. aiming for ...Nc3-e2+. **22.g4** -3.17/19

[22.Bf5? -5.80/21 22.h2-h3 -2.12 Ne2+ 23.Kh1



Ng3+-+ -2.07/5 R.Scherbakov: '-+!' '-+!' '-+!' R.Scherbakov: 'Ftacnik: '-+'' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '-+!' *(⌓23...Nxd4!* -5.92/21 *24.Rb1 Nxf5* Discovered Attack *25.Qxf5 Qxh4 26.Rxb7 Qc4)*]

[22.h3 -2.26/21 was worth a try.]

22...Nxb1 23.Rxb1 Ng6 24.Qh5 b5 And now ...a7-a5 would win. **25.Bg3 a5**

Ftacnik,L R.Scherbakov: 'White resigned as he has no chance to stop Black's pawns.' R.Scherbakov: 'White resigned as he has no chance to stop Black's pawns. Ftacnik: 'Ftacnik,L'' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '#White resigned as he has no chance to stop Black's pawns.'.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.06 (flawless)

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□ **Halkias,Stelios** **2550**

■ **Luther,Thomas** **2551**

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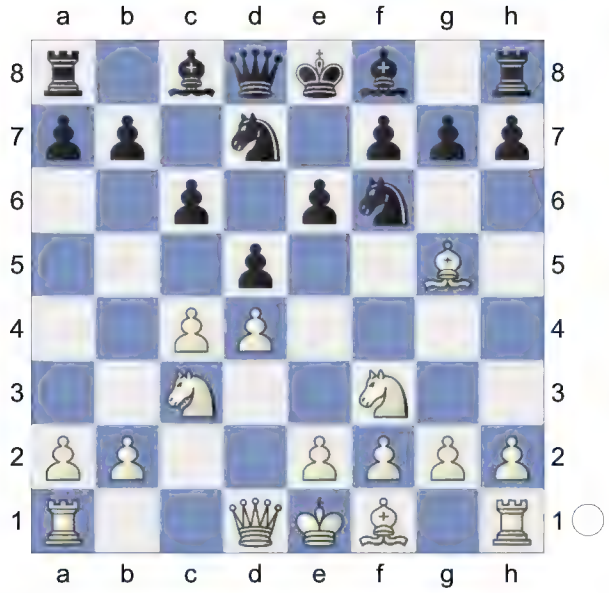
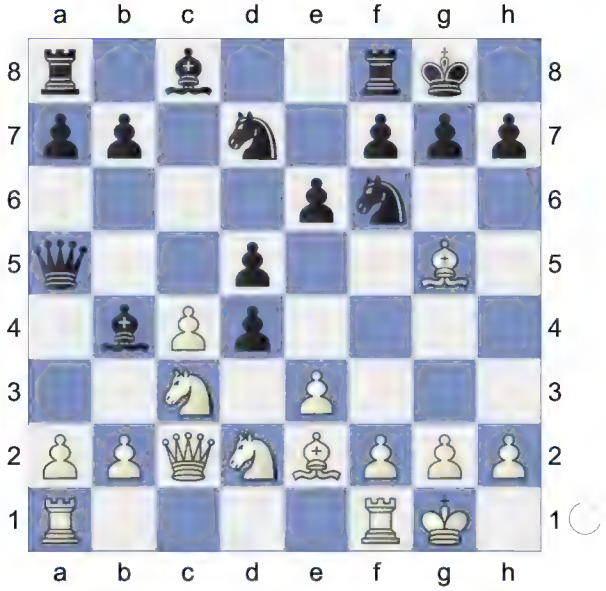
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.Nf3 Tsesarsky Tsesarsky Tsesarsky
1...Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

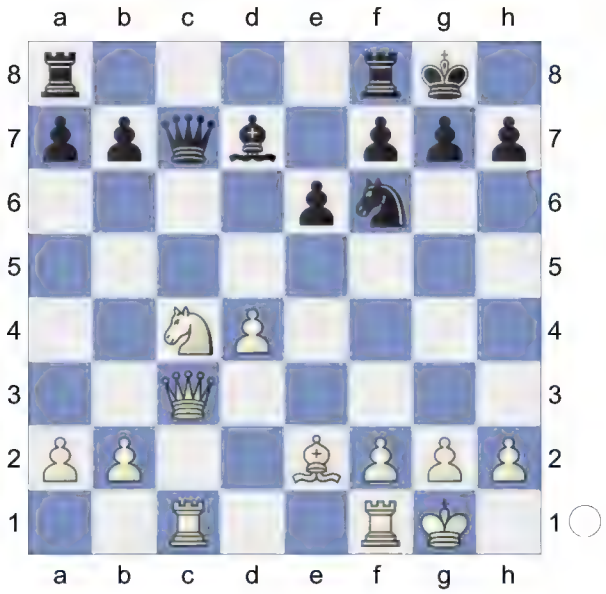


6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]
7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 cxd4



11.exd4 This move is not strongest.
[The mainline is 11.Nb3 -see detailed commented game
1-0 Rahman,Z-Prakash,G/Guntur, AP 2000/CBM 77[Tsesarsky,I] (44)]
11...dxc4 12.Bxf6
[12.Be3 Nb6 13.Nxc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7 15.Qb3 Bc6 16.Ne2 Bd5∓ 0-1 Benitah,Y-Payen,A/Enghien les Bains 1995/EXT 97 (35)]
[12.Bh4 -see commented game
½-½ Kramnik,V-Ivanchuk,V/Luzern 1993/CBM 38[Ftachnik,L] (19)]
12...Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Excellent

horsemanship. **13...Qc7**
[13...Qd8 14.Rfd1 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nd5 16.Ne3 0.08/17 *(16.Ne5± 0.57/17)* 16...Qc7 0.45/19 *(16...Nxe3= 0.08/17 17.fxe3 Bd7)* 17.Rac1 0.04/20 *(17.Nxd5± 0.45/19* should be considered. *exd5 18.Re1)* 17...Bd7± 1-0 Nikolajevs,D-Kukovec,B/ Tallinn 1997/EXT 98 (17)]
14.Rac1
[14.Qb3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 b6 16.Ne5 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.a4F 1-0 Gregor,J-Suran,J/CZE 1998/EXT 99 (49)]
14...Bxc3 15.Qxc3 The position is equal.
[15.bxc3 Bd7 16.Ne5=]
15...Bd7



16.Ne5 Qb6 17.Bf3 Isolated ♙d4 is potential weakness. 2 pairs of pieces have already disappeared from the board, and thi factor is in Black's favour. On the other hand, white ♗f3 and ♘e5 are active, and pressure on c-file makes position of White good. **17...Rfd8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.b3 Nd5 20.Qc5 Qd6**

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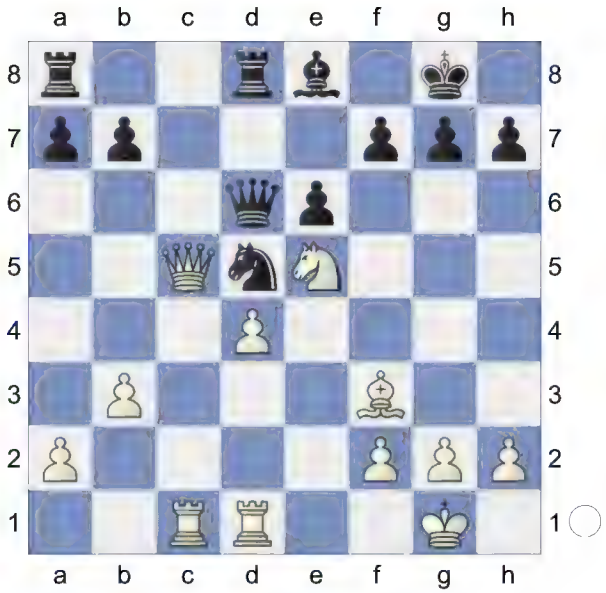


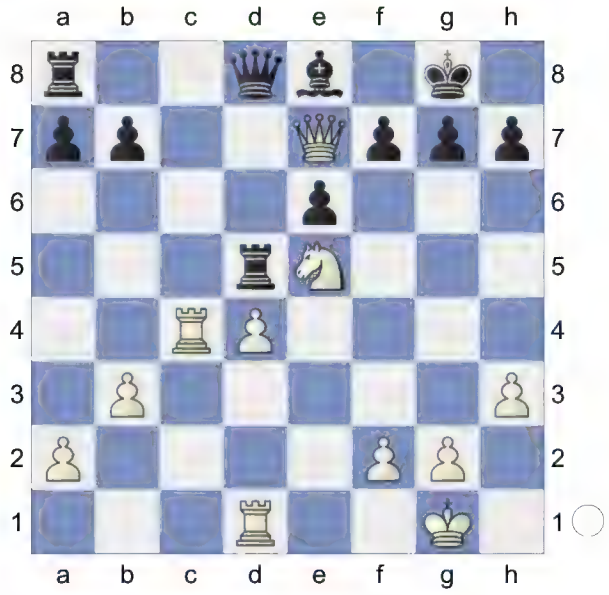
21.h3
[After 21.Qxd6 Rxd6 22.Nc4 Rdd8 23.Ne3 position is equal. Bc6 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.Rc7 Bc6 26.Kf1 Rac8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.d5=]
[21.Qxd6 simplifies Rxd6 22.Nc4 Rdd8 23.Ne3]
21...Qf8!? 22.Bxd5 Basicly, White should avoid any pieces exchange, unless forcing variation.
[22.Re1 b6 23.Qc2 Qb4 24.Qe2 Bb5 25.Qe4 Threatens to win with Ne5xf7! Nf6 0.81/22 *(25...Be8=* 0.17/19 keeps the balance.*)* 26.Qb7± Nd7 1.43/22 *(⌓26...Be8* 0.88/22 *)* 27.Red1F]
22...Rxd5 23.Qc7 Qb4 24.Rc4 0.01/21
[24.Rd3!± 0.38/21 might be stronger.]
24...Qb6= Black put pressure on isolated ♙d4. White need counterplay on c-file. Position is still equal, but... **25.Qe7?!** -0.37/23
[Stronger is 25.Rdc1!
A) Not 25...Qxc7? 26.Rxc7 Rxd4 0.63/22 *(26...f6 27.Nd3 Rxd4 28.Nc5 e5 29.Rxb7 Rd2 30.Ne6±; 26...b5=* 0.16/21 was preferrable.*)* 27.Rxb7± f6

1.01/23 (27...Rd5± 0.64/22 28.f4 a6) 28.Nf3± Rd7 29.Rxd7 Bxd7 30.Rc7±;

B) 25...Kf8!= White can't increase pressure.]

[25.Qxb6= 0.01/21 is more appropriate. axb6 26.Rc7]

25...Qd8∓



26.Qxd8∓ Very bad.

[The only way to equality was 26.Qc7! f6 27.Nf3 Bh5 0.69/22 (Black should play 27...Bb5∓ -0.40/20 28.Rc2 Bc6) 28.g4! 0.23/22 (28.Qxb7± 0.69/22 Rb8 29.Qxa7) 28...Bg6 29.Qxb7

A) 29...e5? 2.27/24 29...Rd5-d7 0.34 30.Rc7 Kh8 2.99/23 (⌓30...Rb8 1.85/23 31.Rxg7+ Kf8 32.Qxa7 Ra8) 31.Rxg7+-;

B) 29...Rd7 Prevents Rc4-c7. 30.Qa6 (30.Qc6 Rd6 31.Qc7 Be4⩲) 30...e5 31.Rdc1 Rc4-c8 would now be deadly. Bd3 32.dxe5 Bxc4 33.Qxc4+ Kh8 34.Kg2⩱]

[26.Qxb7? perishes. Rxe5-+]

26...Raxd8 27.Rdc1

[27.Nf3 Bc6 28.Rd2 f6∓]

[Now impossible to play 27.Rc7? -3.66/24 27.Ne5-f3 -0.67in view of Rxe5!-+]

27...f6 28.Ng4 -1.47/23

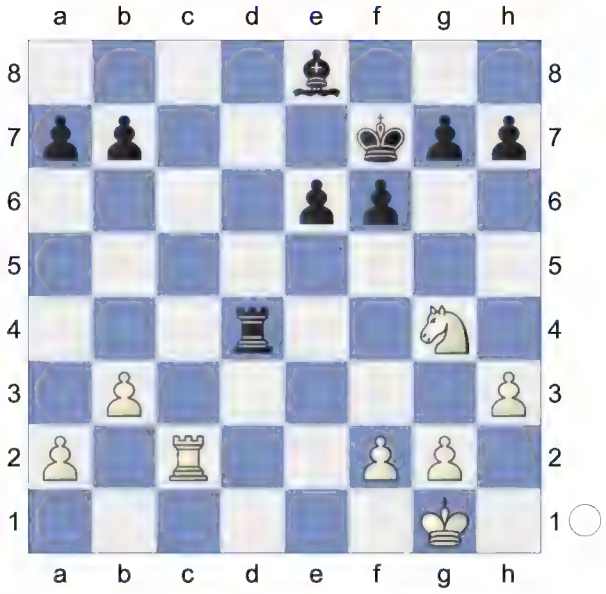
[More stubborn is 28.Nf3 Bc6 29.Kh2 Ra5 30.R1c2 Bxf3 31.gxf3 Rad5 32.Rc7 R8d7 33.Rxd7 Rxd7 34.Kg3 Kf7∓ Of course, Black has advantage, but it is less than an advantage in the game. ♗+♖+♙ against ♖+♘ are much more powerful.]

[⌓28.Nf3 -0.76/23]

28...Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Rc2 -1.73/22

[30.Ne3∓ -1.30/20 was worth a try.]

30...Kf7



31.Ne3 Bc6 32.Nc4

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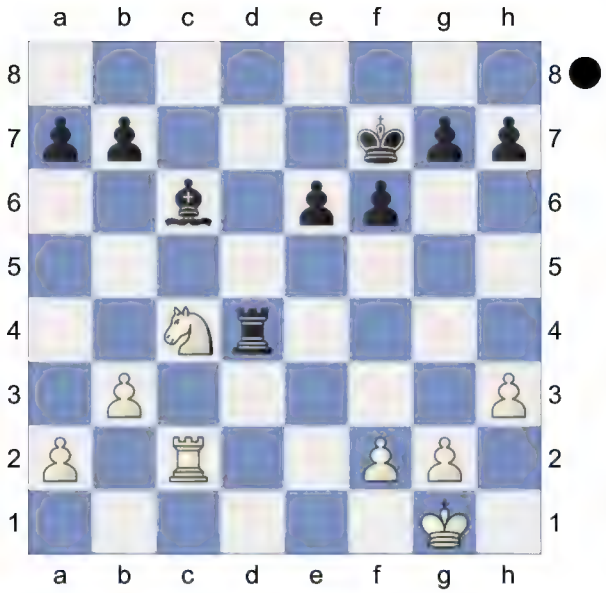

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137 **D52**
□ **Pelletier,Yannick** **2549**
■ **Flear,Glenn C** **2511**
France (10.2) 2002
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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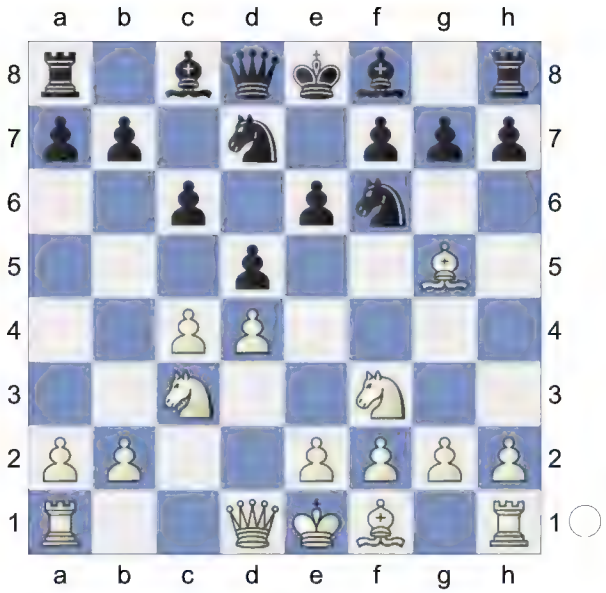
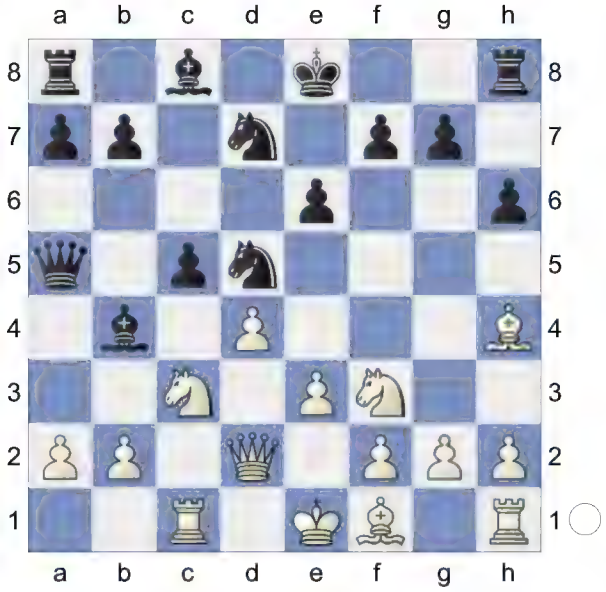


6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10.d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/(6) San Sebastian 2011 (5) Qd5 22.Qxd5 cxd5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rc6 Ra2 25.Rb6 f6 26.Bh2 Bxb4 27.g4 Ba5 28.Ra6 Ng7 29.Rxb5 Ra3 30.Kg2 Bb4 31.Rxa3 Bxa3 32.Rxd5 Be7 33.Ra5 Rd8 34.d5 Bb4 35.Rb5 Bc3 36.Kf1 1-0 (43) Pelletier,Y (2583)-Bruzon Batista,L (2667) Biel GM 2006 (8)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8

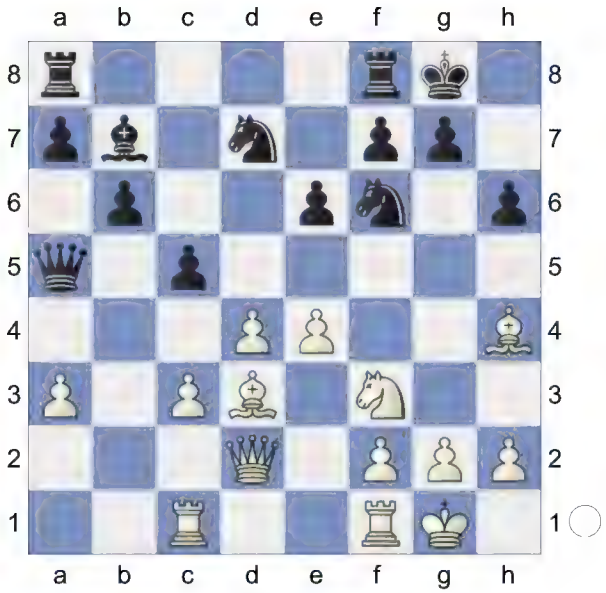
13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5



11.Bd3 0-0 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 The position is equal. **13...b6 14.e4 N5f6 15.0-0 Bb7**

(Diagram)



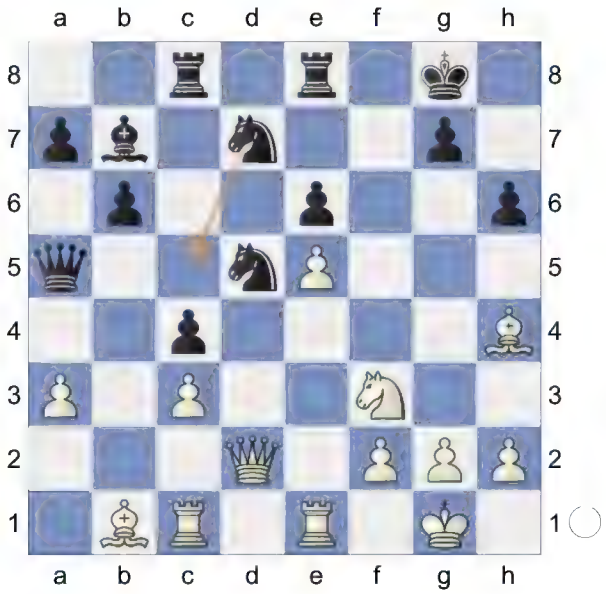
16.d5! c4 17.Bb1

[17.Bxc4 Nxe4 *(17...Qxa3? 18.dxe6 Qc5 19.Qd4+-)* 18.Qb2 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5∓]

17...Rfe8 0.39/18

[17...Rae8= -0.24/20]

18.Rfe1!± Rac8 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.e5 Nd5



21.Nd4 0.01/19

[21.Re4± 0.45/20 feels stronger. Nxc3 22.Rg4 *(22.Rxc3 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 Rc7=; 22.Qxc3 Qxc3 23.Rxc3 Bxe4=)* 22...Ne2+ *(22...Nxe5?*

23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Qxh6+-) 23.Qxe2 Qxa3 24.Qc2 *(24.Rcxc4 Rxc4 25.Qxc4 Bxf3+-)*]

21...Nf8 1.43/20

[21...Nc5= 0.01/19 remains equal.]

22.f4↑ 0.76/18 Keeping Black busy.

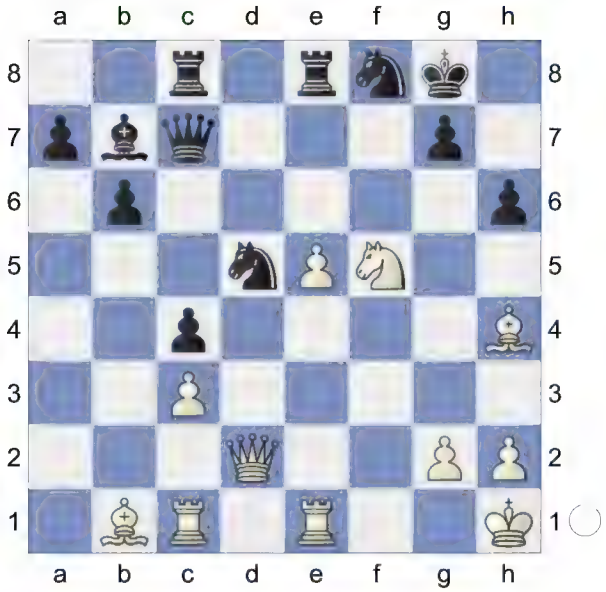
[⌓22.Re4 1.43/20 Hoping for Re4-g4. Nd7 23.Rg4]

22...Qxa3 1.37/20

[Better is 22...Ne7 0.76/18]

23.f5± exf5 24.Nxf5 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 White is more active. **25...Qc7** 2.49/19

[25...Re6± 1.35/19 is a better defense. 26.Be4 Rxe5]



26.Nd6 Rxe5? 4.15/24

[26...Ba8 1.84/17 27.Nxe8 *(27.Bf5 Rb8+-)* 27...Rxe8]

27.Nxb7

[Don't do 27.Nxc8 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Qxc8+-]

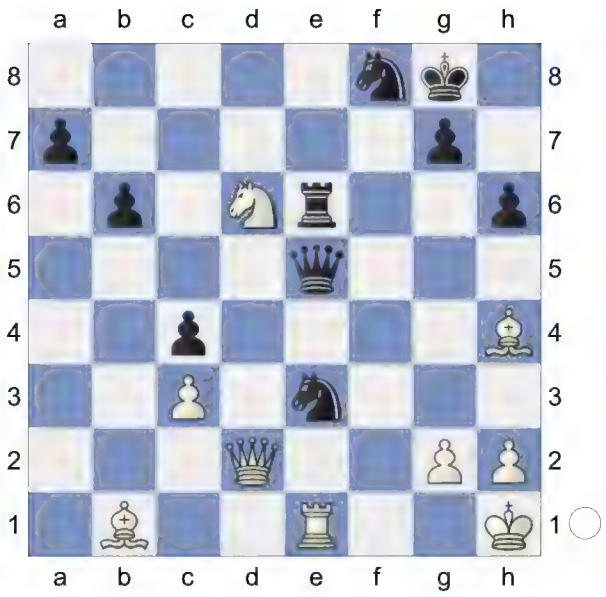
27...Rce8? 6.32/23

[27...Rh5 3.58/22 28.g4 Qxb7]

28.Rxe5+- White is clearly winning.

28...Qxe5 29.Re1 Skewer **29...Ne3 30.Nd6 Re6**

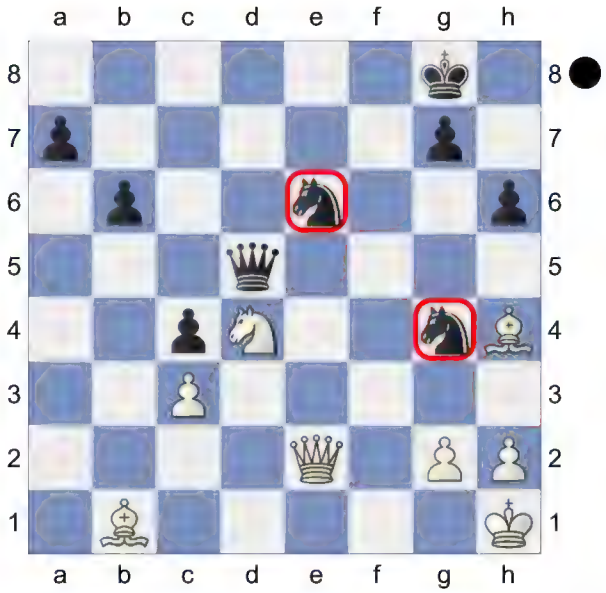
(Diagram)



31.Nf5! Qd5 32.Nd4

[32.Nxe3? is the wrong capture. Qxd2 33.Bg3 Rxe3-+]

32...Ng4 33.Rxe6 Nxe6 34.Qe2



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138 **D52**
□ **Antunes,A** **2545**
■ **Bologan,Viktor** **2590**
B Wijk (10) 1996
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

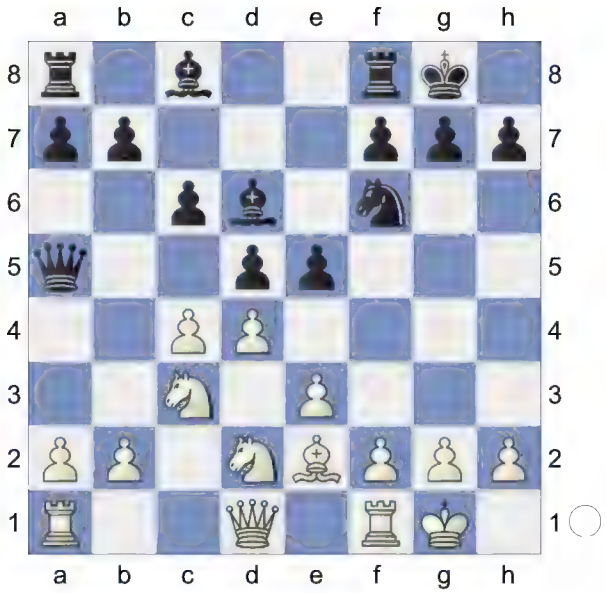
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.Nf3 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Nd2 Bd6N

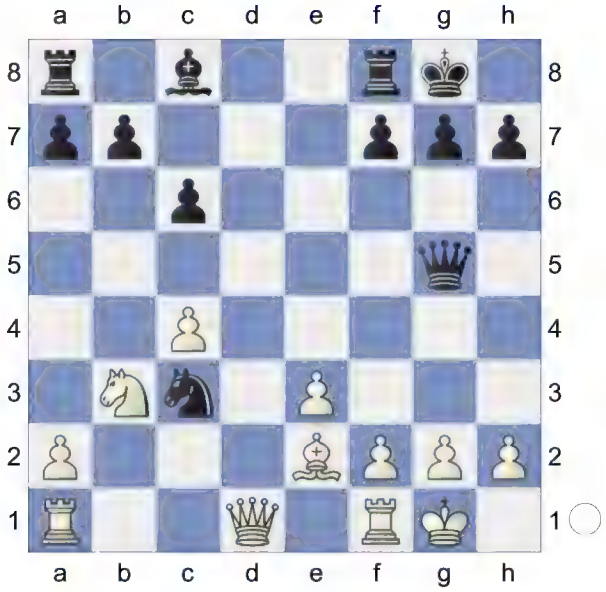
[8...Bb4 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Bd3 Re8 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Qh5 13.Nce4 Nd5 14.Rae1 e5 15.Ng3 Qh6 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qa4 Bd7 18.Qxb4 exd4 19.exd4 a5 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Qxa5 g6 22.Nf3 Qf4 23.Qxd5 1-0 (24) Noonan,A-Pernici,B Olympiad Women-07 Final B 1976 (3)]

[8...Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Qd8 11.a3 b6 12.Rc1 c5 13.Nb3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Bb7 8.♘f3 0-0 66013 (2450)-Duester,T (2430) Saint Louis (blitz) 149/27 2021]

9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 e5



11.dxe5 The position is equal. **11...Bxe5**
12.cxd5 And now Nd2-c4 would win.
12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nxd5 14.c4
Threatens to win with Nd2-b3! **14...Nc3**
15.Nb3 Qg5



16.Qc2 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Re8 18.e4 Qe7 19.Rfe1 c5 20.Rad1 b6

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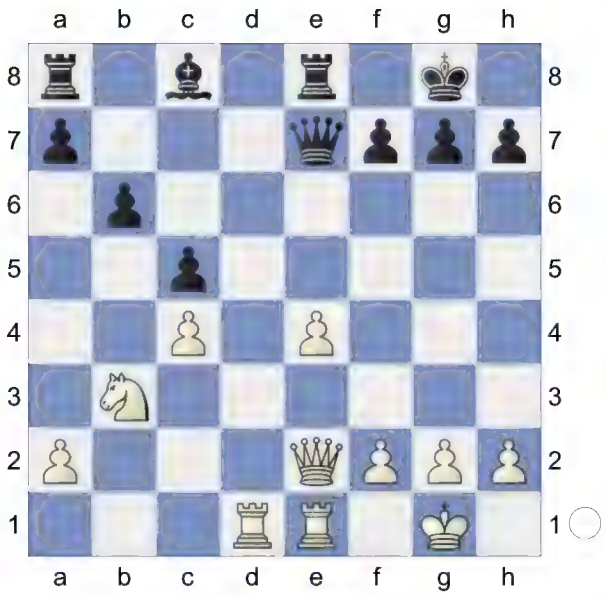
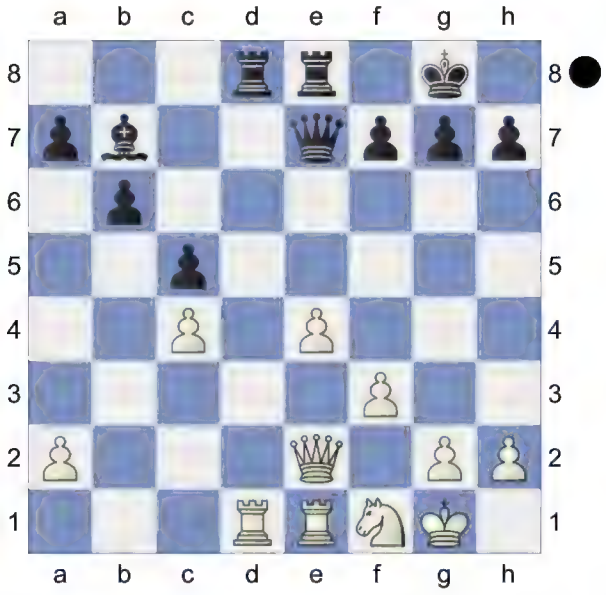


21.Nd2 Bb7 22.f3 Rad8 23.Nf1

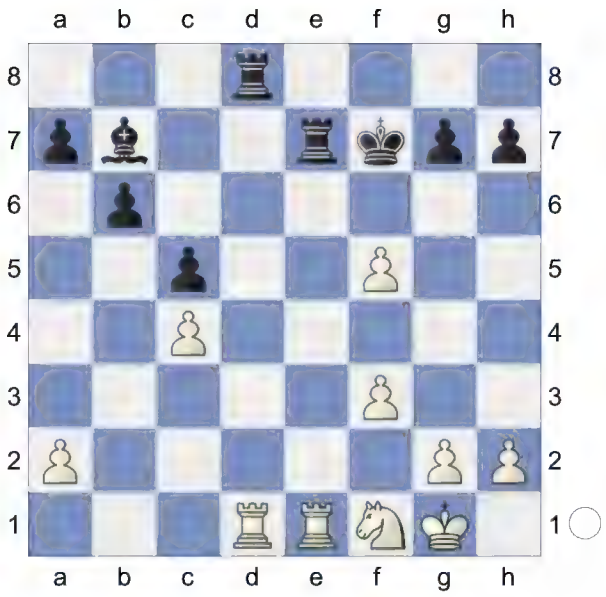


f5! 24.exf5 Discovered Attack **24...Kf7** 1.46/24

[24...Qxe2= -0.01/24 remains equal. 25.Rxe2 Rxd1 26.Rxe8+ Kf7]

25.Qxe7+± Rxe7

(Diagram)



26.Rxe7+ Kxe7 27.Rxd8 Kxd8

Endgame. KB-KN **28.Kf2 Ke7 29.g4** 0.67/22

[29.Nd2± 1.17/22]

29...Kf6 1.27/21

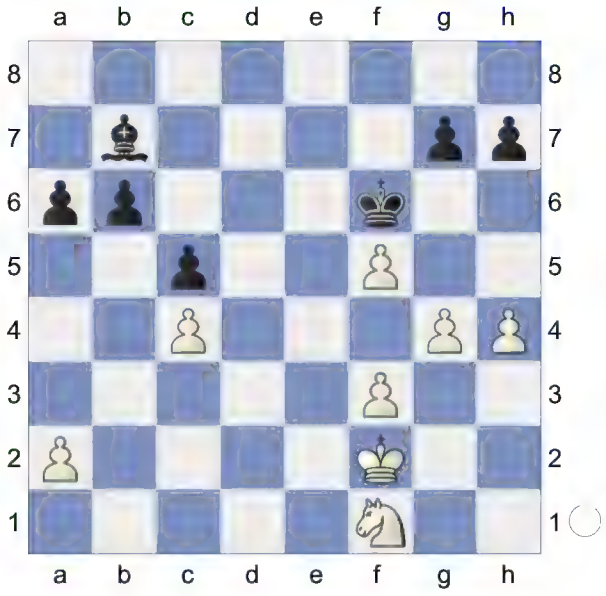
[29...a6± 0.67/22]

30.h4 0.48/22

[30.Ke3± 1.27/21]

30...a6 1.39/22

[Better is 30...Ba6± 0.48/22]



31.Nd2 Ke5

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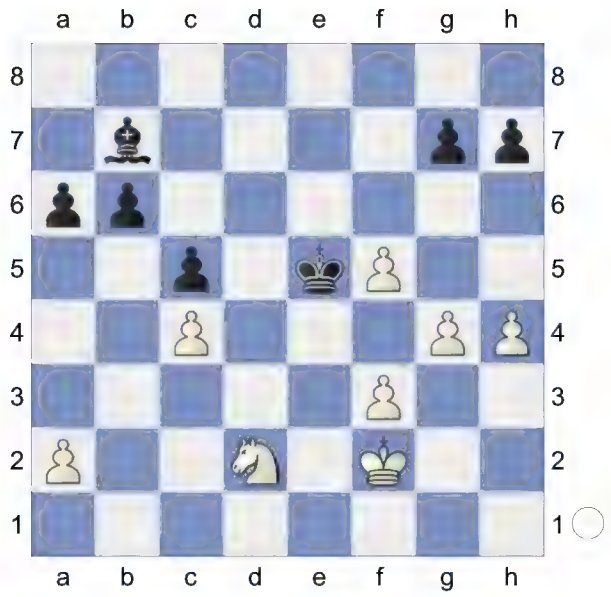
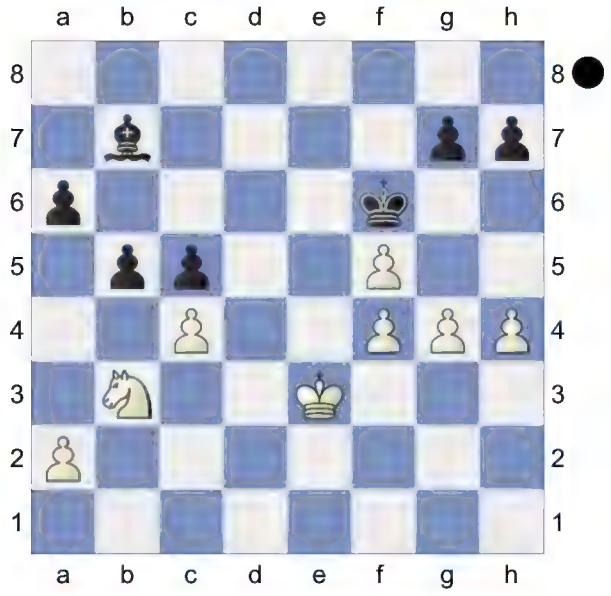


32.Ke3 0.89/22
[32.h5!+- 1.98/24 and White stays clearly on top.]
32...b5? 2.69/23
[32...h5± 0.89/22 was called for.]
33.f4+ Kf6 3.11/23
[33...Kd6 1.77/24 might work better. 34.h5 Bg2 35.Ne4+ Ke7 36.cxb5 *(36.Nxc5 bxc4 37.Nxa6 Bh3+-)* 36...axb5 37.Nxc5 Bh3]
34.Nb3



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139 **D52**
□ **Johannessen,Leif Erlend** **2543**
■ **Baburin,Alexander** **2523**
EU-chT (Men) 15th (5.1) 03.08.2005
[Postny,Evgeny]

1.c4 Postny,E Postny,E Postny Postny Postny: 'Postny,Evgeny Postny,Evgeny: 'Postny" **1...e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6**

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 In this line White frequently sacrifices a pawn for the initiative.
[The solid alternative is 7.Nd2]
7...Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6
[A more popular line goes with 8...Bb4 9.Rc1]
9.Bd3 This is the most principled continuation, which leads to a pawn sacrifice.
[The exchange of queens after 9.Nxd5 leads to equal position.]
[9.Rc1 appeared in practice as well.]

9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd5

[Another way to attack the ♙c3 is 10...Na4 , but after 11.0-0 Qxc3 12.Qe2 the knight on a4 is somewhat misplaced.]

11.0-0

[11.Rc1 Nxc3! 12.0-0 Bb4 13.a3 Qxa3 14.Ra1 Qb3 15.Bc2 Qd5 16.e4 Nxe4 17.Qxb4 Nxg5 18.Ne5 a5 19.Qa3 f6 20.Bg6+ hxg6 21.Nxg6 Nf3+ 22.Qxf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Rh5-+ 0-1 Alekhine,A-Euwe,M/World Championship 1935 (45)]

11...Qxc3 12.Qe2⩲ White is a pawn down, but his compensation is quite obvious thanks to the advantage in development and the mobile pawns in the centre. On the other hand, Black's position is lack of clear weaknesses.

12...h6

[12...Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Ne5 Ng6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.h4 Qa5 18.h5 gxh5 19.Rac1 g6 20.g4 hxg4 21.Qxg4 Kg7 22.Kg2 Qd5+ 23.f3 Bd7 24.Rh1 Rh8 25.Qf4 f6 26.Ng4 Raf8 27.Rxh8 g5 28.Rh7+ Kxh7 29.Qh2+ Kg8 30.Qh6+- 1-0 Polugaevsky,L-Seirawan,Y/Biel 1985 (42)]

[12...Bd6 13.Nd2 Qa5 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Qh5 Be7 16.f4 Nf6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.Rb1 g6 20.Qa5 0-0 21.Nb6 Qd8 22.Qa4 axb6 23.Qxa8 Bxd4 24.exd4 Qxd4+ 25.Kh1 Qxd3 26.Rbd1 Qc4 27.Qb8 e5 28.Qxe5 Qxa2= ½-½ Vaganian,R-Torre,E/Biel 1985 (51)]

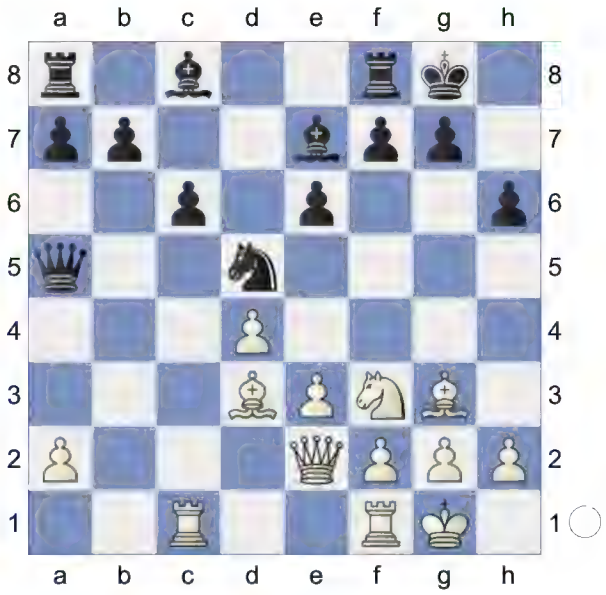
13.Bh4 Be7

[13...Ba3 14.Ne5 Be7 15.Bg3 Qa5 16.e4 Nf6 17.Rad1 0-0 18.Bb1 Rd8 19.Qc2 Nd7 20.Nc4 Qh5 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Nf8 23.Rde1 Bf6 24.dxc6 bxc6 25.Be5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 ½-½ Lalic,B-Candela Perez,J/Dos Hermanas 2004]

14.Bg3N

[14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Ne5 Qa5 16.Rac1 0-0 17.Qh5 f6 18.Rc5 Qa3 19.Ng6 Nxg6 20.Qxg6 f5 21.Bc4↑ ½-½ Perdomo,L-De Dovitiis,A/Buenos Aires 2002 (31)]

14...0-0 15.Rac1 Qa5



16.Ne5 Qd8?! The black queen was doing nothing on a5, but this move is a waste of an important tempo.

[16...Nf6 can be recommended with the idea Nf6-d7 kicking away White's centralized knight.]

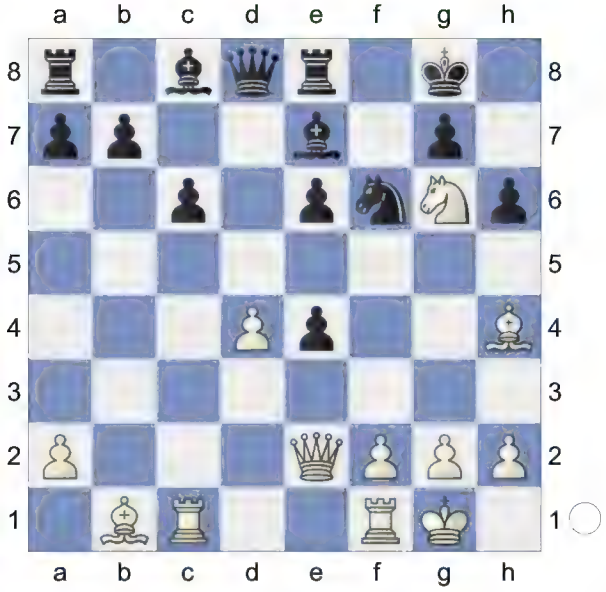
17.Bb1! f5 This move is practically forced to block the diagonal b1-h7.

18.Ng6 Re8 19.e4! Correctly opening up the centre. **19...Nf6?!**

[19...f4 20.exd5 *(20.Nxf4 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Qxd4)* 20...fxg3 21.dxc6 gxh2+ 22.Kh1 bxc6 23.Qe4→]

[Stronger would have been 19...fxe4 20.Qxe4 Nf6 , but White keeps a strong initiative anyway.]

20.Bh4! fxe4



21.Bxe4 Qxd4?! This capture opens the d-file for White's favour. On the other hand, it's very hard to point out any reasonable improvement for Black.

[21...Bd7 22.Bb1→]

22.Nxe7+ Rxe7 23.Rfd1 Qb6

[23...Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Nxe4 25.Bxe7+-]

24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Rc3! Rg7

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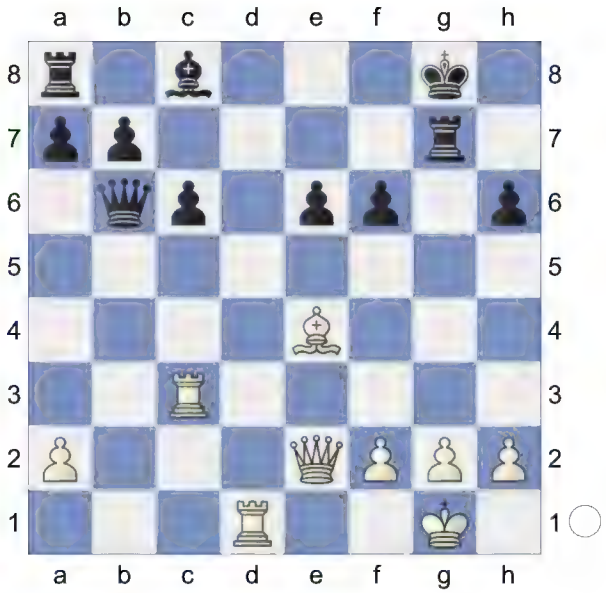
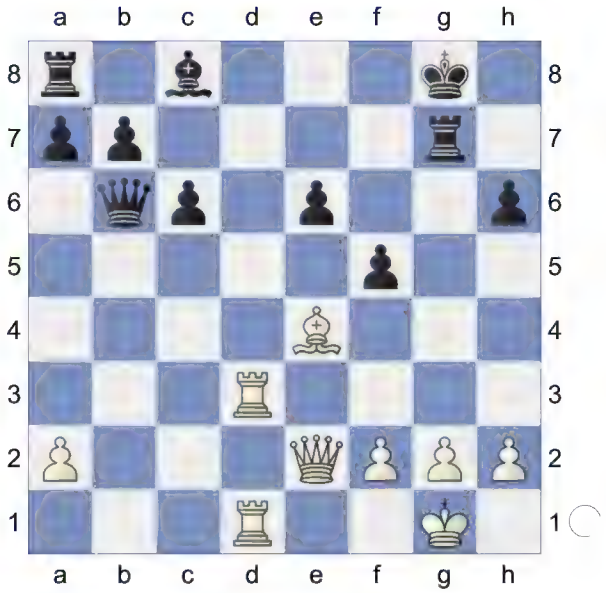


26.Rcd3 As simple as strong. Black just has not enough forces to protect his vulnerable king, since his queenside pieces are still dreaming... **26...f5**



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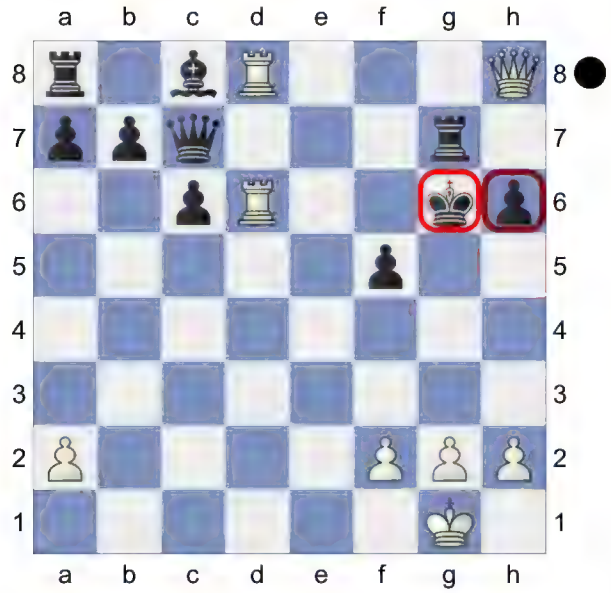
27.Bxf5! About this sacrifice White should not think twice. The following invasion of White's heavy pieces is decisive. **27...exf5 28.Qe8+ Kh7 29.Rd8 Qc7?** The last mistake in a lost position. The manoeuvres of Black's queen were rather unsuccessful in this

game.
[Black could still put up some resistance after 29...Be6! 30.Rxa8 Bd5 31.Qh8+ Kg6]

30.Qh8+ Kg6

31.R1d6+



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140 **D52**
□ **Stocek,J** **2535**
■ **Gopal,G** **2573**
26th OIBM 2023 (8.2) 04.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie. **7...Nxd5 8.Rc1 h6**

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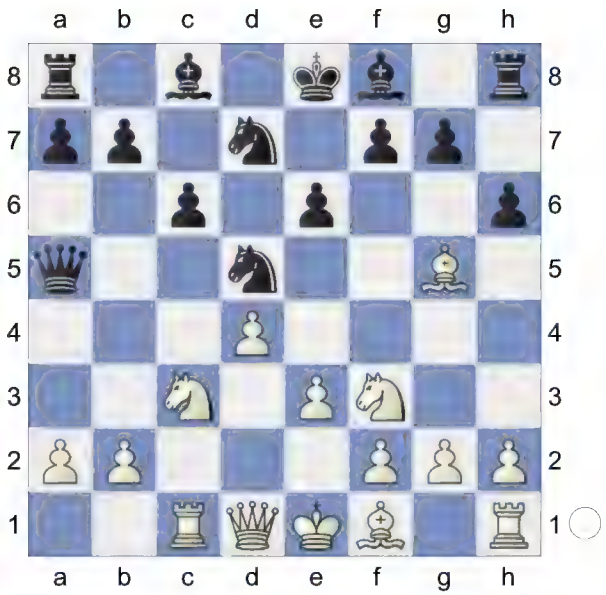
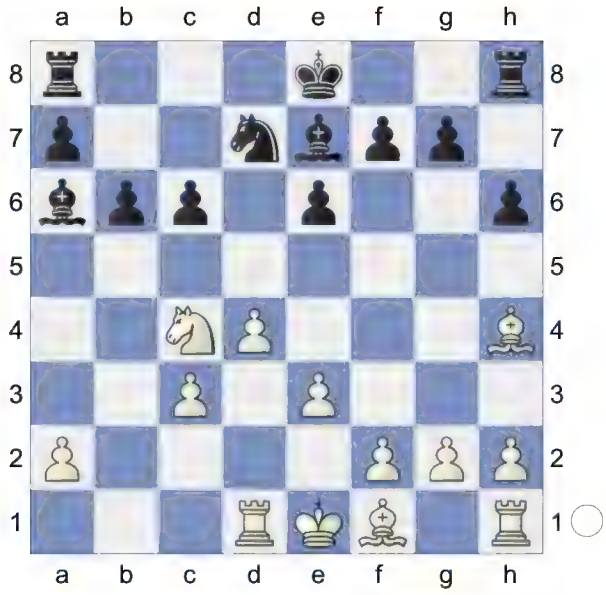


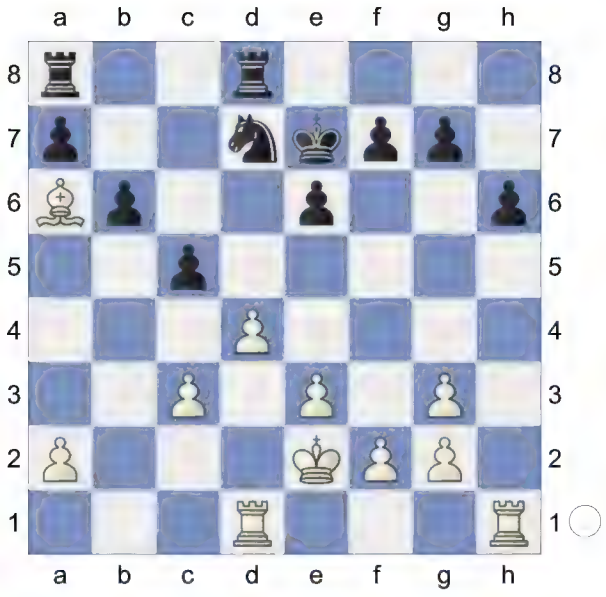
Hoping for ...Nd5xc3! **9.Bh4 Nxc3**
10.bxc3 Ba3

11.Rc2 b6 12.Nd2N
[12.Be2 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 0-0 15.e4 Rfe8 16.c4 b5 17.d5 cxd5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.exd5 Bf8 20.Rfe1 Rxe2 21.Rxe2 Rc8 22.g4 Qb4 23.h3 h5 24.gxh5 Rc3 25.Re8 Qc4 26.Kg2 Rd3 (64) Chapter D50-Games Chapter D50 Game 1]
12...Ba6 13.Nc4N
[Vorgänger: 13.c4 0-0 14.Bd3 c5 15.0-0 cxd4 16.exd4 Rfe8 17.Qe2 Rac8 0.52/18 *(17...Bb4=* 0.15/19 is superior.*)* 18.c5!± Qa4 2.13/21 *(18...Bxd3±* 0.65/20 *19.Qxd3 bxc5)* 19.Bxa6+- Qxc2 20.Bxc8 Rxc8 1-0 Tan,Z (2514)-Goryachkina,A (2584) Candidates (Women) Pool-B 2022 (2.4)]
13...Qa4 14.Rd2 Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Be7

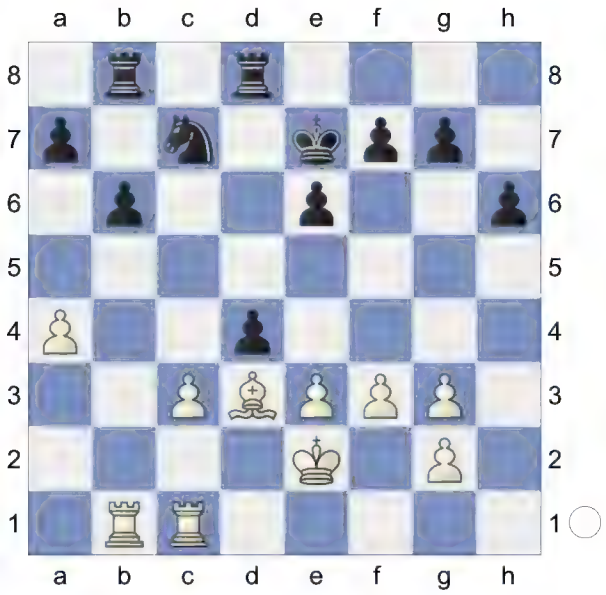


Strongly threatening ...Ba6xc4. **16.Bg3**
[16.Nd6+!? Bxd6 17.Bxa6=]
16...c5 0.13/20
[⌓16...0-0 -0.24/19]
17.Nd6+= Bxd6 18.Bxa6 Bxg3
19.hxg3 Ke7 20.Ke2 Rhd8

(Diagram)



21.f3 Rab8 22.a4 Nf6 23.Rb1 Nd5 24.Rhc1 Nc7 25.Bd3 cxd4



26.cxd4 Rdc8 27.e4 Ne8 28.Ke3 White is more active. **28...Kd8 29.Bb5 Rxc1 30.Rxc1±** Endgame. KRB-KRN **30...Rb7**

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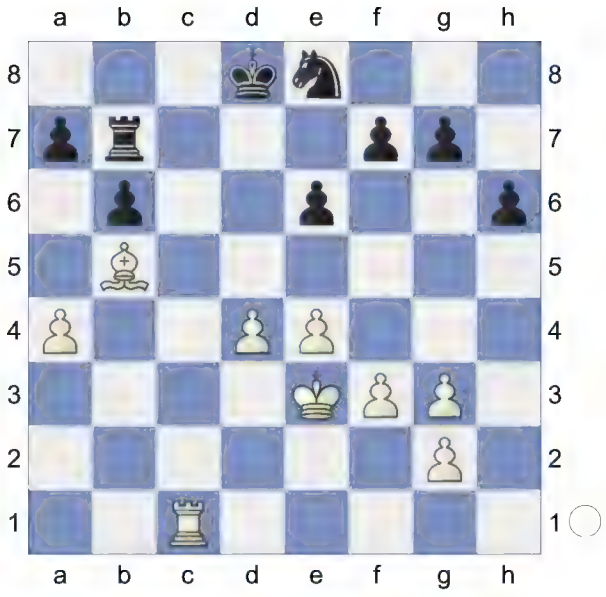
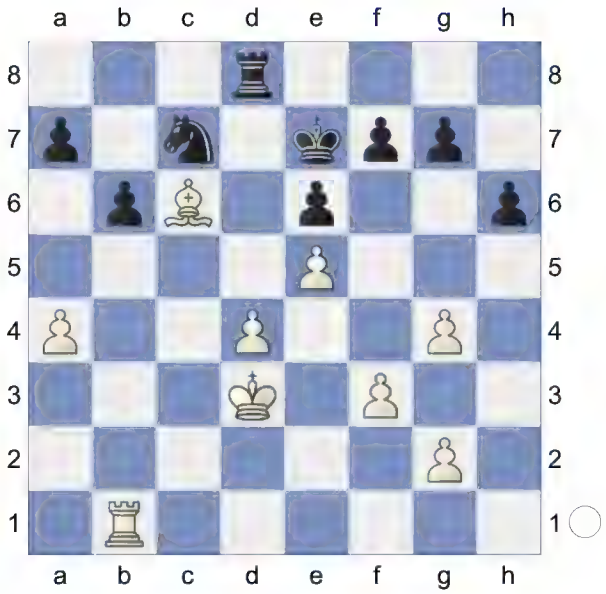


31.Bc6 Rc7 32.e5 Rc8 33.g4 Nc7 34.Rb1 Ke7 0.81/22

[34...Ne8= 0.24/20 keeps the balance. 35.Bxe8 Kxe8]

35.Kd3± Rd8 0.79/20

[35...Nd5= 0.28/19 remains equal. 36.Bxd5 exd5]



36.g3 Nd5 37.f4 g6 38.Rb3 h5 39.gxh5 gxh5 40.Ke4 f5+

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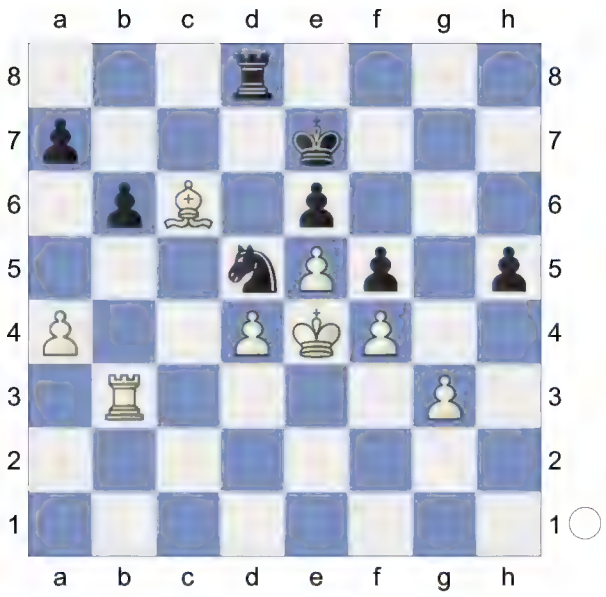
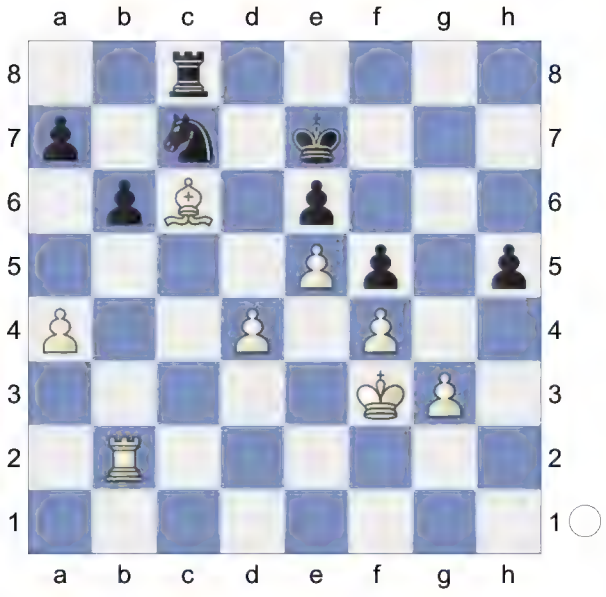
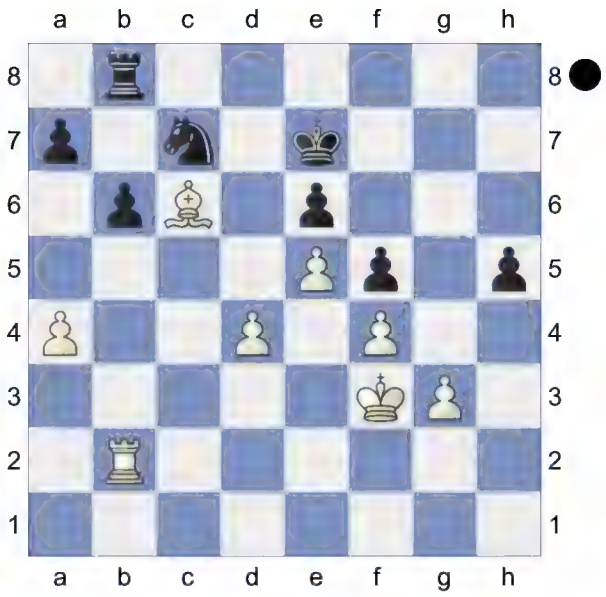


41.Kf3 Nc7 0.79/25
[41...Kf7± 0.41/23]
42.Rb4 Rh8 43.Rb2 Rc8 44.Bb7 -0.01/21
[44.a5± 1.05/22]
44...Rb8= 45.Bc6 Rc8!



46.Bb7 0.01/22
[Better is 46.Kg2± 0.92/23]
46...Rb8 47.Bc6

(Diagram)



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141 **D52**
□ **Arencibia Rodriguez,Walter** **2530**
■ **Jobava,Baadur** **2637**
Capablanca Memorial Elite 40th (8)
[Ribli,Zoltan]

1.d4 Ribli **1...Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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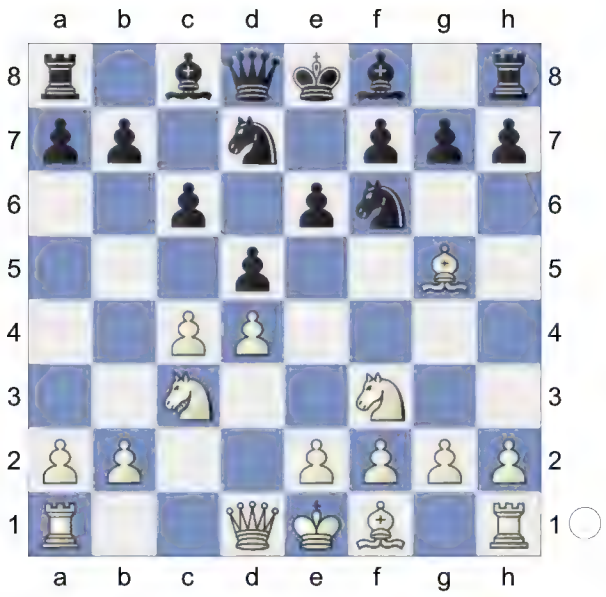
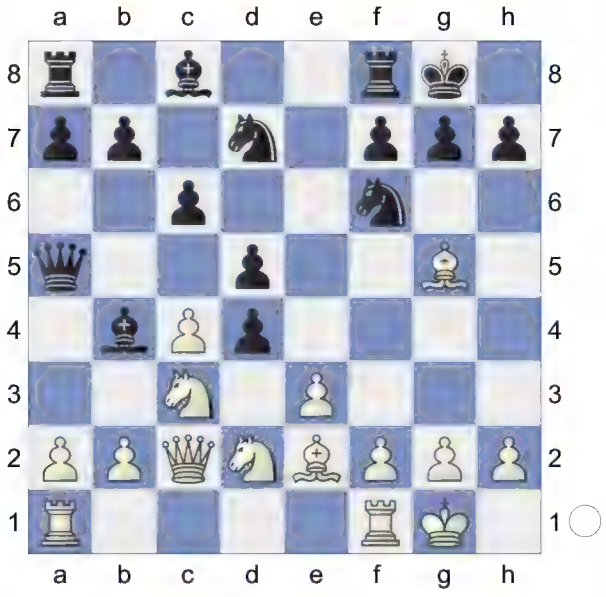


6.e3 Diese Variante wird selten gespielt: nach diesem Zug muß Schwarz 6...♘c6 spielen, damit c7-c5 verhindert wird: Ein typisches Motiv in der Ragozin Variante. **6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4**



11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Nxd4 Nach diesem Zug kann Weiß seine Dame auf d1 platzieren und mit zwei Türmen auf dem Damenflügel weiterspielen. **12...Bxc3**

[12...dxc4 13.Bxc4]

13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxc4!?N Dieser natürliche Turmzug ist eine theoretische Neuerung. Weiß spielt noch nicht 14.♘a4, sondern bereitet b2-b4 vor. Nach 14.♘a4 kann Schwarz mit 14...b6 die Angriffsbemühungen von Weiß am Damenflügel eingeschränken

14...Qe5

[14...Ne5

A) 15.Be2 Qe7 16.Rad1 *(16.e4 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.f4 Ng6 19.e5)* 16...h6 17.Bxf6 *(17.Bh4 Ng6 18.Bg3 Ne4 19.Bd3 Nxg3 20.hxg3 Ne5)* 17...Qxf6 18.h3 Re8 19.Kh2

A1) 19...Bd7 20.f4 Ng6 21.e4 Rad8 22.e5 Qe7 23.e6 Bc8 *(23...Bxe6 24.f5 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Bd5 26.fxg6 Qxe2 27.gxf7+ Bxf7 28.Qxe2 Rxe2 29.Rd8+)* 24.exf7+;

A2) 19...c5 20.Nb5 Bf5;

B) 15.Bb3 Qe7 16.h3 h6 17.Bh4 Kh8 *(17...c5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 c4 20.Bc2)* 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Ng6 *(19...Ned7 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Rd4)* 20.Bxf6]

[14...Re8

A) 15.Bd3 Qa5 16.Bh4 h6 17.Nf5 Qc5 18.Rad1 Nd5 19.e4 *(19.c4 Nb4 20.Qc3 Ne5)* 19...Nf4;

B) 15.Rad1]

15.Nf3

[15.Bf4 Qc5 *(15...Qh5 16.e4 Re8 17.Rae1 Nc5 18.f3)* 16.Bd3 *(16.Bb3 Nd5 17.Bg3 Qxc3 18.Bxd5 Qxc2 19.Bxf7+ Rxf7 20.Nxc2)* 16...Ne5 17.Nb3 Und hier wurde Remis gegeben in Horváth,Jó.- Palac,M. Cannes 1993. *(17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.e4; 17.Be2 Ng6 18.Bg3 Re8 19.Bf3)* 17...Qd5 18.Be2 Bf5]

[15.Bh4 Qe4 16.Qxe4 Nxe4 17.Rfc1 g5 18.Bg3 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Ne5]

15...Qc5

16.Qd3

[16.Bb3↑ Re8]

[16.Bd3 h6 17.Bh4 Ng4 18.Nd2 Ndf6 19.h3 Qh5 20.Bg3 Ne5 ½-½ Timman,J-Izoria,Z/Calvia 2004 21.Be2 Qxe2 22.Bxe5 Rd8 *(22...Nd7)* 23.Rad1 Nd5 24.e4 Nb6 25.Rfe1 Qh5 26.f4 Be6 27.f5 Bc4]

16...Re8 17.Qd4 Ne4 18.Bf4± Weiß hat Initiative am Damenflügel: sein Spiel mit a4 und b4 ist ein Minoritätsangriff, in dem hier drei Bauern vier gegenüber stehen. Mit Öffnung der c-Linie verfügt Weiß über dauerhaften positionelle Druck. Jetzt ist die weiße positionelle Drohung 19.b5.

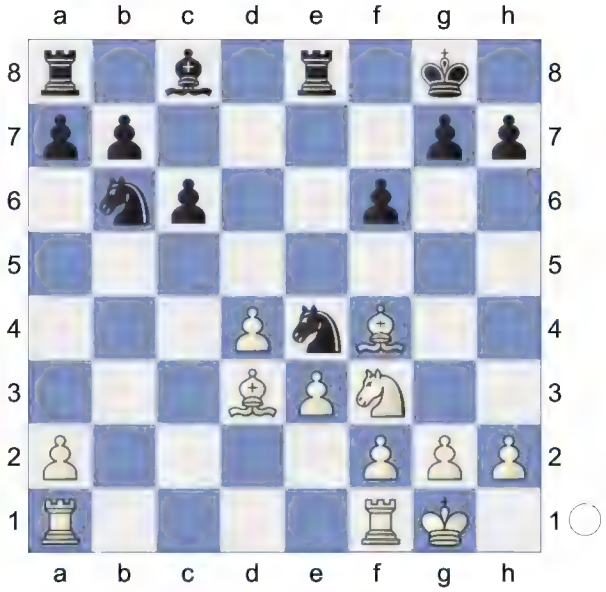
18...Nb6 Schwarz verteidigt sich gegen b4-b5, aber das c5-Feld ist eine positionelle Schwächung in der schwarzen Stellung.

[18...b5 ½-½ Zilberman,Y-Soffer,R/Ramat Aviv 2000/CBM 77 (72) 19.Bd3 Nxc3 20.Rfc1 b4 21.Bd6 Qxd4 22.Nxd4 c5 23.Nb3 a5 24.a3 *(24.Nxc5?!± Rd8 25.Bf1 Nxc5 26.Bxc5 Ba6)* 24...Ba6⩲ ½-½ Comas Fabrego,L-Piket,J/Escaldes 1998/CBM 068/[Ribli] (75) 25.axb4!? Bxd3 26.Rxc3 axb4 27.Rxd3 c4 28.Rdd1∞ cxb3]

19.Bd3 Qxd4 Schwarz verteidigt sich gegen 20.♘fe5 (oder 20.♘de5) - natürlich geht nicht 20.♖xc6 wegen 20...♗xh2+.

[19...Qe7 20.Rad1 Bf5]

20.cxd4 f6



21.h3 Weiß verdoppelt die Türme auf der c-Linie und erhöht seinen Druck am Damenflügel. **21...Nd5 22.Bh2 Nb4 23.Bxe4**

[23.Bc4+ Be6 *(23...Nd5 24.Rab1)* 24.Bxe6+ Rxe6 25.Rab1 Nxa2 26.Rxb7]

23...Rxe4 24.Rfc1 Es droht wieder 25.♘fe5, oder 25.♘de5 - Schwarz muß seine Königsstellung mit 24...f6 schwächen. **24...Re8**

[24...Nd5 25.Rab1 Re7]

25.a3 Nd5

(Diagram)

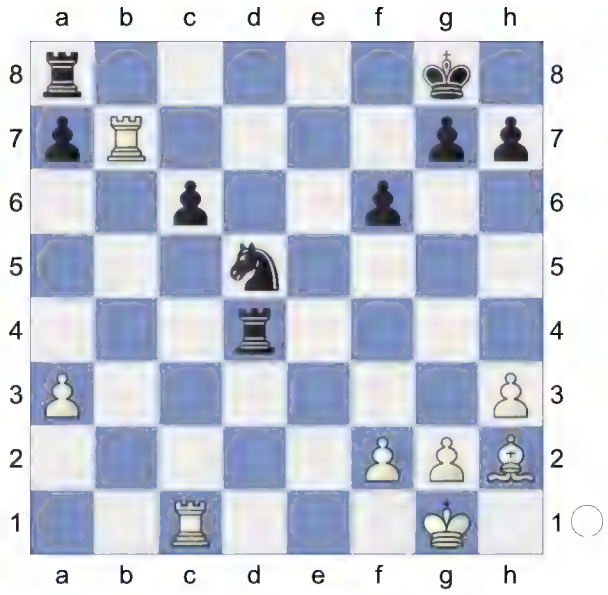
26.Rab1 In der geschlossene Stellung sind die Springer besser, als die schwarzen Läufer; der ♘c5 dominiert das Spielgeschehen. **26...Re7 27.Nd2 Bf5**

[27...Be6]

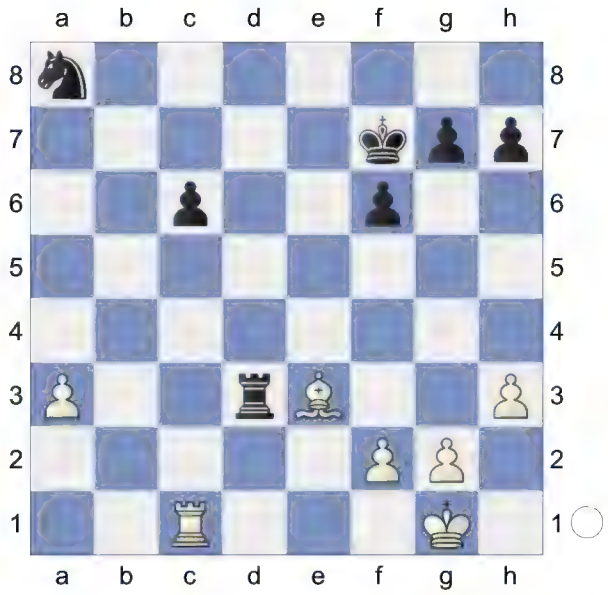
28.e4 Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Rxe4 30.Rxb7 Rxd4

[30...a5 31.Bb8 Re7± *(31...Rxd4 32.Rxc6 h5 33.Ba7 Rd3* (Δ 15.♘c5) *34.Rd6)* 32.Rxe7± Nxe7 33.Bd6± Nf5± 34.Rxc6 Nxd4 35.Rc5 a4± 36.Rc4 Nb5± 37.Bb4!?]

(Diagram)

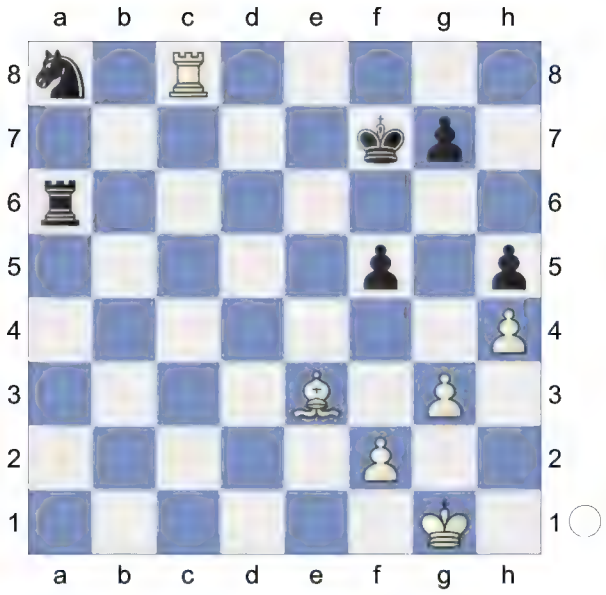


31.Bb8 Nb6 32.Bxa7 Rd7 33.Rb8+ Kf7 34.Rxa8 Nxa8 35.Be3 Rd3

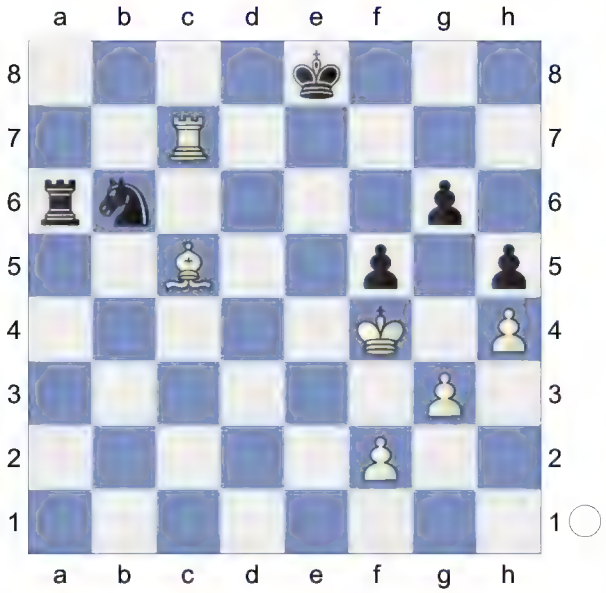


36.a4! Ra3 37.Rxc6± Weiß hat eindeutige Positionsvorteile; ♘b3 zielt auf das Feld c5, während der ♘d3 nach f4 geht. Schwarz hat kein Gegenspiel. **37...Rxa4** Interessanterweise ist das der erste Läuferzug in der Partie. **38.Rc8 f5 39.g3 h5 40.h4 Ra6**

(Diagram)

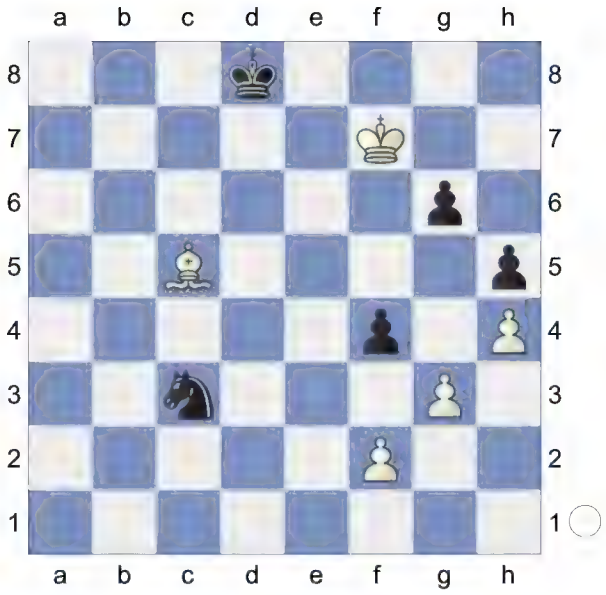


41.Kg2 g6 42.Kf3 Ke7 43.Kf4 Nb6 44.Bc5+! Weiß beschäftigt sich nicht mit dem Turm auf b5, stattdessen konzentriert er sich auf den Angriff auf den schwarzen König. **44...Kf7 45.Rc7+ Ke8**

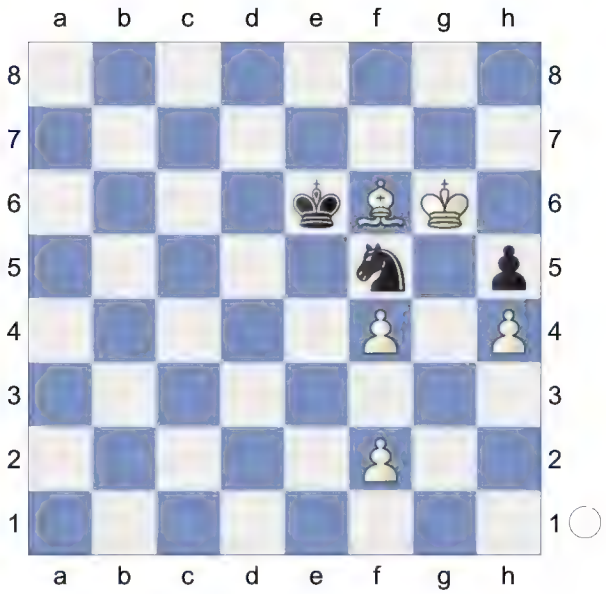


46.Re7++- Schwarz ist hilflos gegen die vielseitigen Drohungen. **46...Kd8 47.Re6 Nd5+ 48.Ke5 Rxe6+ 49.Kxe6 Nc3 50.Kf7 f4**

(Diagram)



51.gxf4 Nd5+- 52.Bd6 Kd7± 53.Be5 Ne7 54.Bf6 Nf5± 55.Kxg6 Ke6±



56.Bg5

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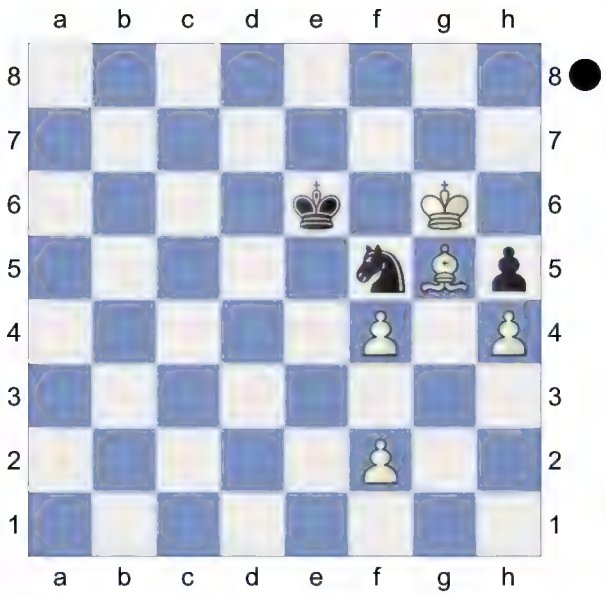

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142 **D52**
□ **Arencibia Rodriguez,Walter** **2529**
■ **Acs,P** **2542**
Mem Elite Varadero CUB (1) 07.05.2000
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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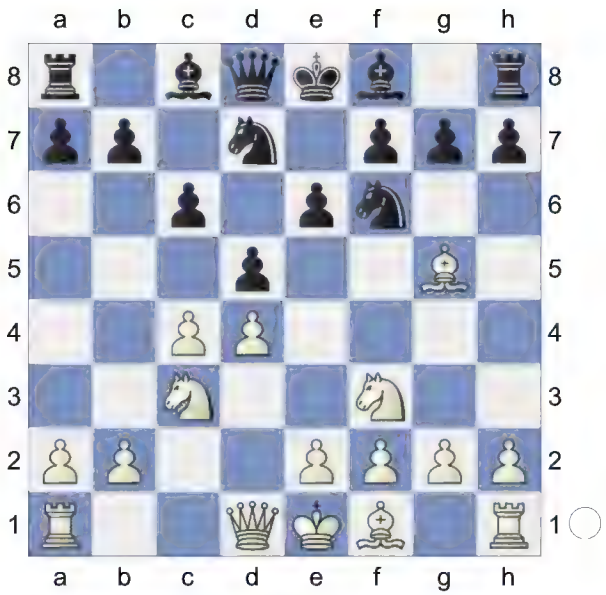
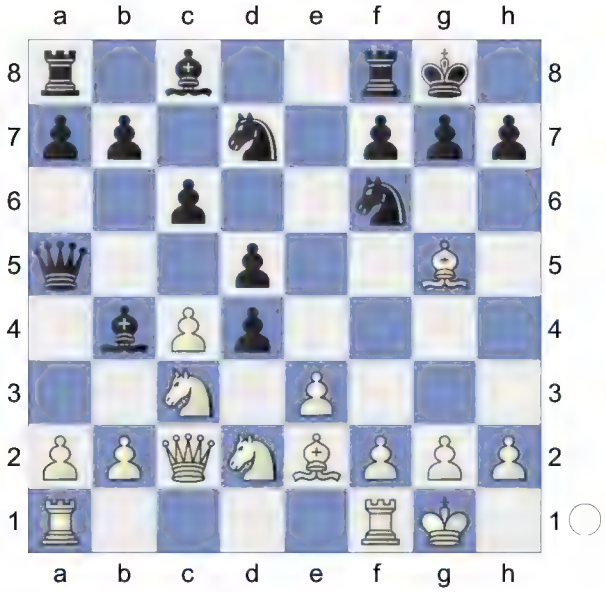


6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4

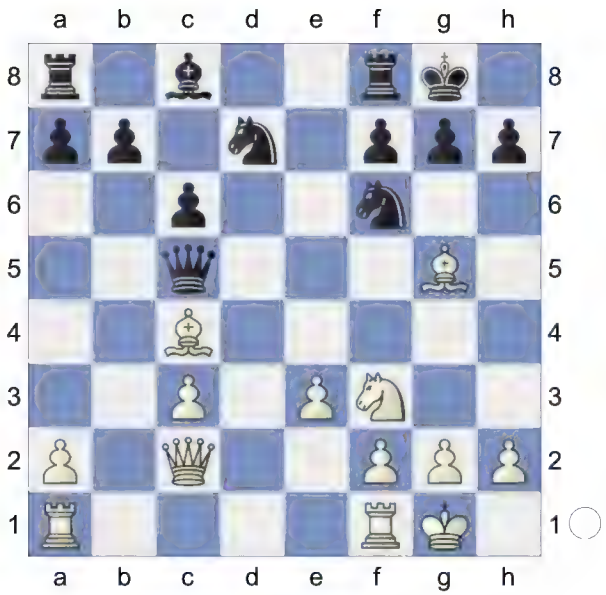


11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Nxd4 Bxc3 13.bxc3

[13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Bf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nf6]

13...dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qe5 15.Nf3 Qc5

(Diagram)



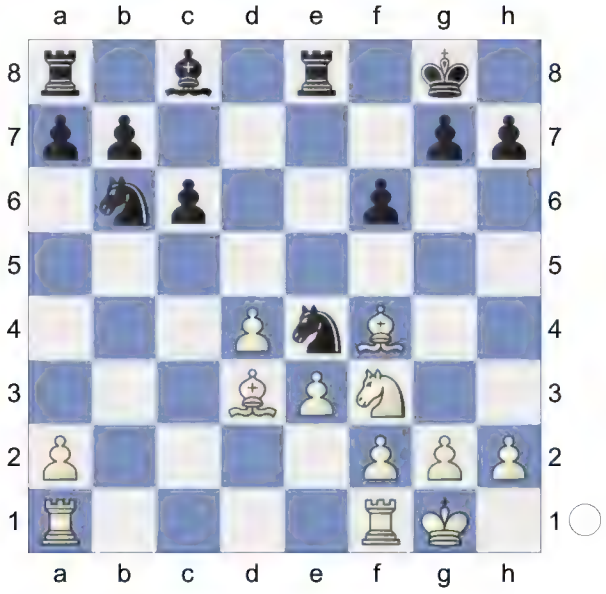
White has an edge. **16.Qd3 Re8**

[16...b5!? 17.Bb3□ Re8=]

17.Qd4 Ne4 18.Bf4 Nb6 A dynamic duo of knights. **19.Bd3 Qxd4** 0.37/22

[19...Qxc3= -0.01/21 might be stronger. 20.Bxe4 Qxd4 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Nxd4 a5]

20.cxd4± f6



21.h3 Nd5 22.Bh2 Nb4 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 24.Rfc1 0.29/22

[24.Nd2± 0.66/22 is more appropriate. Re6 25.Rfc1]

24...Re8 25.a3 Nd5

26.Rab1 Re7 27.Nd2 Bf5

28.e4! Deflection **28...Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Rxe4 30.Rxb7 Rxd4**

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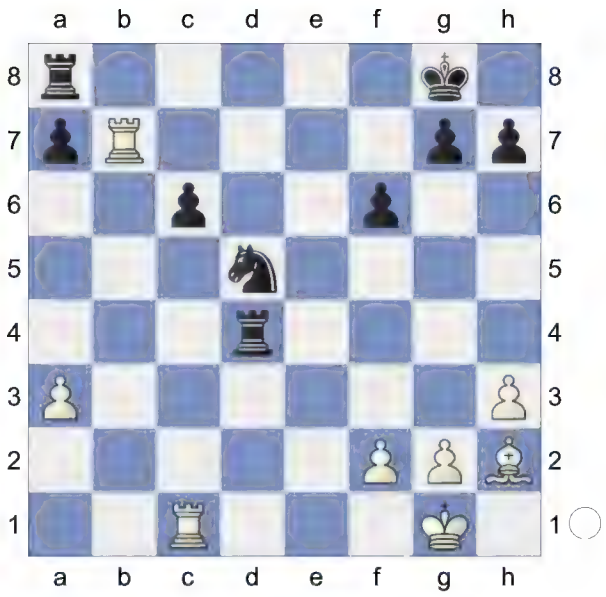
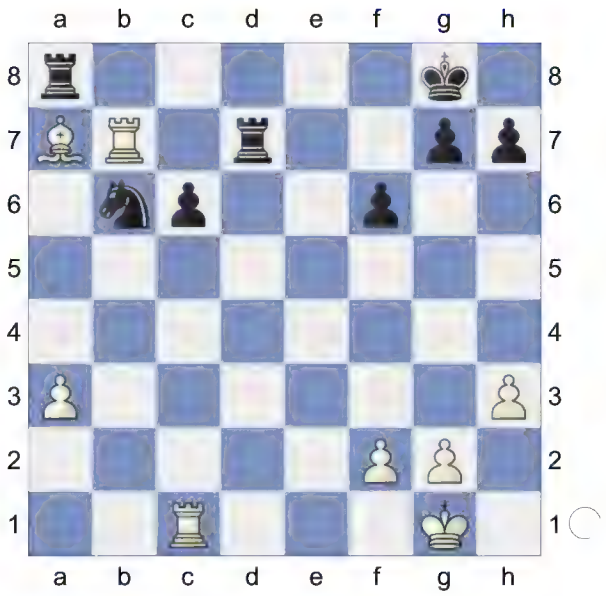


31.Bb8 Nb6 32.Bxa7 Rd7 0.92/23
[32...Rc4± 0.51/24 is superior.
33.Ra1 Nd5]



33.Rb8+!± Kf7 0.86/24
[33...Rxb8= -0.04/21 34.Bxb8 Rb7]
34.Rxa8
[34.Bxb6 Rxb8 35.Rxc6 Ra8∓]
[34.Rxb6 Rdxa7 35.Rbxc6 Rxa3=]
[34.Rxc6?! Rdxa7 35.Rbxb6 Kg6=]
34...Nxa8 Endgame. KRB-KRN **35.Be3 Rd3**

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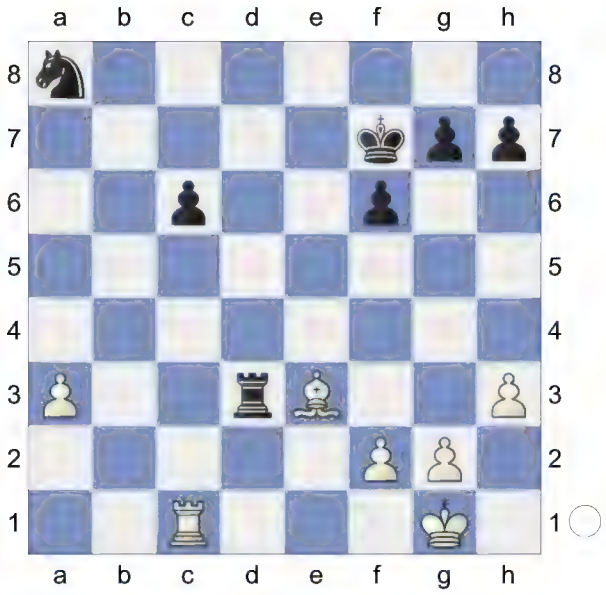
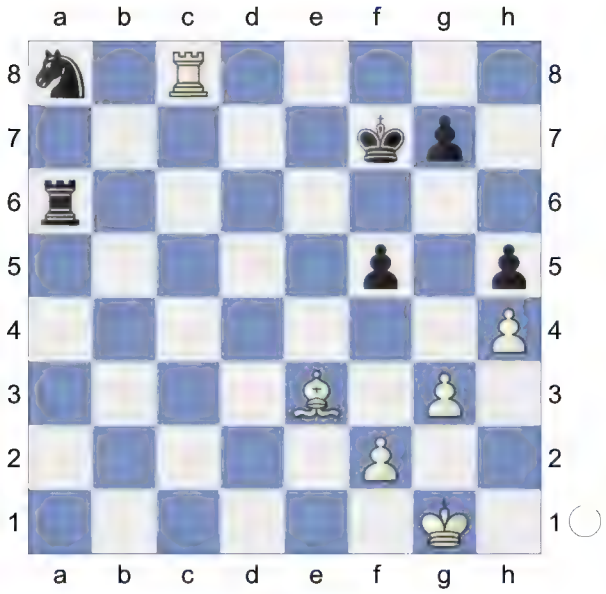
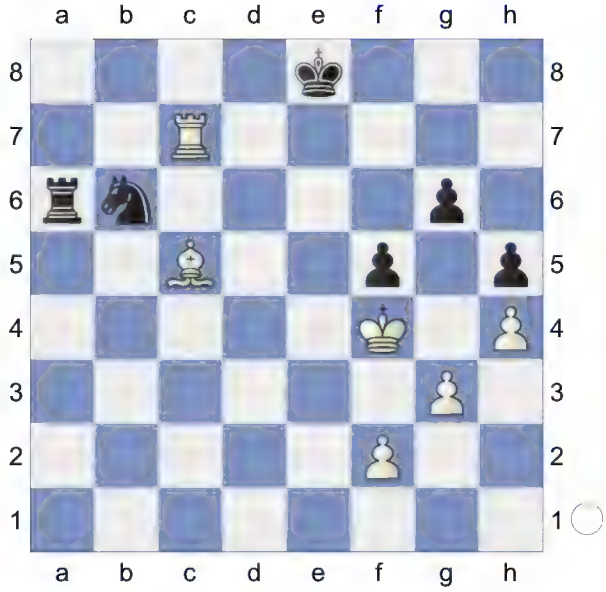


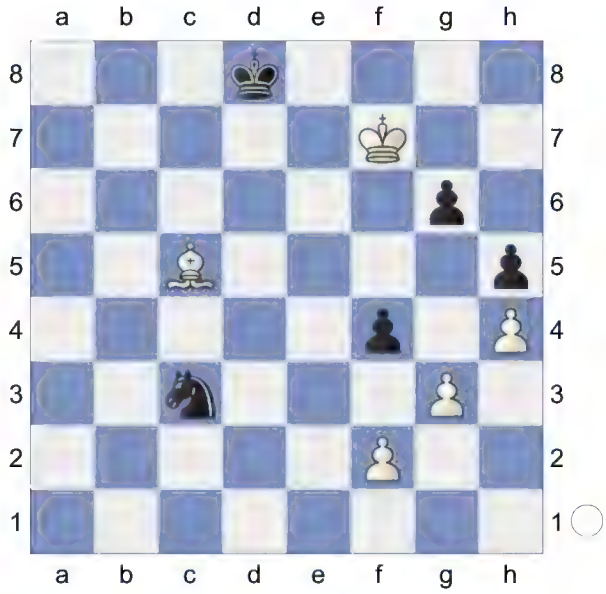
36.a4 Ra3 37.Rxc6 Rxa4 38.Rc8 f5 1.26/22
[38...Ra6± 0.51/21]
39.g3 h5 40.h4 Ra6



41.Kg2 g6
[41...Nb6? 42.Rc7+ *(42.Rc6 Kg8+-)* 42...Kg8 43.Rc6+-]
42.Kf3 Ke7
[42...Nb6? 43.Rc7+ *(43.Rc6 Kg7+-)* 43...Kf8 44.Rc6+-]
43.Kf4 Threatens to win with Kf4-g5. White is more active. **43...Nb6 44.Bc5+ Kf7** 2.41/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[44...Kd7± 1.18/23 45.Rg8 Nc4]
45.Rc7++- Ke8? 4.17/22
[45...Kg8 2.36/25 was worth a try. 46.Kg5 Nc4]

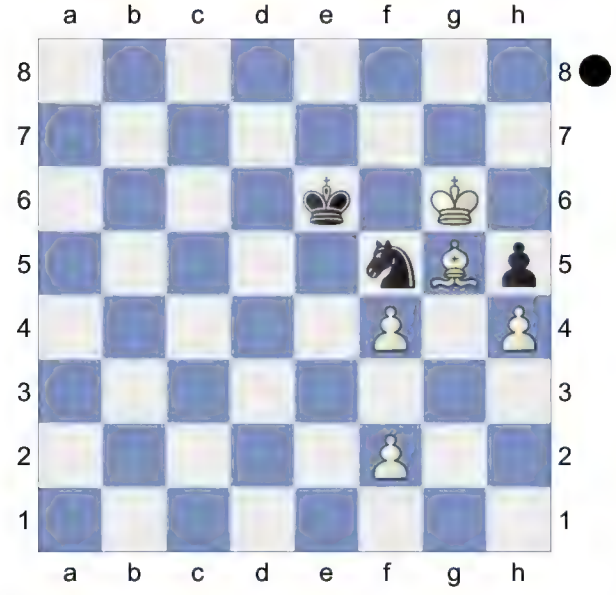


46.Re7+ Kd8 47.Re6 Nd5+ 48.Ke5 Rxe6+ 49.Kxe6 KB-KN **49...Nc3 50.Kf7 f4** 12.28/35
[⌓50...Kd7 4.01/27 51.Bd4 *(51.Kxg6 Ne4+-)* 51...Ne4 52.Kxg6 Ke6 53.Kxh5 f4]



51.gxf4 White is clearly winning.
51...Nd5 52.Bd6
[52.Kxg6 Nxf4+ 53.Kh6 Ke8+-]
52...Kd7 53.Be5 Ne7 54.Bf6 Nf5
55.Kxg6 Ke6

56.Bg5



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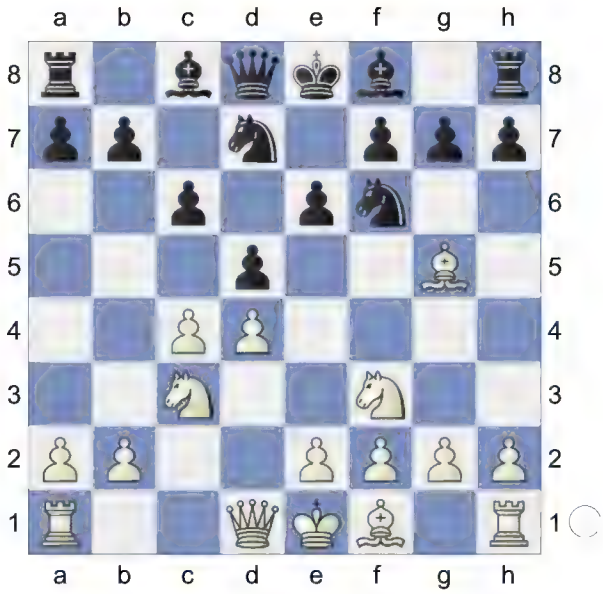
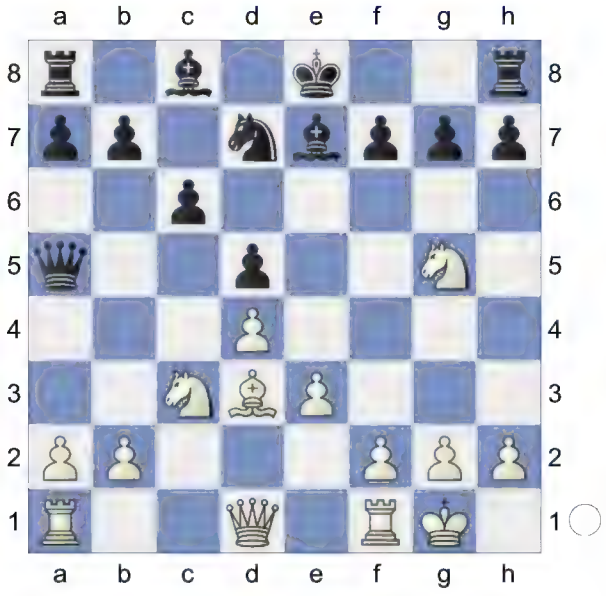
143 **D52**
□ **Iniyan,Pa** **2525**
■ **Kamsky,Gata** **2665**
ChessKid Cup Div 3 W (1.3) 22.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

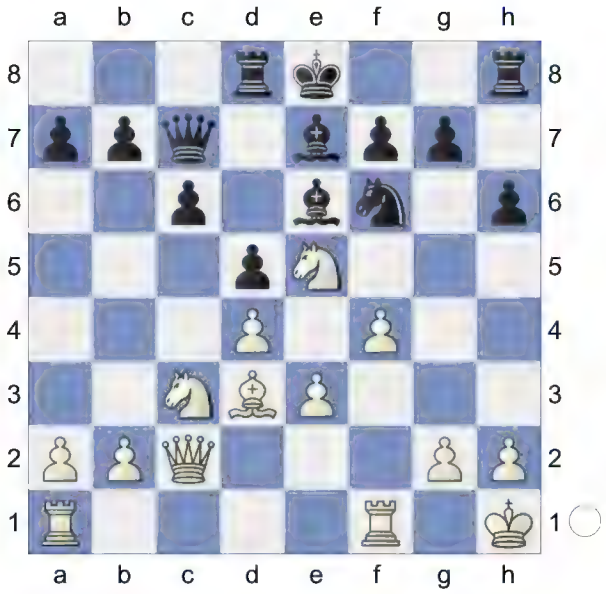


6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

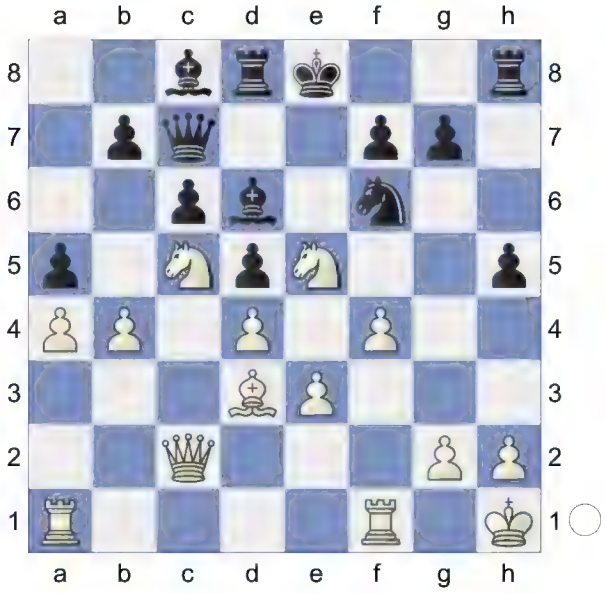
7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Ne4N
[8...Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]
9.0-0! 9.0-0 is better than 9.Qc2. 9.0-0 ist besser als 9.Dc2. **9...Nxg5 10.Nxg5 Be7**



11.f4 Nf6 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 Be6N
[Vorgänger: 13...0-0 14.Rae1 c5 15.Kh1 c4 16.Bf5 -0.67/20 *(16.Be2=* -0.29/20 deserves consideration.*)* 16...b5∓ 17.a3 b4 18.axb4 Qxb4 0.01/21 *(18...Bxb4∓* -0.59/21 *19.g4 Bb7)* 19.Bxc8= Rfxc8 0.72/18 1-0 Sivuk,V (2588)-Novita,A (2381) Penang op 11th 2019 (7) *(19...Raxc8=* 0.01/22 keeps the balance. *20.g4 Qb7)*]
14.Ne5 Rd8 15.Kh1 Qc7

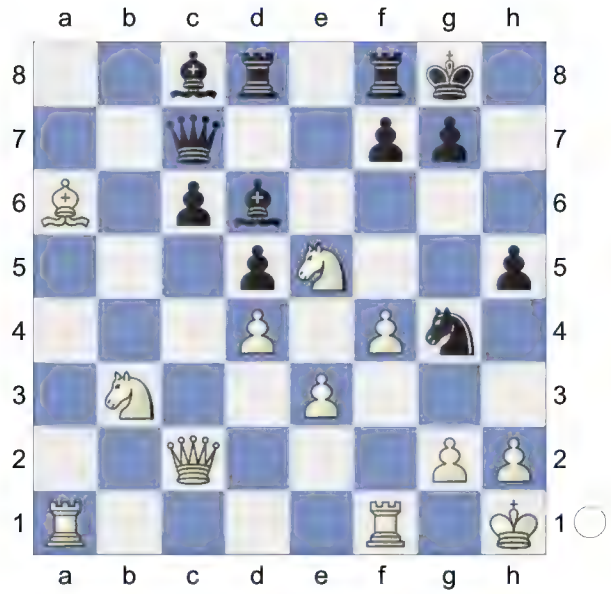


16.a3 h5 17.b4 a6 18.Na4 Bd6 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.a4 a5

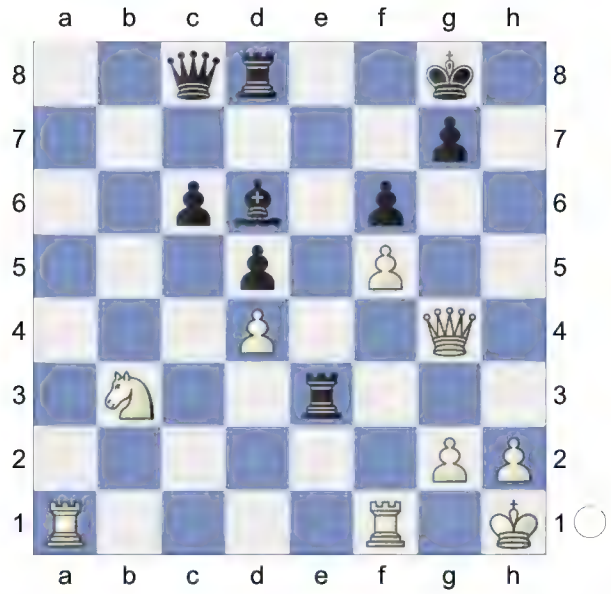


21.bxa5 White is much more active. **21...Qxa5 22.Nb3** A dynamic duo of knights. **22...Qc7 23.a5 0-0 24.a6 bxa6 25.Bxa6** 0.08/19
[But not 25.Nxc6 Rde8 26.Qc1

Ng4∓]
[25.h3± 0.50/18]
25...Ng4=

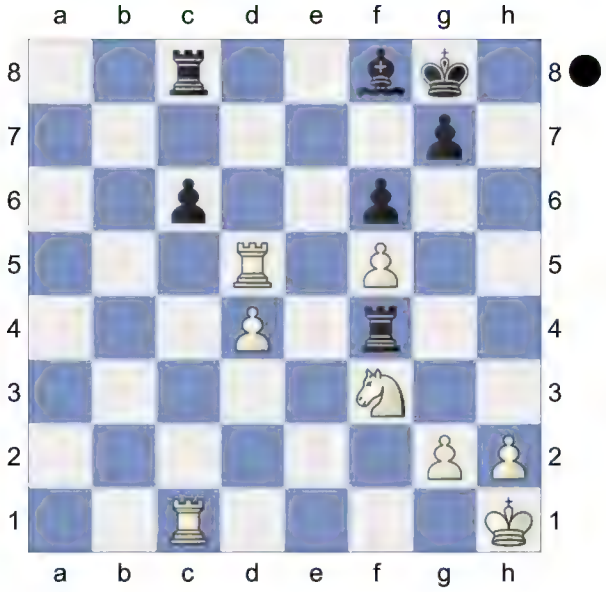


26.Bxc8 Qxc8
[Don't play 26...Nxe3 27.Qf2 Nxf1 28.Bf5±]
27.Qe2 f6 28.Nxg4 hxg4 29.f5 Rfe8 30.Qxg4 Rxe3



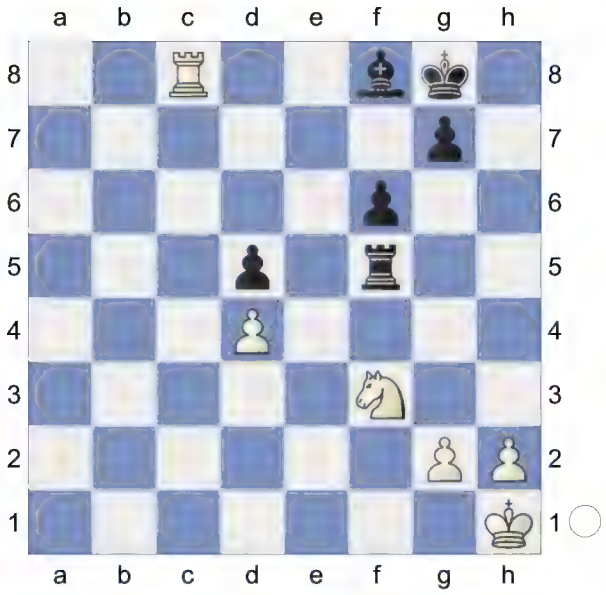
31.Nd2 Qc7 32.Nf3 Re4 33.Qh5 Qf7 -0.01/20
[33...c5∓ -0.70/19]
34.Qxf7+ Kxf7 35.Rfc1! Rc8
(Diagram)

36.Ra6 Rf4 37.Ra7+ Kg8 38.Rd7 Bf8 39.Rxd5? -2.02/21
[39.h3= -0.14/21 and White has nothing to worry.]

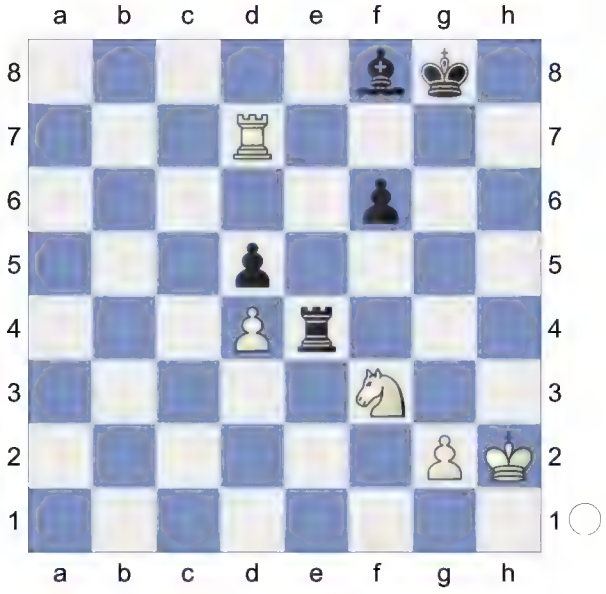


39...cxd5? 0.24/21
[Better is 39...Ba3!-+ -2.02/21 40.Rc3 Bb2]
40.Rxc8 Rxf5

(Diagram)

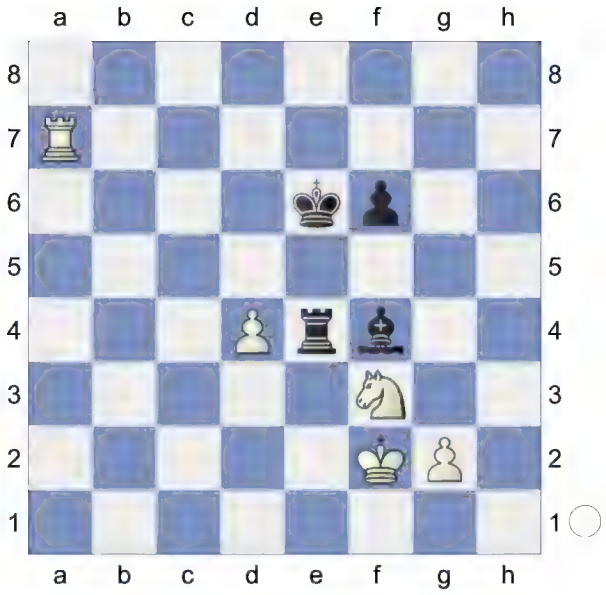


Endgame. KRB-KRN **41.Rc7 Rf4 42.Rd7 g5 43.h3 g4 44.hxg4 Rxg4 45.Kh2 Re4**

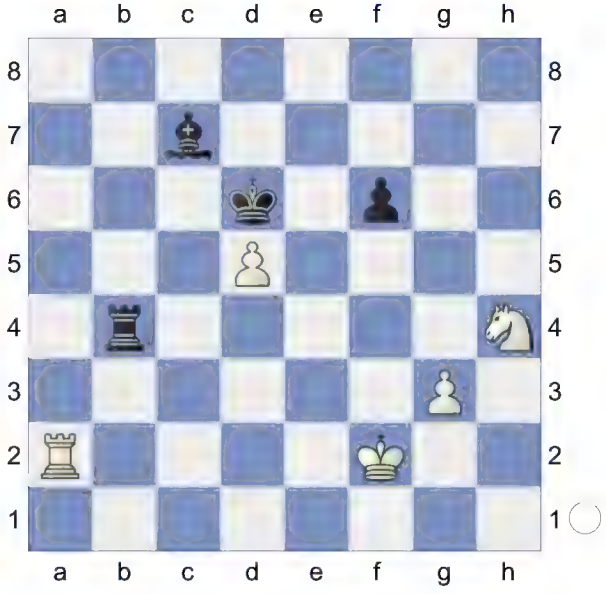


46.Kg3 Be7 47.Rxd5 Kf7 48.Ra5 Bd6+ 49.Kf2 Bf4 50.Ra7+ Ke6

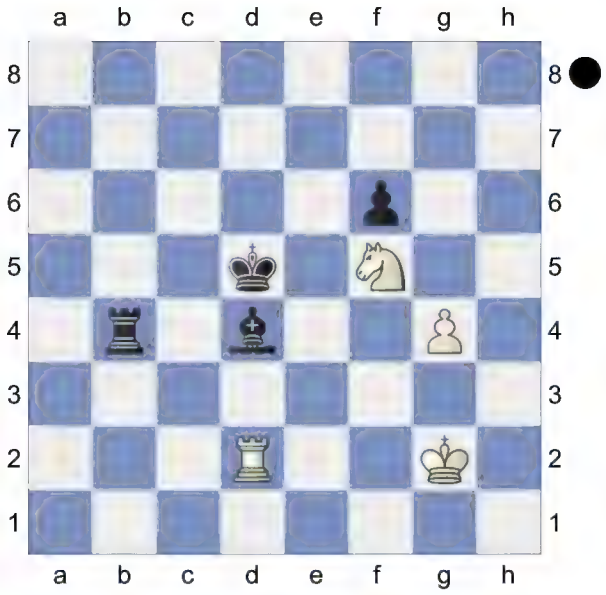
(Diagram)



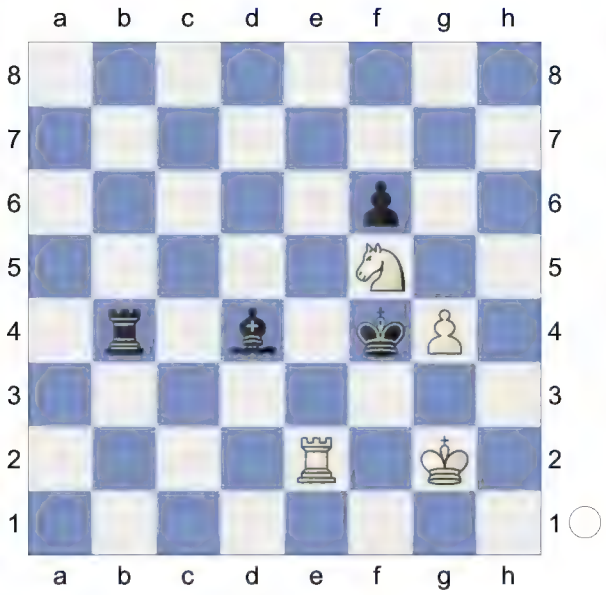
51.Ra6+ Kf7 0.74/20
[51...Bd6= 0.28/20 should be considered.]
52.d5 0.29/19
[52.g3± 0.74/20 Be3+ 53.Kf1]
52...Rb4 53.Ra2 Ke7 54.g3 Bc7 55.Nh4 Kd6



56.Rd2 Bb6+ 0.93/22
[56...Rb5= 0.24/20 remains equal.]
57.Kg2 0.07/22
[White should try 57.Kf3± 0.93/22]
57...Bd4 The position is equal. **58.Nf5+ Kxd5 59.g4**

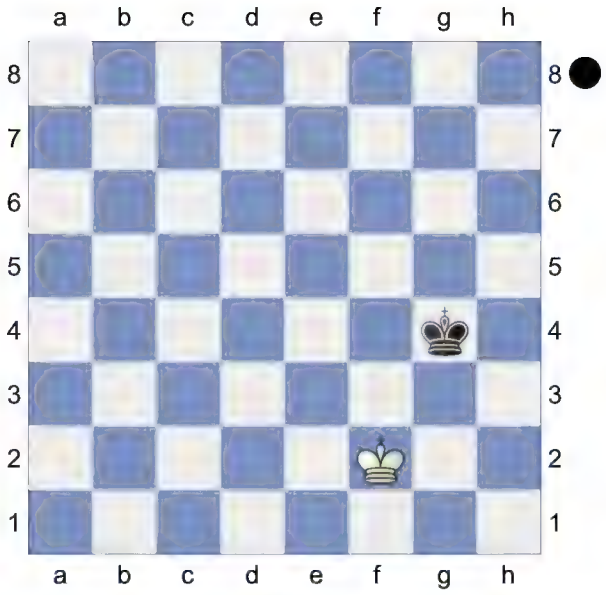


Kg2-g3 would now be deadly. **59...Ke4 60.Re2+ Kf4**



61.Nxd4 Rxd4 62.Rf2+ Kxg4 63.Rxf6 Rd2+ 64.Rf2 Rxf2+ 65.Kxf2

(Diagram)



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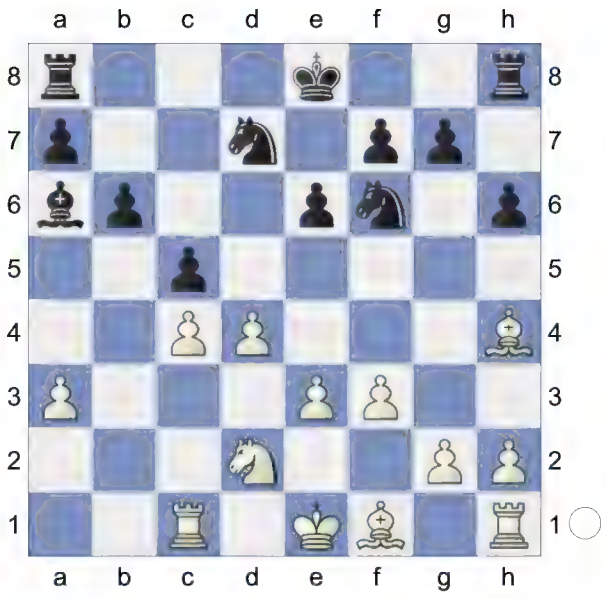
144 **D52**
□ **L'Ami,Erwin** **2516**
■ **Mueller,Matthias** **2362**
Bundesliga 0405 (10.5) 12.02.2005
[Mueller,Karsten]

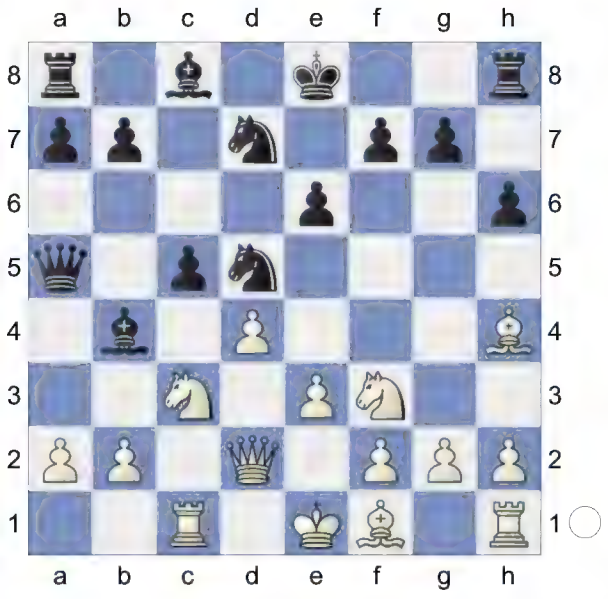
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5



16.Bg3 0-0 17.Nb3 Rfd8 18.Be2 Rac8 19.Kf2 cxd4 20.exd4 Nh5



11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 N5f6 15.f3 Ba6

(Diagram)

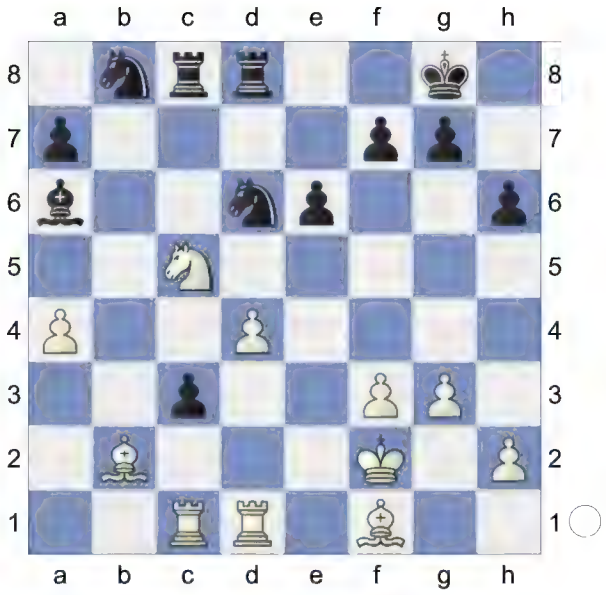
21.Bd6 Nb8 22.Bb4 Nf4 23.Bf1 Nc6 24.Bc3 Ng6 25.Be2 Nf4

(Diagram)

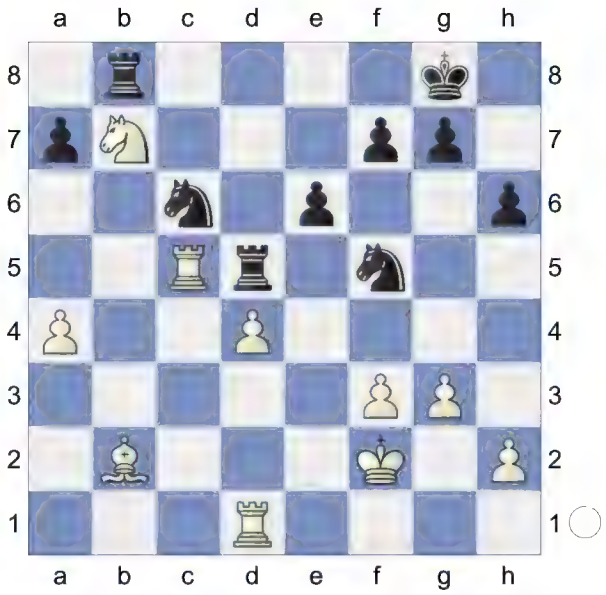
26.Bf1 Ng6 27.g3 Nce7 28.Bb2 Nf5 29.Bd3 Nd6 30.Nd2 Ne7

31.Rhd1 Nc6 32.Nb3 b5 33.Nc5 bxc4 34.Bf1 Nb8 35.a4 c3

(Diagram)



36.Rxc3 Bxf1 37.Rxf1 Nc6 38.Rd1 Nf5 39.Nb7 Rd5 40.Rc5 Rb8



41.Rxc6 Rxb7 42.Rd2 Rbd7 43.g4 Nxd4 44.Rxd4 Rxd4 45.Bxd4 Rxd4

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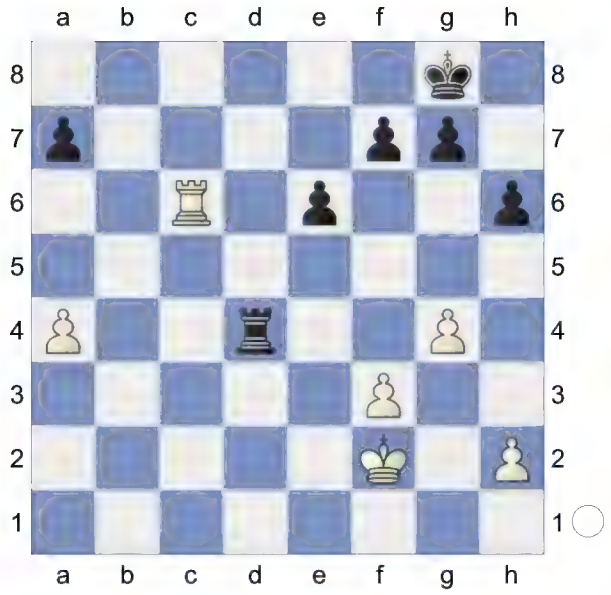
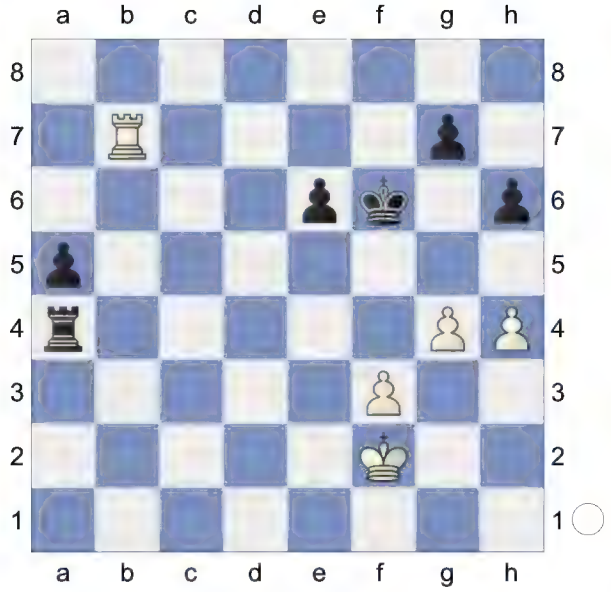


46.Rc8+ Kh7 47.Rc7 Rxa4 48.Rxf7 Kg6 49.Rb7 Kf6 50.h4 a5



51.Ra7 Ra1 52.Kg2 a4 53.Ra5 a3 54.Ra7 g5 55.hxg5+ hxg5

(Diagram)

56.Ra5 e5 57.Kg3 Ke6 58.Kh2 Kd6 59.Kg2 <xml✕:en>Despite the passed a-pawn, Black cannot win:</:en ✕/xml> <xml ✕:de>Schwarz kann trotz des a-Freibauern nicht gewinnen:</:de ✕/xml> Despite the passed a-pawn, Black cannot win:Schwarz kann trotz des a-Freibauern nicht gewinnen: **59...Kc6**

[59...a2 60.Kh2 Kc6 61.Kg2 Kb6 62.Ra3 Kc5 63.Ra8 Kd4 64.Ra3 *(64.Ra4+? Kc3 65.Ra8 Rc1 66.Rxa2 Rc2+ 67.Rxc2+ Kxc2-+* <xml ✕:en>because Black has the distant opposition.</:en ✕/xml> <xml ✕:de>denn Schwarz hat die Fernopposition.</:de ✕/xml> because Black has the distant opposition.denn Schwarz hat die Fernopposition.*)* 64...Kc4 65.Ra8 Kc3 66.Rc8+ Kd3 67.Rd8+ Ke3 68.Ra8 Re1 *(68...Rd1 69.Rxa2 Rd2+ 70.Rxd2 Kxd2 71.Kh2!= '=!')* 69.Ra3+!= '=!']

60.Rxe5 Rb1

[60...Kb6 61.Re6+ Kb5 62.Re5+ Kb4 63.Re4+ Kb3 64.Re3+ Kc2

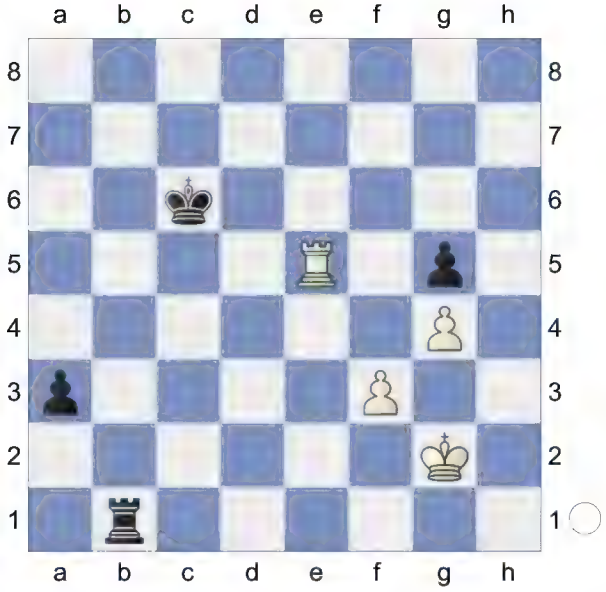
A) 65.Re8? Rb1 66.Ra8 *(66.Rc8+ Kb2 67.Rb8+ Ka1*

68.Re8 a2-+)

A1) 66...Kb2? 67.f4 gxf4 *(67...a2 68.fxg5 a1Q 69.Rxa1 Rxa1 70.Kf3 Kc3 71.Ke4 Ra5 72.g6 Rg5 73.Kf4 Rxg6 74.Kf5= '=')* 68.Kf3 Rf1+ 69.Kg2 Rc1 70.Kf3 Rc4 71.Rb8+ Kc3 72.Ra8 Kb3 73.g5 a2 74.g6 Rc6 75.g7= '=';

A2) 66...Rb3-+;

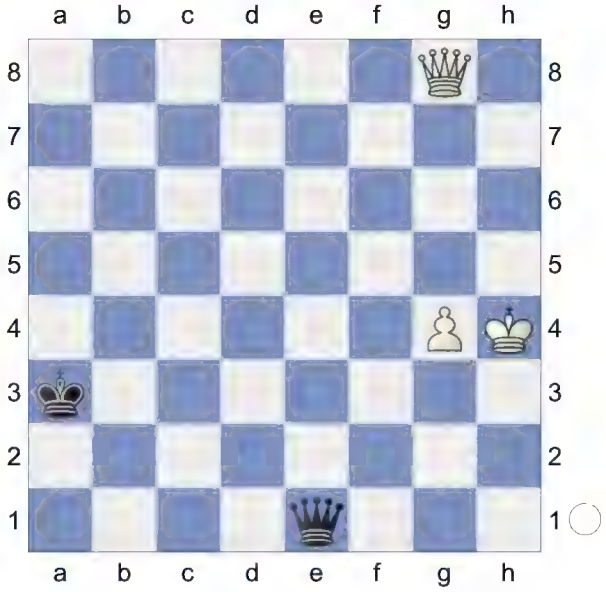
B) 65.Re2+ Kd3 66.Re5 Rb1 67.Ra5 Rb2+ 68.Kg3 a2 69.f4= '=']



61.Ra5 Rb2+ 62.Kg3 a2 63.f4 Kb6 64.Ra8 Kb5?! 65.fxg5 Kb4

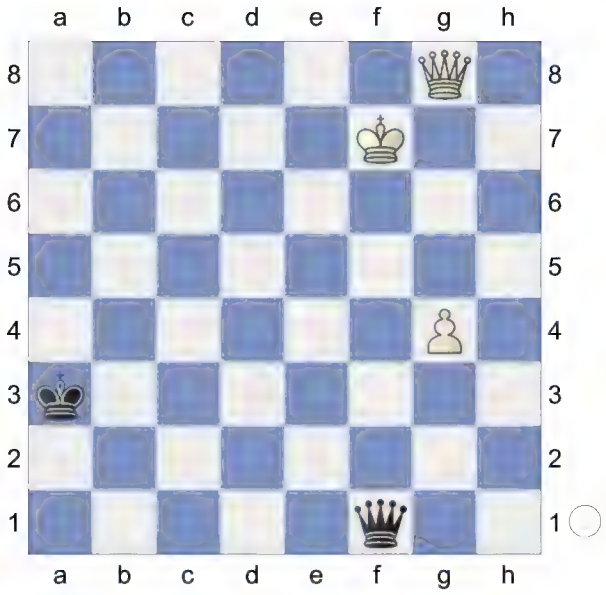
(Diagram)

66.g6 Rb3+ 67.Kh4 Ra3 68.Rxa3 Kxa3 69.g7 a1Q 70.g8Q Qe1+

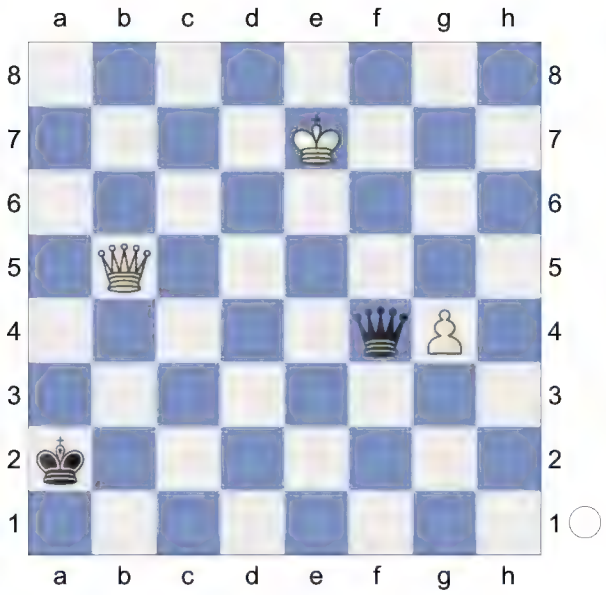


71.Kh5 Qh1+ 72.Kg6 Qb1+ 73.Kh6 Qh1+ 74.Kg7 Qa1+ 75.Kf7 Qf1+

(Diagram)



76.Ke7 Qf4 77.Qa8+ Kb2 78.Qb7+ Ka2 79.Qa6+ Kb1 80.Qb5+ Ka2

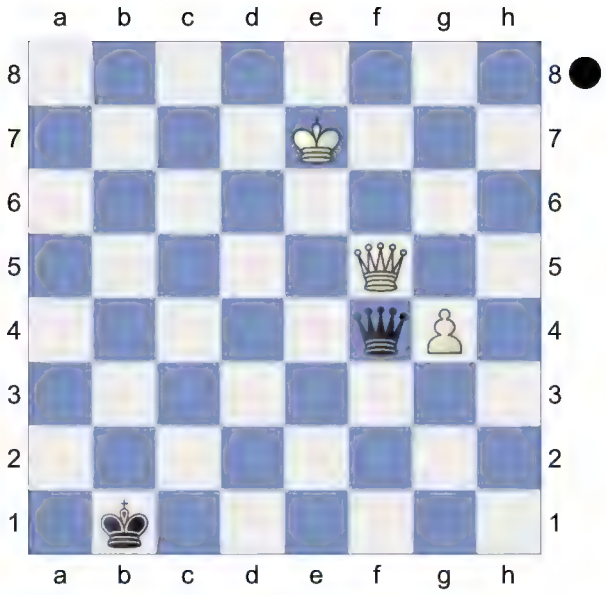


81.Qd5+ Kb1??

[81...Ka1= '=']

82.Qf5+

(Diagram)



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145 **D52**

□ **Makhnev,Denis** **2516**

■ **Aswath,S** **2358**

8. Open Internacional Semana en S (3)

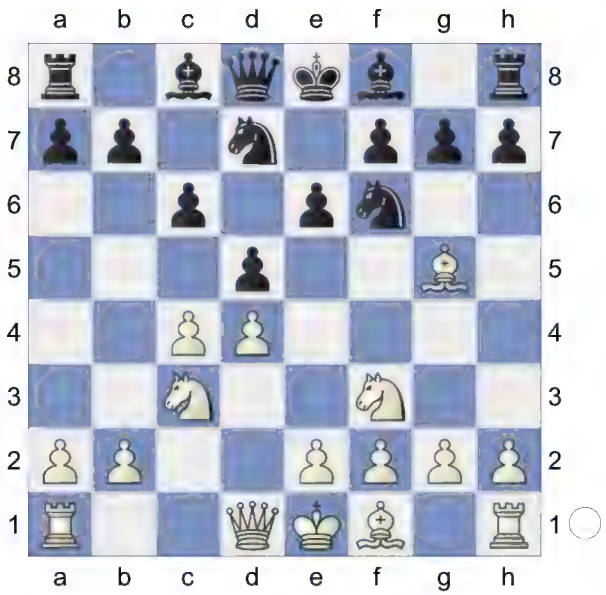
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

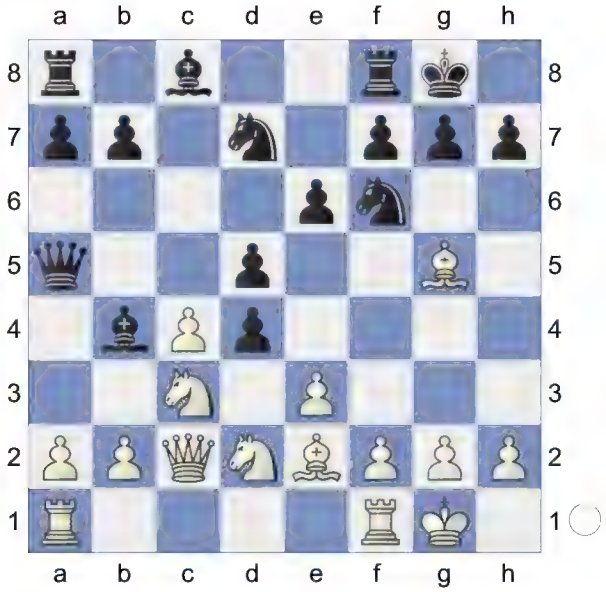
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 cxd4

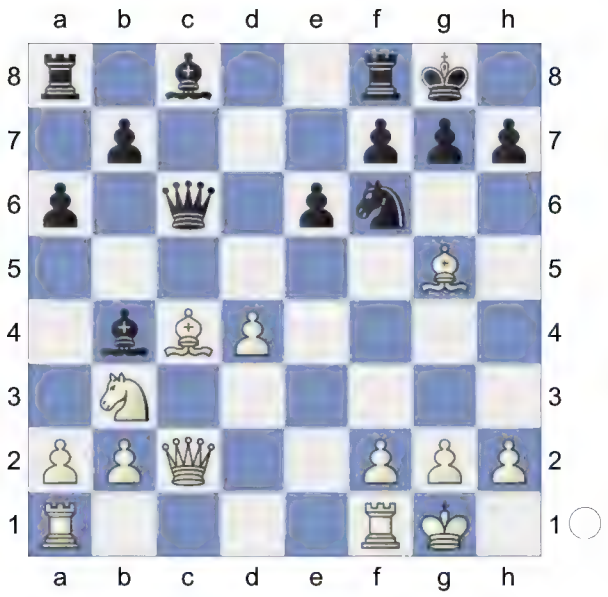


11.Nb3

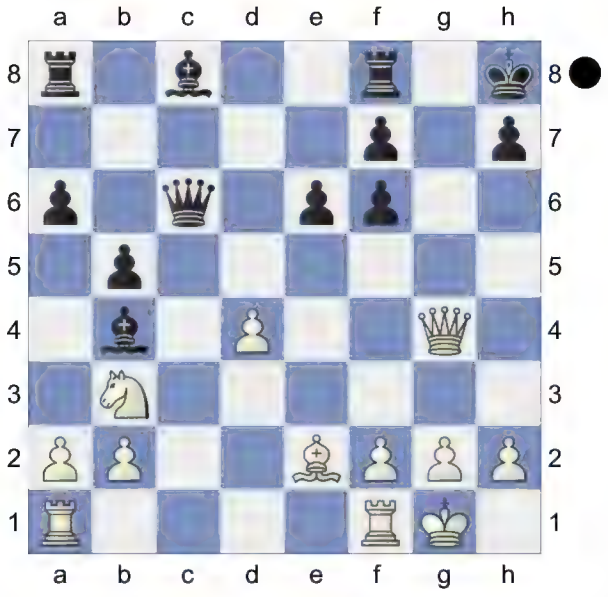
[11.exd4 simplifies Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Qxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 h6 15.Bh4]

11...Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a6 14.Ne4 Qc6 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6

(Diagram)

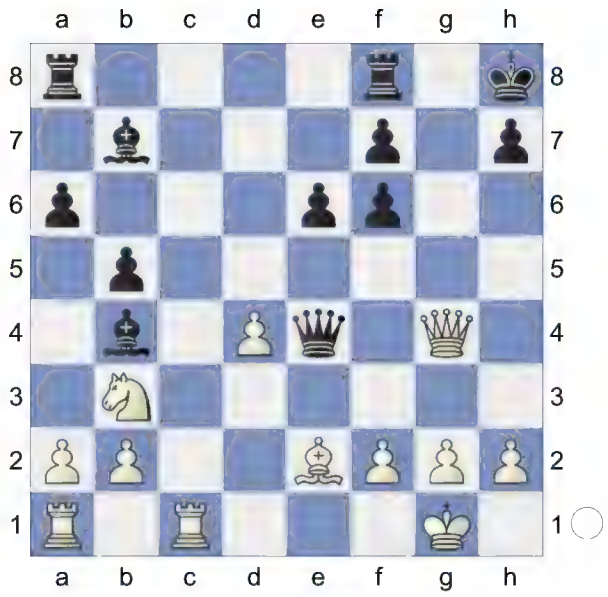


16.Bxf6 gxf6 0.53/18
[16...b5!= 0.14/20 feels stronger. 17.Bxg7 Bb7 *(17...Kxg7 18.Bd3±)*]
17.Qe2 0.01/21
[17.Rac1± 0.53/18]
17...b5= 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Be2

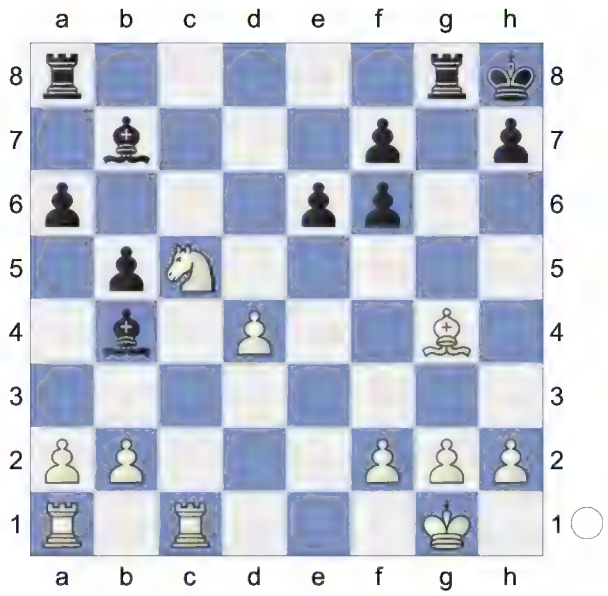


And now Be2-f3 would win. **19...Bb7** ...Rf8-g8 is the strong threat. **20.Rfc1 Qe4**
[20...Rg8 simplifies 21.Rxc6 Rxg4 22.Bxg4 Bxc6 23.Rc1 Bd5]

(Diagram)

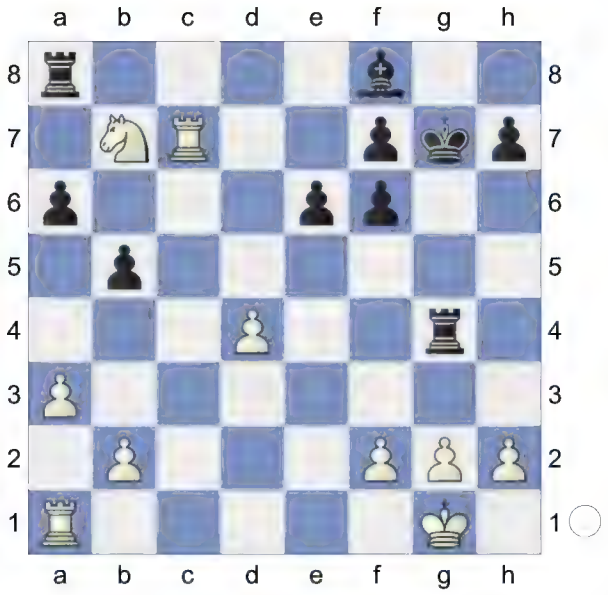


21.Nc5
[21.Qxe4 simplifies Bxe4 22.Rc7 Bd6 23.Rd7]
21...Qxg4 22.Bxg4 Rg8

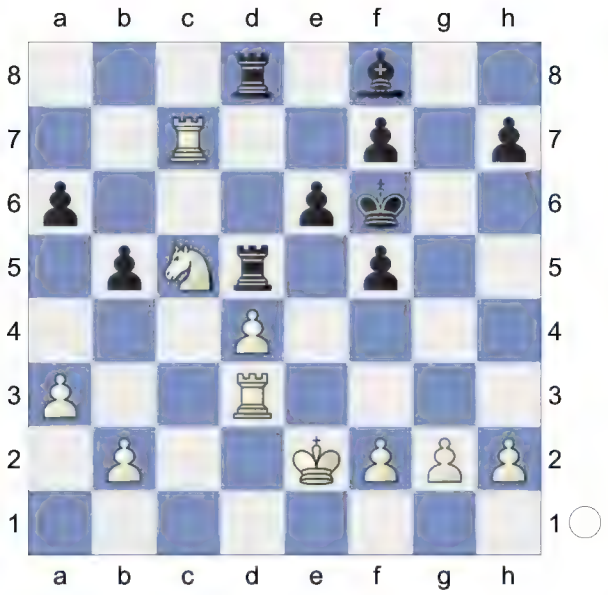


Strongly threatening ...Bb4xc5. **23.Nxb7 Rxg4 24.a3 Bf8 25.Rc7 Kg7**

(Diagram)

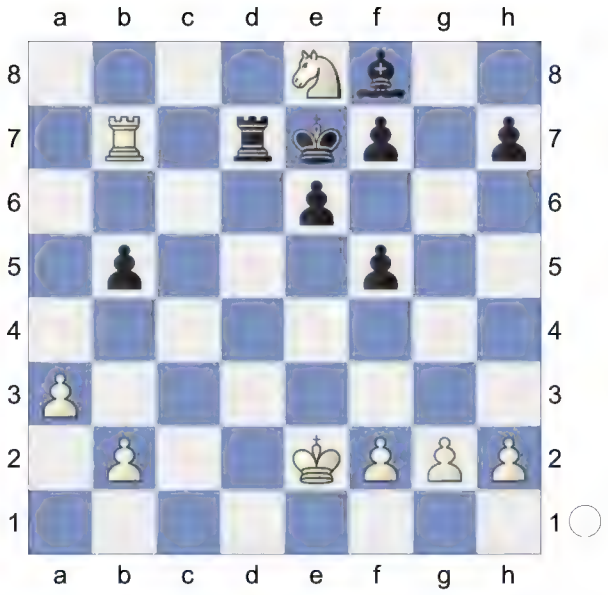


26.Rd1 Rg5 27.Rd3 Rd5 28.Kf1 f5 29.Ke2 Kf6 30.Nc5 Rad8



Prevents Nc5-d7+ **31.Nxa6 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Rxd4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **33.Rb7 Rd5 34.Nc7 Rd7 35.Ne8+ Ke7**

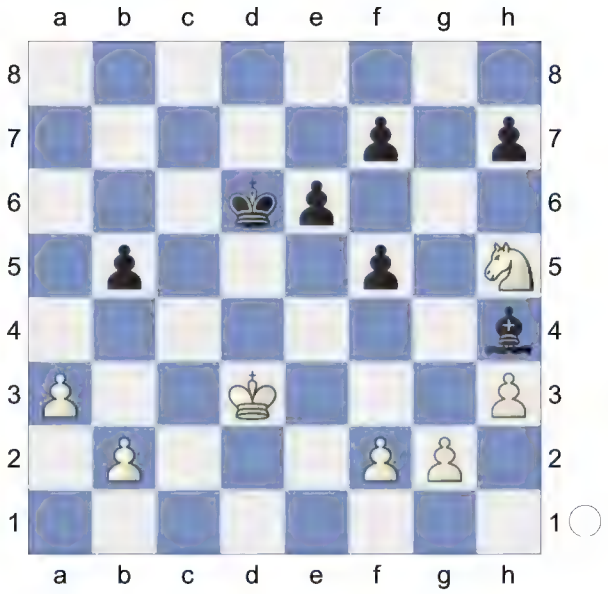
(Diagram)



36.Rxd7+

[36.Rxb5 Kxe8 37.a4 Ra7 38.Rb8+ Ke7-+]

36...Kxd7 KB-KN **37.Nf6+ Ke7 38.Nh5 Kd6 39.Kd3 Be7 40.h3 Bh4**

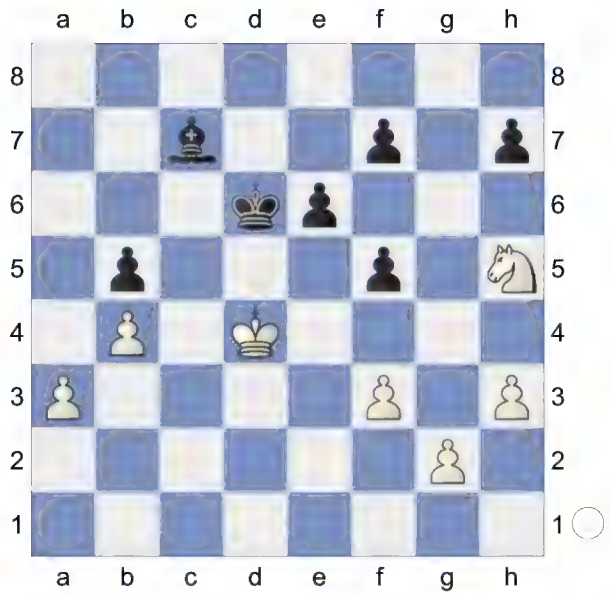


41.f3 Bd8 42.b3 Kc5 43.Kc3 0.01/23

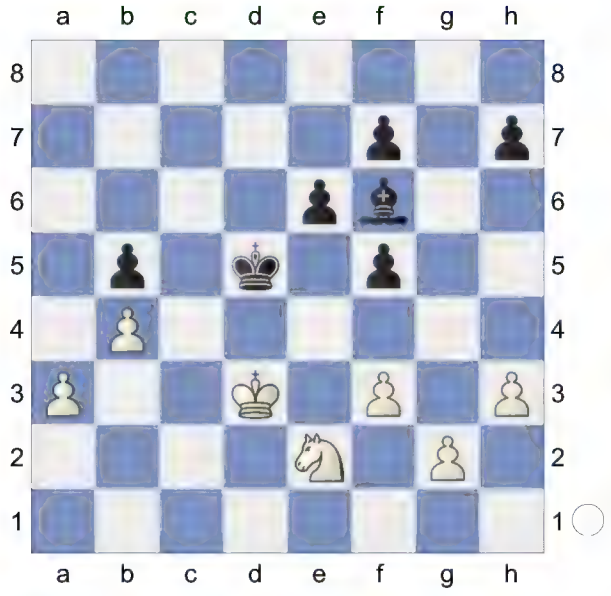
[43.g4± 0.37/23]

43...Bc7 44.b4+ Kc6 45.Kd4 Kd6

(Diagram)



46.Ng3 Bd8 47.Ne2 -0.64/26
[47.Nh5= -0.01/26]
47...Bf6+∓ 48.Kd3 Kd5 49.Nf4+ Kd6 50.Ne2! Kd5 -0.01/21
[50...h5∓ -0.48/23
is more appropriate.]



51.Nf4+= Kd6

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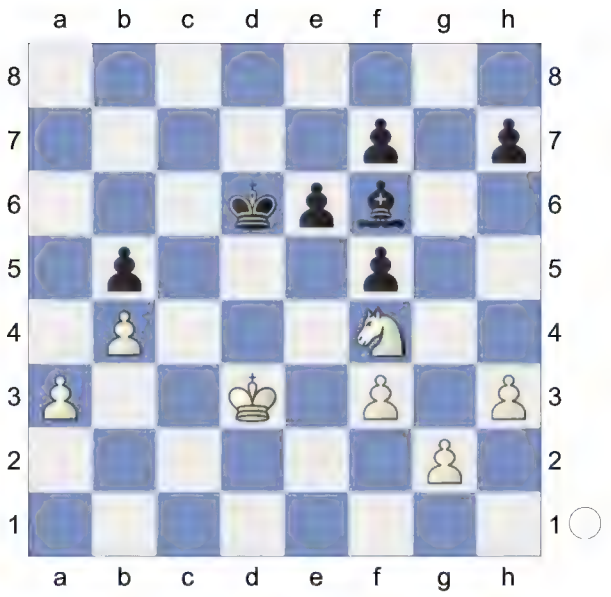

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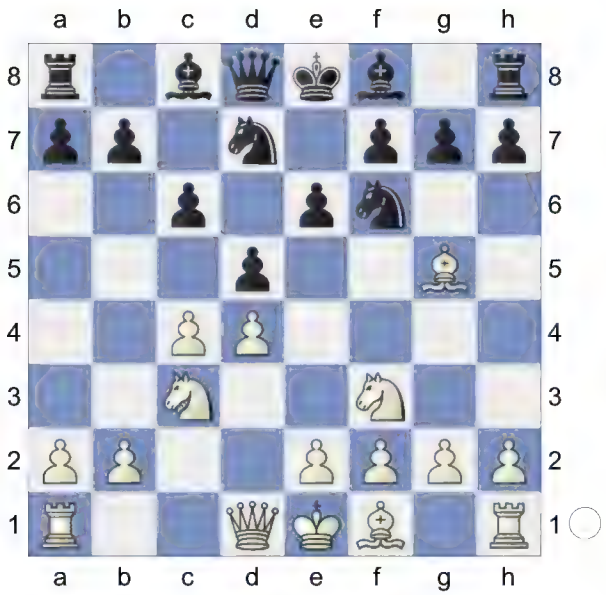
146 **D52**
□ **Cmilyte,Viktorija** **2515**
■ **Dreev,Alexey** **2673**
Masters 2014 (4.15) 31.01.2014
[Petronijevic,Zoran]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

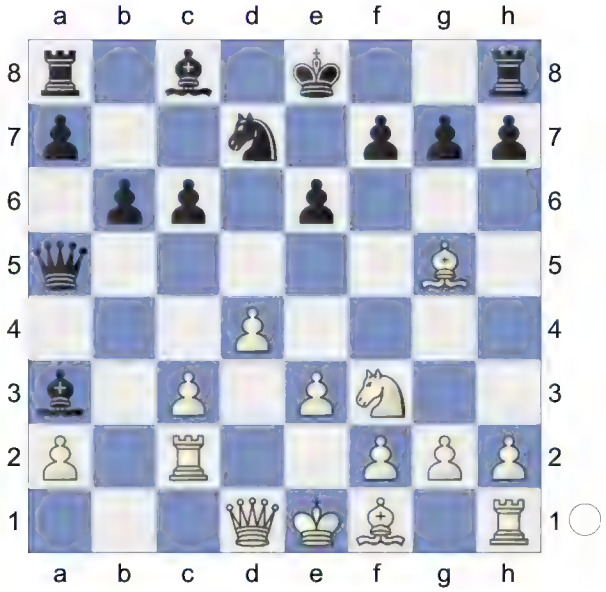
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2

White has an edge. **10...b6**



* **11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2**

[12...0-0 13.c4±]

13.Qxe2 0-0 14.Rd1

[14.Bf4!?]

14...Rfe8 15.e4 Rac8!?N

[15...e5 16.Bh4 Be7±]

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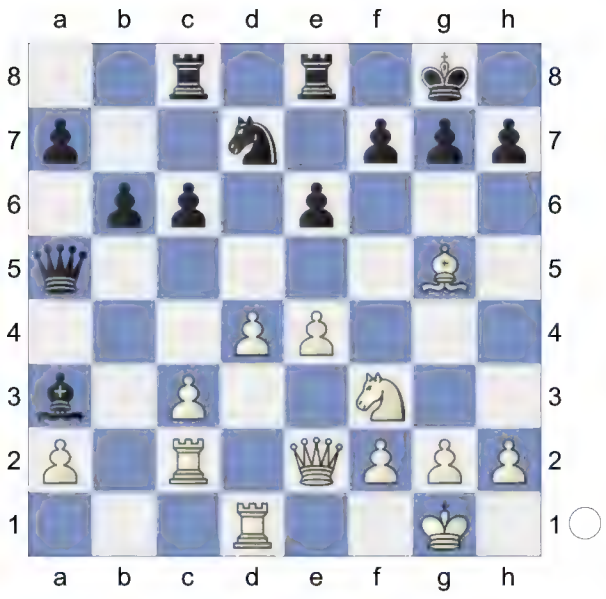
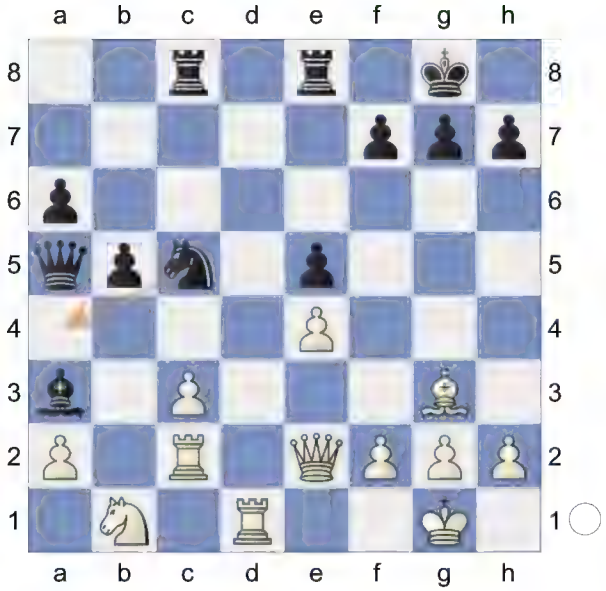
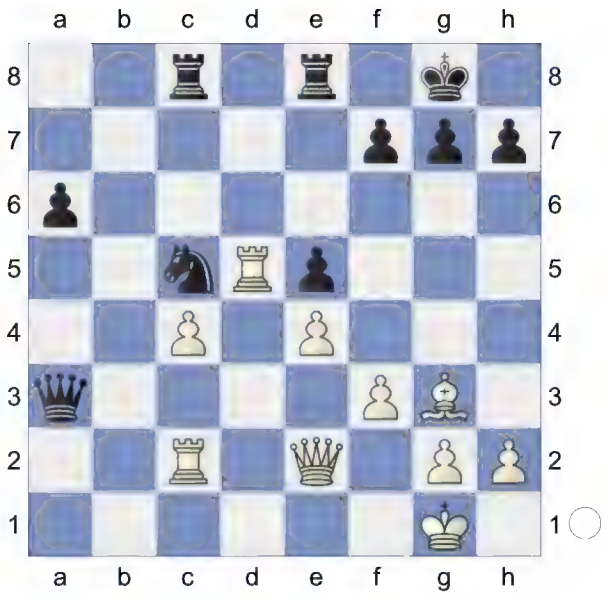


= **RR16.Bf4 c5 17.Nd2 b5** Prevents Nd2-c4. **18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nb1**
[19.Bd6 feels hotter. Na4 20.Nb3 Nxc3 21.Qd2]
19...e5 20.Bg3 a6=



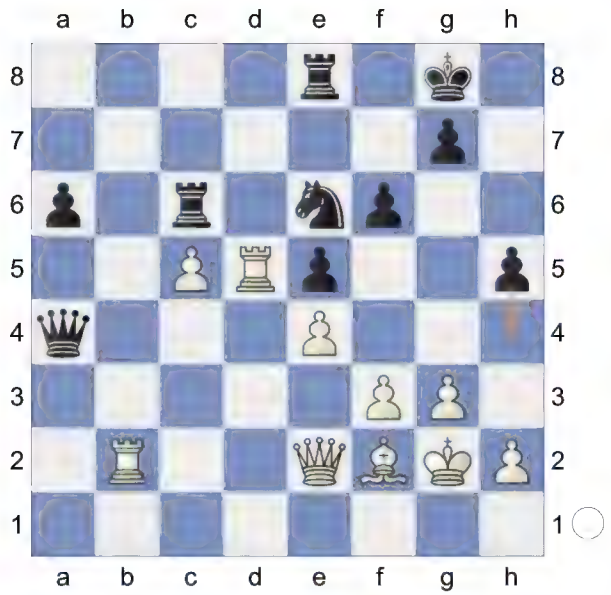
21.c4 b4 0.60/22
[21...Ne6= -0.13/21 22.Bxe5 Bc5]
22.Rd5± Qa4 23.f3 b3 24.axb3 Qxb3 25.Nxa3 Qxa3

(Diagram)

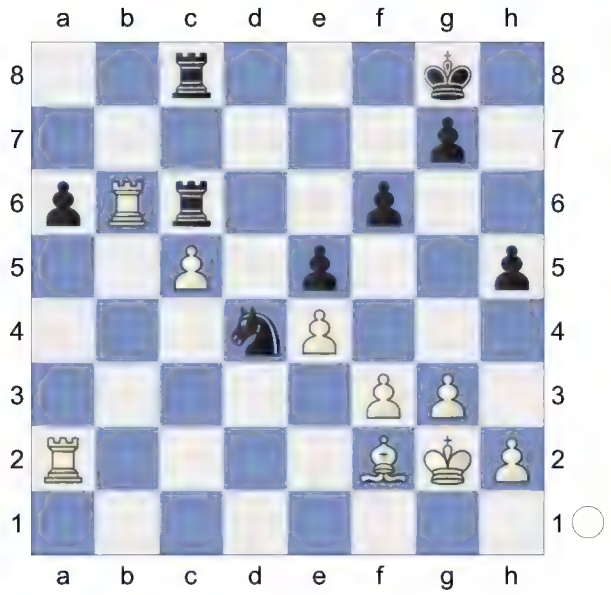


26.Bf2 0.50/19
[26.Bxe5? Rxe5 27.h3 Ree8-+]
[26.Rxe5? Qa1+ 27.Qf1 Qd4+ 28.Kh1 Rxe5-+]
[26.h3± 0.95/19]
26...Ne6 27.g3 Dodges Ne6-f4
[27.Rxe5? too greedy. Qa1+ 28.Qe1 Qxe5-+]
27...Rc6 0.97/20
[27...Nd8± 0.52/18]
28.Kg2± f6 29.c5 Qa4 1.54/21
[⌓29...h5 0.90/21]
30.Rb2 0.89/21
[⌓30.Ra2 1.54/21 Qb5 31.Qd2]
30...h5

(Diagram)

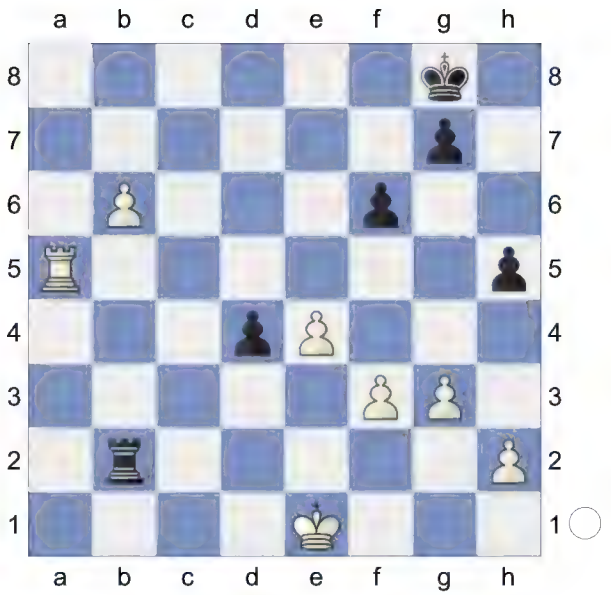


31.Rb6 Rec8 32.Rd2 Nd4 33.Ra2 Qb5 34.Rxb5 Nxe2 35.Rb6 Nd4

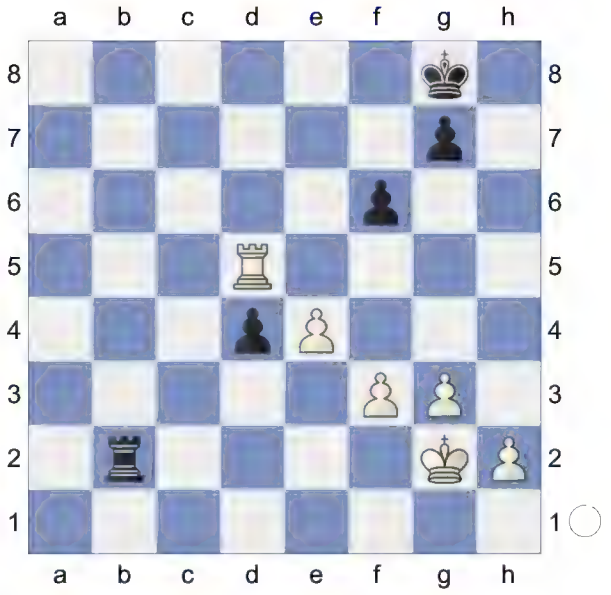


36.Bxd4
[36.Rbxa6 Rxc5 37.Ra8 Rc2=]
36...Rxb6 37.cxb6 exd4 Endgame. KR-KR **38.Kf2** 0.71/21
[⌓38.Rxa6 1.51/23 Rc2+ 39.Kf1]
38...a5 2.08/23 **39.Rxa5+- Rc2+ 40.Ke1 Rb2**

(Diagram)

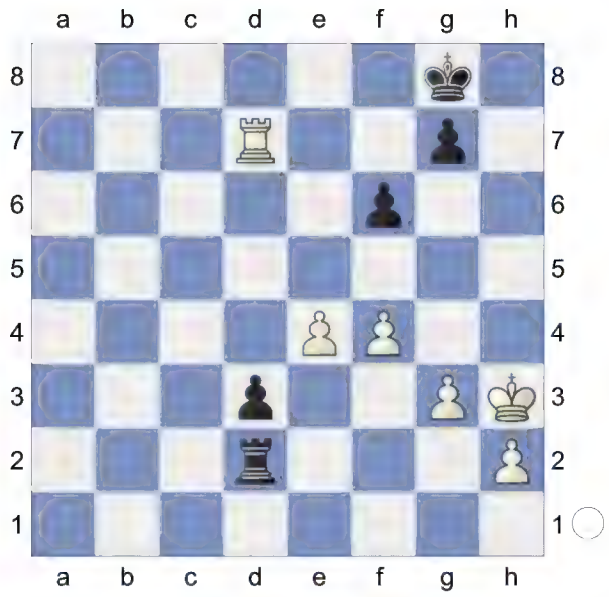


41.Rxh5 0.65/23
[41.Ra8+± 1.15/20 Kh7 42.Rb8]
41...Rxb6± 42.Rd5 Rb3 43.Kf2 Rb2+ 44.Kg1 Rb1+ 1.16/29
[⌓44...Rd2 0.74/26]
45.Kg2± Rb2+

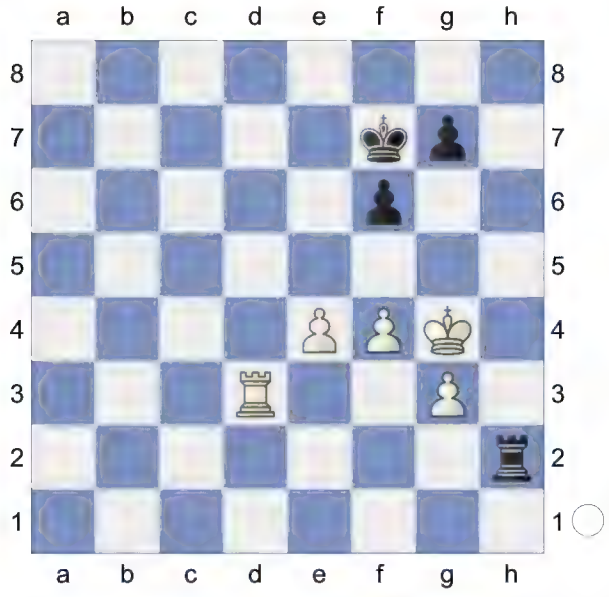


46.Kh3 Rf2 47.f4
[47.Rxd4 Rxf3 48.Rd2 Re3=]
47...Rd2 48.Rd7 d3

(Diagram)



49.Kg4! Rxh2 50.Rxd3 Kf7



51.Rd7+ Kg6 52.f5+ 0.52/27
[52.e5± 1.15/23 Strongly threatening f4-f5+. fxe5 53.fxe5]
52...Kh6± 53.Rd8 Kh7 Prevents Rd8-h8+. **54.Re8** 0.51/24
[54.e5!± 1.04/24 e5-e6 is the strong threat. Re2 55.e6]
54...Re2 55.Kf3 Re1

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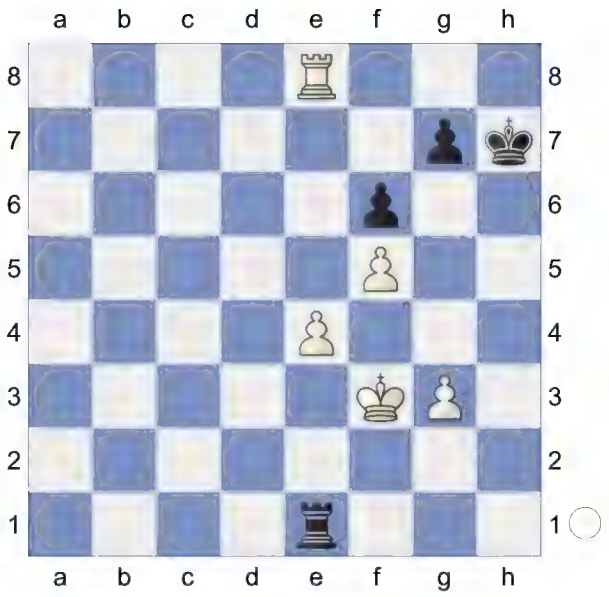
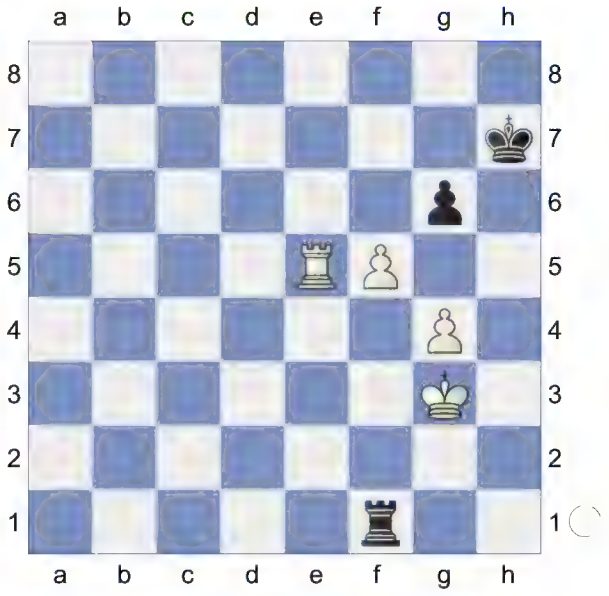


56.g4 Rf1+ 57.Kg2 Rf4 58.Kg3! Rf1
59.e5 fxe5 60.Rxe5 0.25/31
[Better is 60.Re6± 0.80/26]
60...g6!=



61.Re7+!

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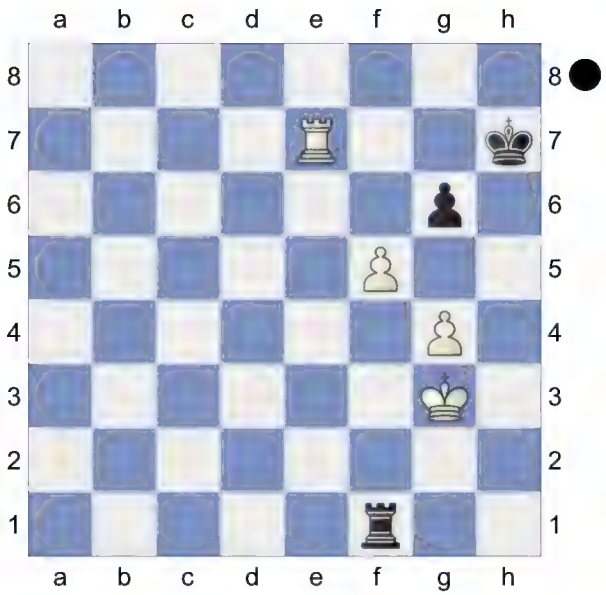

Black defended with fortune.
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147 **D52**
□ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2514**
■ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2584**
Candidates (Women) Pool-B (2.4)
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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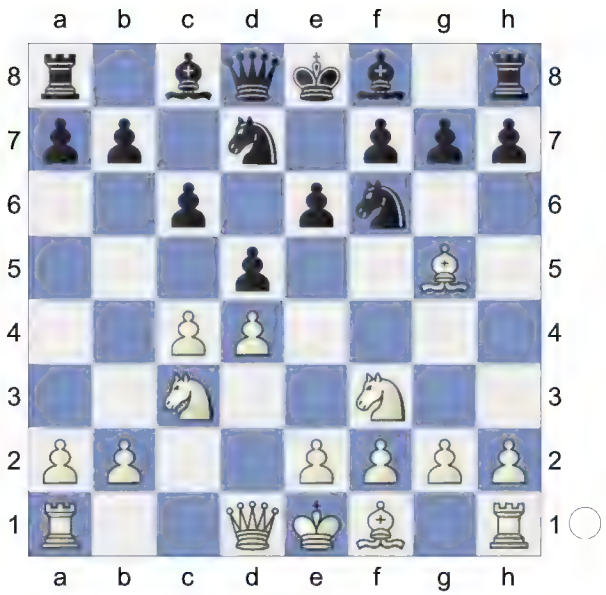

6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
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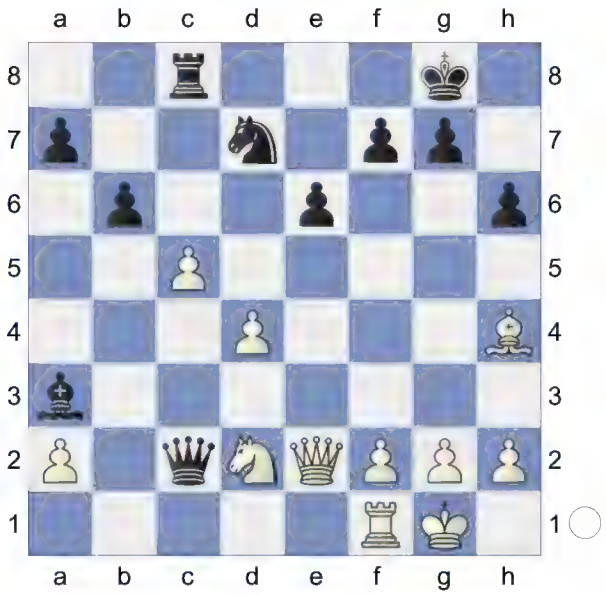
7.cxd5 Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1 h6 Hoping for ...Nd5xc3! **9.Bh4 Nxc3 10.bxc3** The position is equal. **10...Ba3**

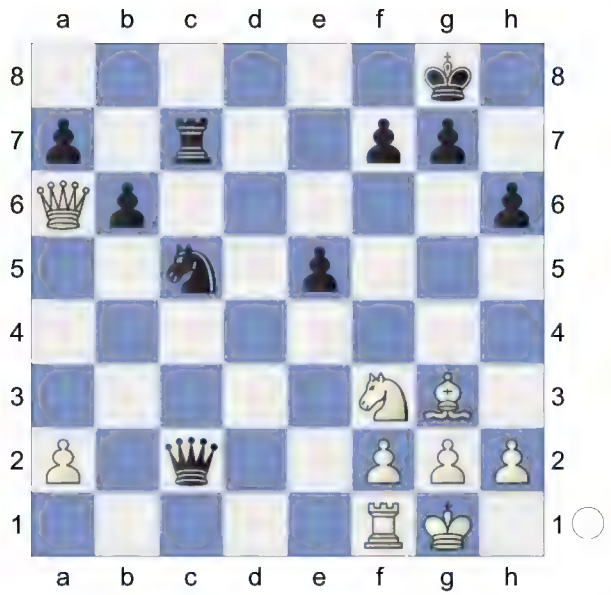
11.Rc2 b6 12.Nd2 Ba6 13.c4 0-0 14.Bd3 c5 15.0-0 cxd4

16.exd4 Rfe8 17.Qe2 Rac8 0.79/19
[17...Bb4= 0.24/18 remains equal.]
18.c5!± Discovered Attack **18...Qa4** 2.13/20
[18...Bxd3± 0.87/21 was called for. 19.Qxd3 Bb4 *(19...bxc5 20.Nc4+-)*]
19.Bxa6+- Qxc2 20.Bxc8 Rxc8

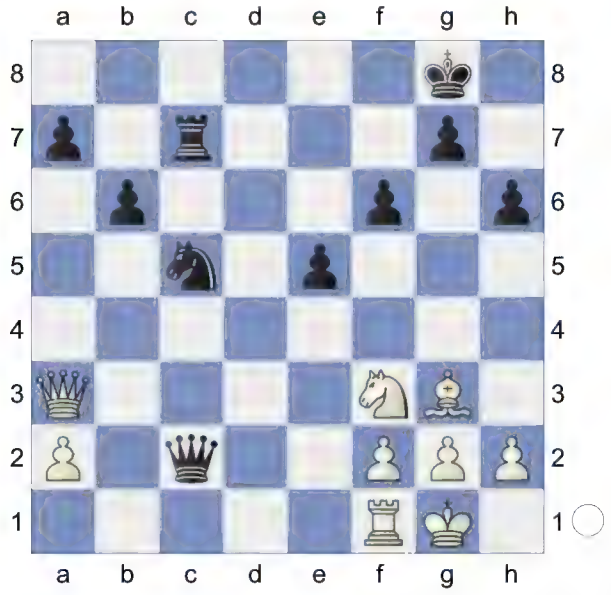


21.Qa6 Rc7 2.37/21
[⌓21...Rf8 1.95/20]
22.Bg3 1.41/21
[White must play 22.Bd8!+- 2.37/21 Nb8 *(22...Rc6? 23.Qb7+-)* 23.Qxa3]
22...e5± 23.Nf3
[23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.cxb6 axb6 25.Qxa3 Qxd2±]
[23.Qxa3?! Qxd2 24.Qa4 *(24.dxe5 Rxc5 25.h3 a5∓)* 24...bxc5 25.Bxe5 Rb7= *(25...Nxe5 26.Qe8+ Kh7 27.Qxe5±)*]
23...Bxc5 24.dxc5 Nxc5

(Diagram)



25.Qa3 f6



26.Rc1 Qg6 27.Nh4 Qf7 28.Rd1 Rd7 29.Rxd7 Qxd7

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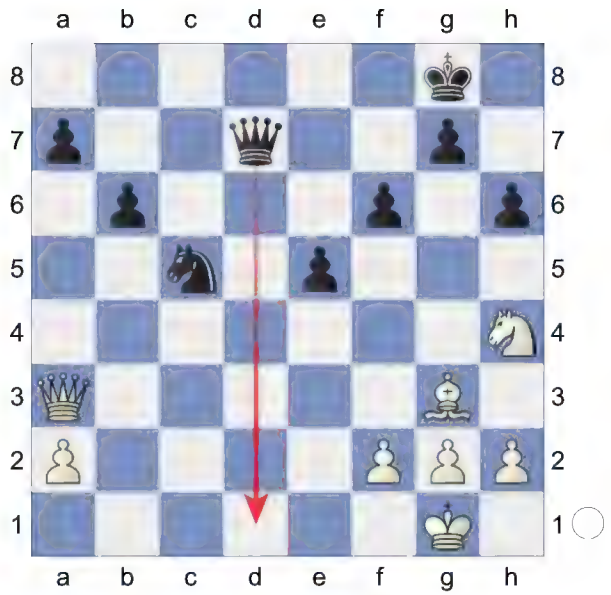
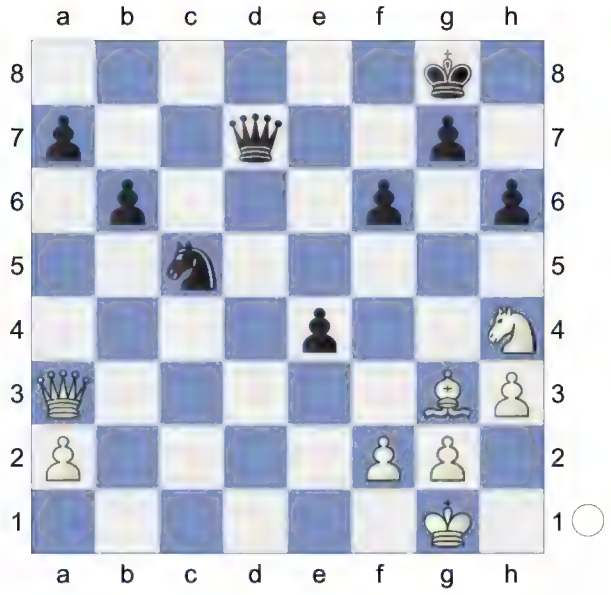


30.h3! e4



Dodges Qa3-f3 **31.Bb8 g5 32.Qxa7 gxh4 33.Qxb6** Endgame. KQB-KQN **33...Ne6** 3.36/21

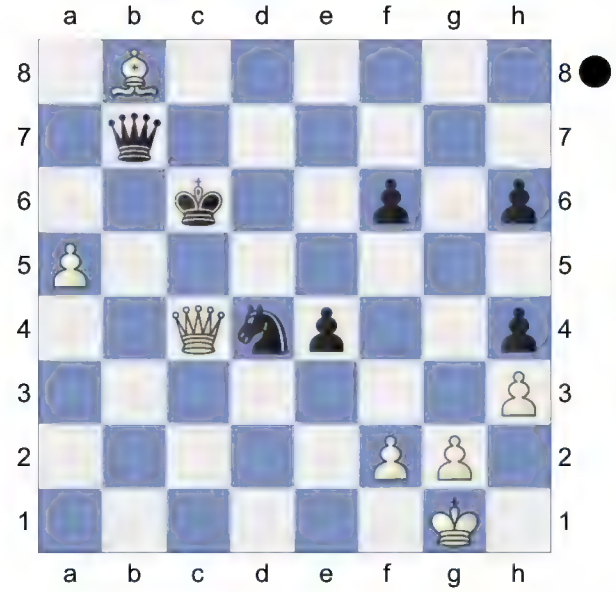
[33...Qb7± 1.31/21 might work better. 34.Qxb7 *(34.Qxc5 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Qxb8+ 36.Kh1 Qb1+ 37.Kh2 Qb8+ 38.Kg1 Qb1+ 39.Kh2 Qb8+=)* 34...Nxb7]

34.a4+- aiming for a4-a5. **34...Kf7?** 5.18/20

[34...e3 3.15/20 keeps fighting. 35.Qxe3 Kf7]

35.a5 White is clearly winning. **35...Nd4**

36.Qc7 Ke8 37.Qc4 Inhibits Nd4-e2+.
37...Qb7 38.Qg8+
[38.Qxd4 Qb1+ 39.Kh2 Qxb8+ 40.g3 hxg3+ 41.Kg2 *(41.fxg3 Qb1=)* 41...Qf4= *(41...gxf2 42.Qxe4+ Kf8 43.Qf5±)*]
38...Kd7 39.Qf7+ Kc6 40.Qc4+



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1-0

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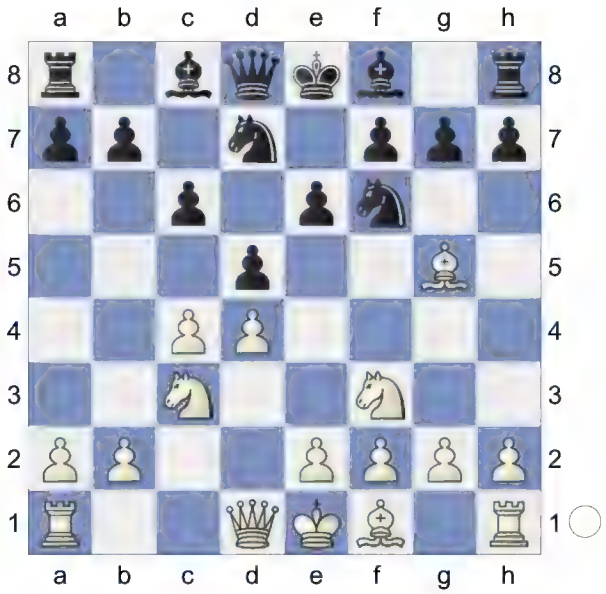
□ **Cmilyte,Viktorija** **2504**
■ **Nechaeva,Marina** **2387**
Tbilisi GEO (7) 13.05.2011
[Mikhalchishin,Adrian]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10.d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/(6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA

Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5

[The main variation went out off fashion: 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 - Black hopes that after the eventual ...c6-c5 his bishop pair will become very active.]

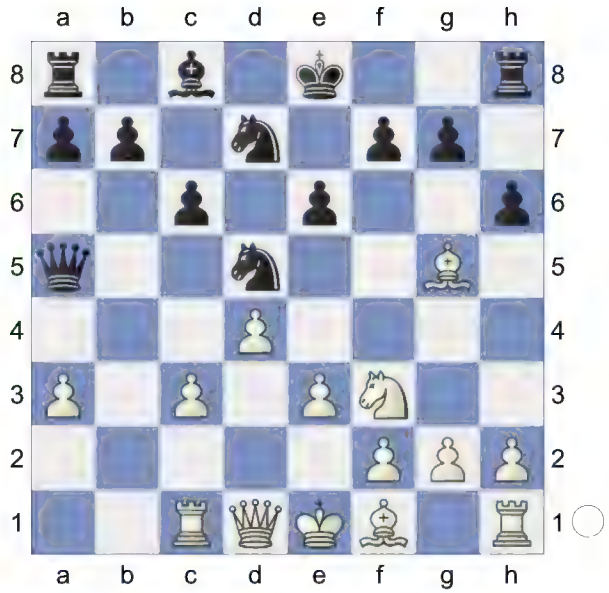
7...Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1 Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 The position is equal. **10...h6**

[10...Nxc3? 11.Qd2+-]

(Diagram)



11.Bh4 Qxa3 The pawn sacrifice is a very cheap price for White's advantage in development and the power of the centre.

[Simple development promises more chances: 11...b6 0.48/20 11...Qa5xa3 -0.02 12.Nd2 Nxc3? 2.77/24 *(12...Ba6 13.c4 N5f6* was playable.*; 12...Ba6±* 0.55/20 *)* 13.Qc2!+- Nd5 14.Qxc6 0-0 15.Qxa8 Qxa3 16.Rxc8 Nc3 Wards off Bf1-b5 17.Rxf8+! Nxf8 18.f3 Qc1+? 1.13/5 *(18...g5+-* 3.01/24 *)* 19.Kf2± Qxd2+ 20.Kg1! g5 21.Bg3! Qxe3+ 22.Bf2 Qc1 23.h3 a5 24.Kh2 Qf4+ 7.26/22 *(⌓24...Nd5* 4.56/21 *25.Bg3 Nf4)* 25.Bg3+- Qxd4 26.Qb8 1-0 Mkrtchian,L (2468)-Madl,I (2405)/Paks HUN 2011/]

[11...Nxc3? perishes. 12.Qd2+-]

12.Qd2 b6 0.37/21

[12...b5?! 13.Bd3 0-0 14.0-0 Bb7 15.c4 *(15.e4* was also worth considering*)* 15...bxc4 16.Bxc4 N5b6 17.Bd3 Rfc8! 18.Bb1 too slow. *(18.e4!?* -0.76/17 18.Rc1-a1 -0.20*)* 18...c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Qd6 -1.19/20 *(*White should play *20.Be7!∓* -0.49/21 *Nd5 21.Bxc5 Rxc5 22.Rxc5*

Qxc5 23.Rc1)

A) ⌓20...Nd5! -1.19/20 21.Ne5 *(21.h3 a5)* 21...Nc3;

B) 20...Qa4 -0.81/20 21.Nd4 -1.17/21 Dodges Rc8-c6 *(⌓21.Bf6 -0.81/20 gxf6 22.Rxc5)* 21...Qd7 *(21...Ne4!?)* 22.Qf4

B1) 22...Ba6 23.Rfd1 Nd3! 24.Rxc8+ -1.50/20 *(⌓24.Bxd3 -1.11/22 Rxc1 Deflection 25.Rxc1 Bxd3 26.Nf3)* 24...Rxc8∓;

B2) 22...Ba6∓ -0.86/21 keeps the pressure on. White must now prevent ...Nb6-d5! 23.Rfd1 Nd3 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Bxd3 Bxd3;

B3) 22...g5?! 0.86/21 23.Qf6!± gxh4 24.Qxh6

B3a) 24...Ne4 ...Rc8xc1 would now be deadly. 25.f3! Rxc1 *(25...e5 2.31/25 25...Rc8xc1 1.13 26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.fxe4 exd4 28.Ba2+-)* 26.Rxc1 Rc8 27.Rf1! Nc5 1.05/22 *(27...e5!= -0.01/19* remains equal. *28.fxe4 exd4)* 28.Bh7+± Kh8 29.Rc1!±;

B3b) 24...f5 Threatens to win with ...Bb7-d5. 25.Rxc5! Rxc5 26.Nxe6 Rac8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Bxf5

B3b1) After 29...Rc1 1.26/31 29...Rc5xf5 0.76 30.Qg5+ Kh8 31.Qxh4+ 0.03/5 *(31.Qh5+± 1.26/29 Kg8 32.Qg5+ Kh8 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qg5+)* 31...Kg8= 32.Qg4+ Kh8 33.Qh5+ Kg8 (-> ...Rc1xf1+) 34.f3 0.63/22 *(34.Qg6+± 1.25/28 Kh8 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qg5+ Kh8 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.f3 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1)* 34...Rxf1+± 35.Kxf1 White can play for a win with a draw in hand.;

B3b2) 29...Rxf5 30.Qxf5 Bd5 1.08/18 1-0, Kramnik-Shirov, Moscow 2010, and Black can defend this position successfully, but it was not Shirov's piece of cake! *(30...Qe7!± 0.70/20)*]

[We need practical tests. Probably the best try is 12...Ne7 13.e4 Prevents Ne7-f5. f5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bd3 0-0 16.0-0!]

[12...b5= 0.01/20 feels stronger.]

13.Bd3 White has compensation.

[Another possible option was an immediate action in the centre: 13.e4 N5f6 14.Bd3 Ba6 Hoping for ... Ba6xd3. 15.0-0! Bxd3 16.Qxd3 g5 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.Nd2]

13...Bb7?

[In such situations it is recommended to try to exchange more pieces, 13...Ba6 0.82/18 13...b6-b5 0.35]

14.0-0

[It was possibly better to start actions in the centre immediately: 14.e4 Ne7 15.Bg3 Ng6 16.h4]

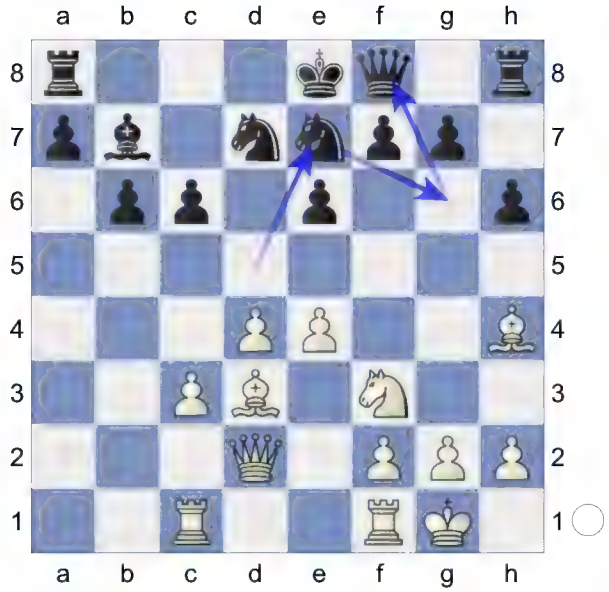
14...Qf8? 0.87/20 A cowardly move.

[But a more active central approach led to problems too: 14...f5 1.24/21 14...b6-b5 0.34 15.c4 N5f6 16.c5]

[14...b5± 0.31/21]

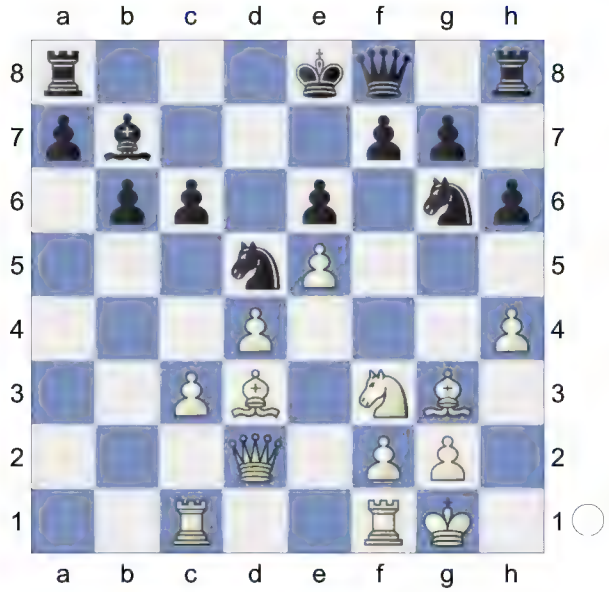
15.e4 Ne7

[Another retreat just accelerated White's initiative: 15...N5f6 16.e5 0.53/21 *(16.Qf4± 0.91/18* aiming for Qf4-c7. *Rc8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Rfd1)* 16...Nd5 17.c4 Ne7 18.Rfe1 g5 19.Bg3 Qg7 20.Be4]



16.c4 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.

[There was another possible way: 16.Bg3 Ng6 17.h4 Nf6 18.e5 Nd5 1.42/21 *(⌓18...Nd7 0.94/20 19.Qe2 Ne7)*



19.h5!± Nge7 20.c4 Nc7 , but after such active moves, suddenly it becomes difficult to continue the improvement of White's pieces.]

16...Ng6?

[It was necessary to try to close the centre with 16...c5 17.d5 e5 18.Bg3 Ng6 19.h4 And now h4-h5 would win. Qd6 1.35/20 *(⌓19...h5 0.88/22)*]

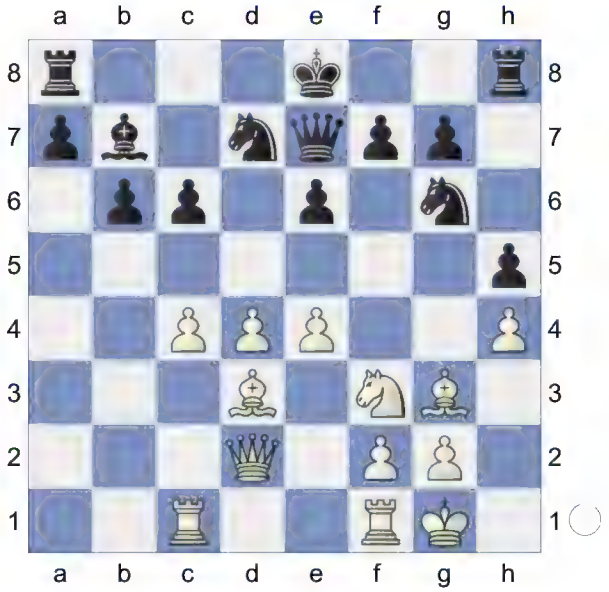
17.Bg3 Qe7?! 1.28/21

[Now it was possible to close the centre in a different way: 17...e5]

[Better is 17...c5 0.89/21]

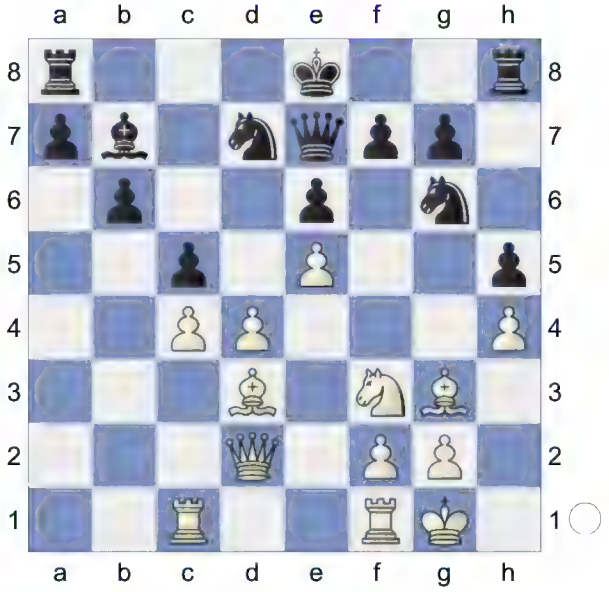
18.h4± h5 1.51/20

[⌓18...c5 0.93/19]

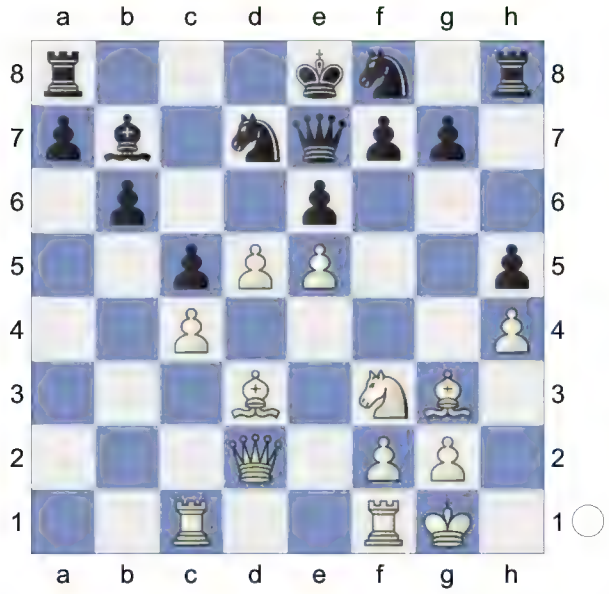


19.e5! c5 2.22/20

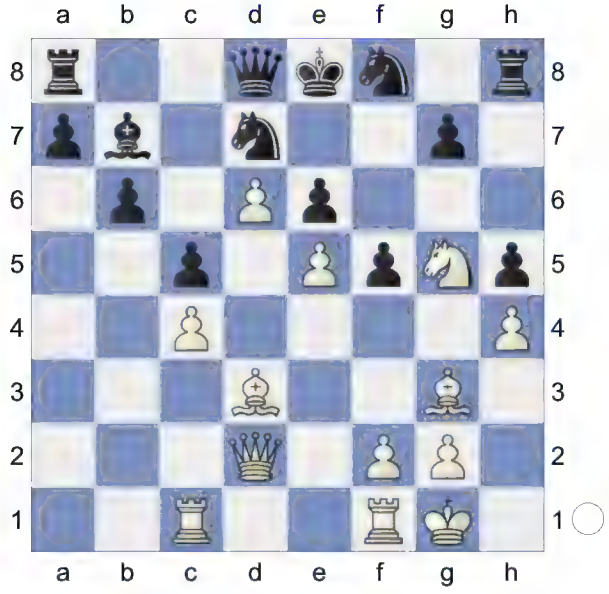
[19...0-0± 1.56/19 was worth a try.]



20.d5!+- Ngf8
[Bad, as it is, but it was necessary to solve the problem of the king: 20...0-0]

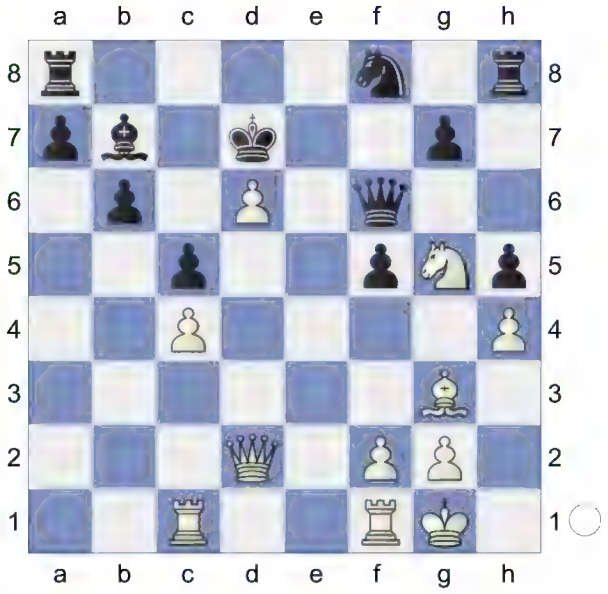


21.d6 With such a pawn d6 Black has no hopes for defence. **21...Qd8 22.Ng5 f5?** 6.92/20
[22...Rg8 2.43/19 23.Rfd1 Qc8]

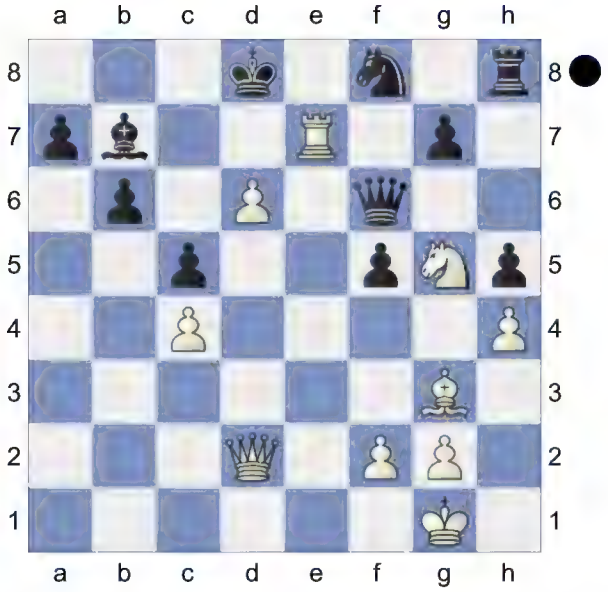


23.Bxf5! exf5 24.e6 Qf6? 7.14/21
[24...Ng6 3.62/20 25.Rfe1 *(25.exd7+ Qxd7 26.Rfe1+ Kf8+-)* 25...0-0]

25.exd7+ White is clearly winning.
25...Kxd7



26.Rfe1 Re8 Wards off Re1-e7+
27.Rxe8 Remove Defender **27...Kxe8**
28.Re1+ Kd8 29.Re7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.63
1-0

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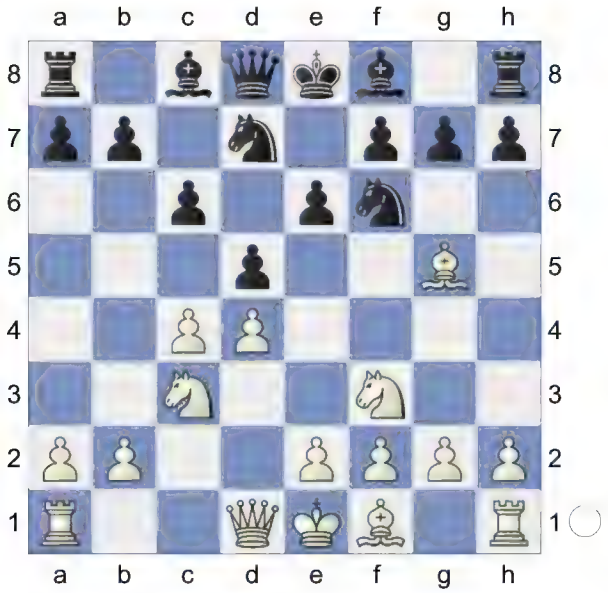
□ **Cmilyte,Viktorija** **2504**
■ **Guseva,Marina** **2387**
EU-ch women Tbilisi GEO (7) 13.05.2011
[R.Scherbakov]

Victoria Cmilyte played very good chess at the recently finished European Championship and convincingly won the title. Here is one of her wins, which shows that Black may face real problems in the principle line of the Cambridge Springs.

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1!? This rare option has recently caused some headaches for Black.

[White used to play 8.Qd2 when Black usually reacts with Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4

A) in case of 10...0-0 White can choose between 11.a3 *(11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3)* 11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3 13.e4 with good compensation for the pawn;

B) 10...c5 and if 11.a3 then Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6]

8...Bb4

[8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qxa2 10.Bd3 gives White more than sufficient compensation for the pawn.]

[while 8...h6 9.Bh4 might lead to the same position.]

9.a3! The point of the previous move.

[9.Qd2 is a transposition to the main line which arises after 8. Qd2. However, recently Black does not accept the gift and prefers the more reliable approach h6 10.Bh4 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6]

9...Bxc3+

[9...Nxc3?! 0.52/22 9...Bb4xc3+ -0.11 fails to 10.axb4! Nxd1 1.24/19 *(10...Qxg5± 0.50/22 11.bxc3 Qf6)* 11.bxa5± Nxb2 12.Rc2 Na4 13.Rc4 b5 14.Rxc6 a6 15.Rc7 with a clear advantage.]

10.bxc3 The position is equal. **10...h6**

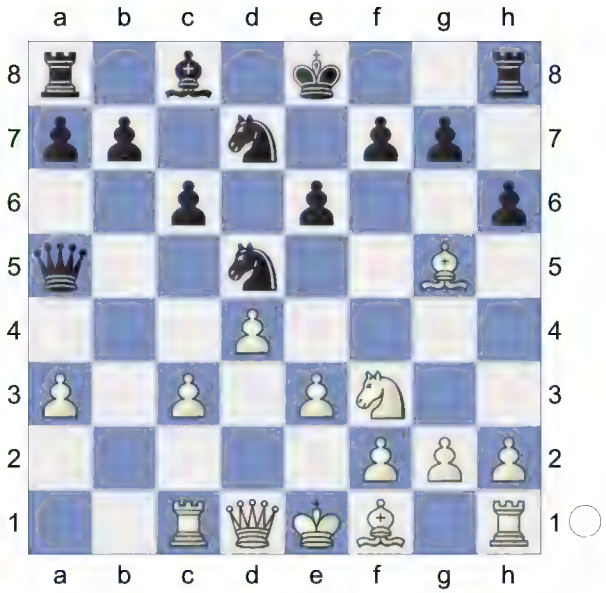
[After 10...0-0 0.41/21 10...Qa5xa3 -0.09 11.e4 N5f6 12.Bd3 White builds a strong pawn center for free, Ghane - Ataman, Izmir 2003.]

[10...Qxa3 is similar to the game]

[while 10...b6!? is worth considering: 11.Bd3!? *(White can still try to play something other than one of the main lines, which may arise after 11.Qd2 c5)* 11...h6 12.Bh4 Ba6 13.Bxa6 *(13.0-0 Black should prevent Bd3xa6. Bxd3! 14.Qxd3 Qxa3 15.e4 Nf4 16.Qe3 Ng6 17.Ra1 Qd6 18.Bg3 Qe7 seems acceptable for Black)* 13...Qxa6 14.c4 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 N5f6 16.0-0 0-0 and here 17.c5!? looks promising.]

[10...Nxc3? 11.Qd2+-]

(Diagram)



11.Bh4 Qxa3 A principled decision. Since Black will hardly prevent the appearance of White's strong pawn center she doesn't want to suffer for nothing.

[11...Nxc3? too greedy. 12.Qd2+-]

12.Qd2 Thus White has achieved her goal - she has forced Black to take the pawn on a3. However, the position remains very complicated and she should play very energetically to develop an initiative. **12...b6** 0.41/20 This typical move does not bring the desired effect. Black should have paid more attention to other options.

[In the game Kramnik - Shirov, Moscow 2010, Black tried the risky-looking 12...b5 , securing his knight on d5 from c3-c4. However, White should be better: 13.Bd3 *(13.e4!?)* 13...0-0 14.0-0 *(14.e4!?)* 14...Bb7 and here I would prefer 15.e4 *(while 15.c4 -0.32/20 15.e3-e4 0.07 bxc4 16.Bxc4 N5b6 17.Bd3 Rfc8* followed by ... c6-c5 gave Black acceptable play *)*]

[After 12...Ne7 White can choose between some options, such as 13.e4

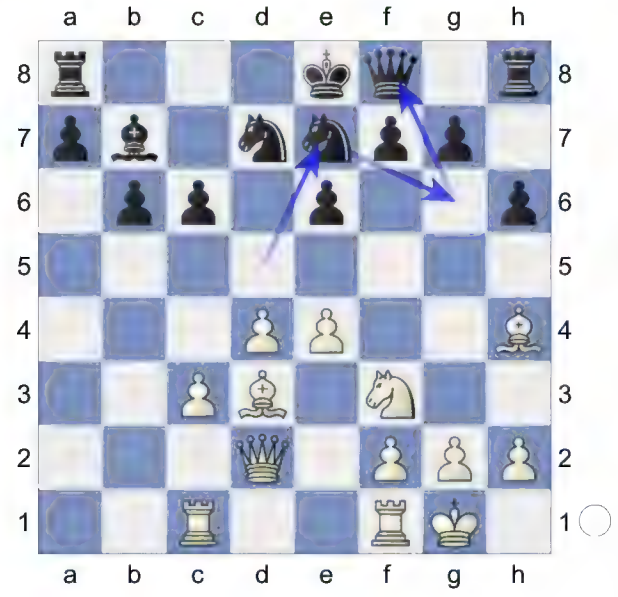
Repels Ne7-f5 *(or 13.Bg3!? Nf5 14.Bf4)*]
[12...c5 transposes into a position which tournament practice suggests promises better chances for White.]
[12...0-0 13.e4 leads to one of the main lines, in which White keeps excellent compensation for the pawn.]
[12...b5= 0.01/22]

13.Bd3± White has compensation.

13...Bb7
[In case of 13...Ba6 0.85/20 13...Nd5-e7 0.27 White keeps all her powerful pieces by 14.c4 Nb4 15.Bb1 0.51/20 *(15.Be2!± 1.29/21 c5 16.dxc5)*]

14.0-0 Hoping for e3-e4. **14...Qf8** 0.73/18 If Black has to play such moves then she is in deep trouble.
[It turns out that 14...0-0 1.65/20 14...b6-b5 0.27 loses a piece after 15.e4 N5f6 *(15...Ne7 2.54/23* 15...Rf8-c8 1.75 *16.Ra1 Qd6 17.e5; 15...Nc7? 5.18/22* 15...a7-a5 1.93 *16.Ra1 Qd6 17.e5)* 16.Ra1]
[14...b5± 0.36/20 is more appropriate.]

15.e4 Ne7



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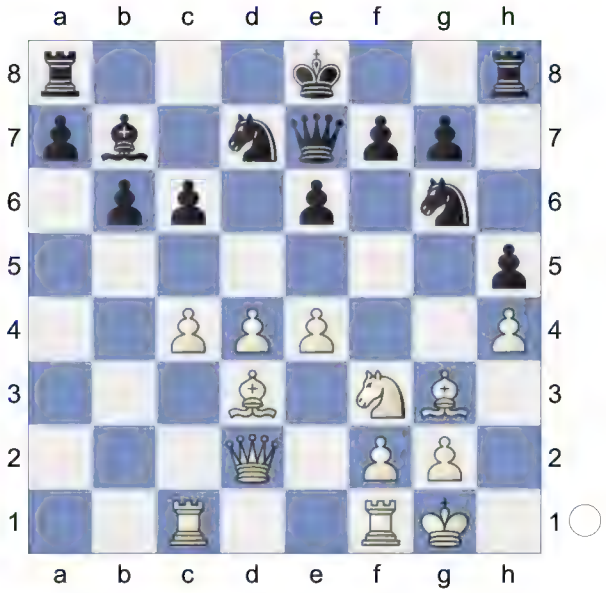
18.h4 h5 1.71/18
[18...c5± 1.11/17]



19.e5!+- c5?! 2.26/21
[Yet, after 19...0-0

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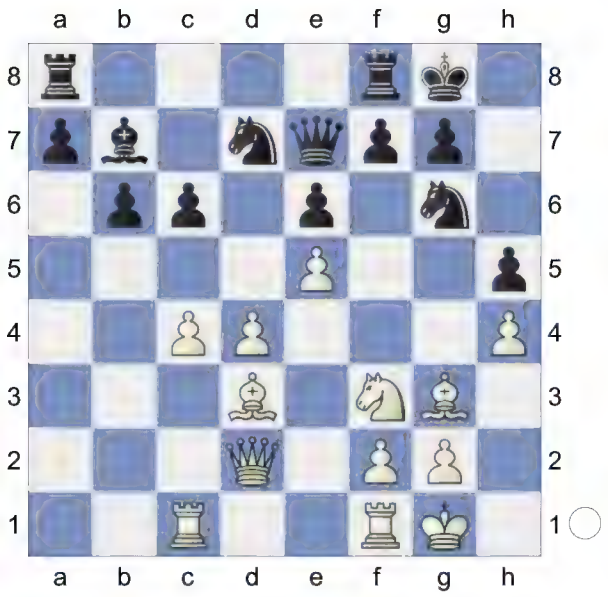
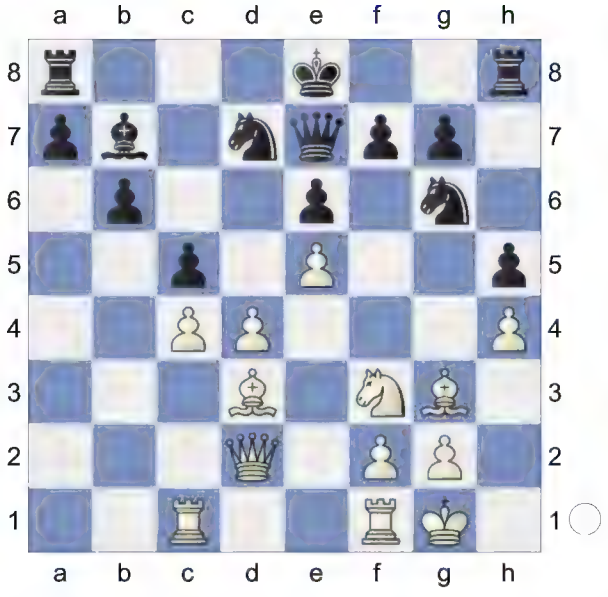


20.Ng5! White's superiority was beyond doubt.]
[19...Rh6 1.88/20 might work better. 20.Rce1 Rd8]



This makes White's task easier. **20.d5! Ngf8**
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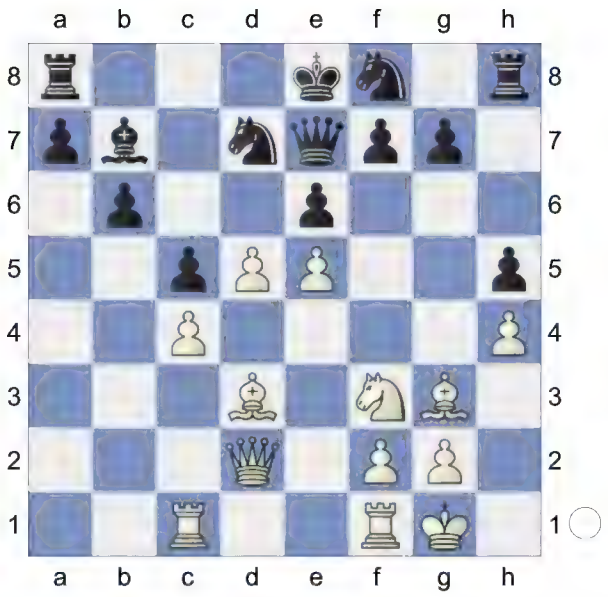
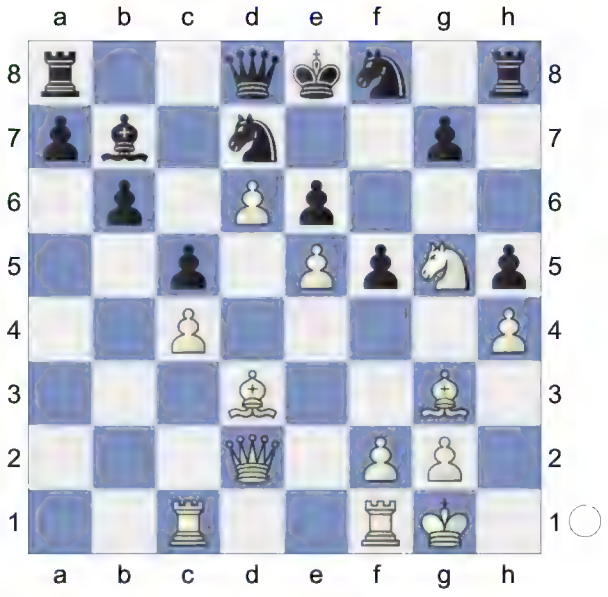


21.d6 Qd8 22.Ng5 It is very painful to observe Black's position. She has no moves and the remaining ones are bad.
22...f5? 6.68/21
[22...Rg8 2.48/20 23.Qe2 g6]



23.Bxf5! White is clearly winning.
23...exf5 24.e6 Qf6 7.56/22
[⌓24...Ng6 4.47/21 25.Rfe1 *(25.exd7+ Qxd7 26.Rce1+ Kf8+-)* 25...0-0]
25.exd7+ Kxd7

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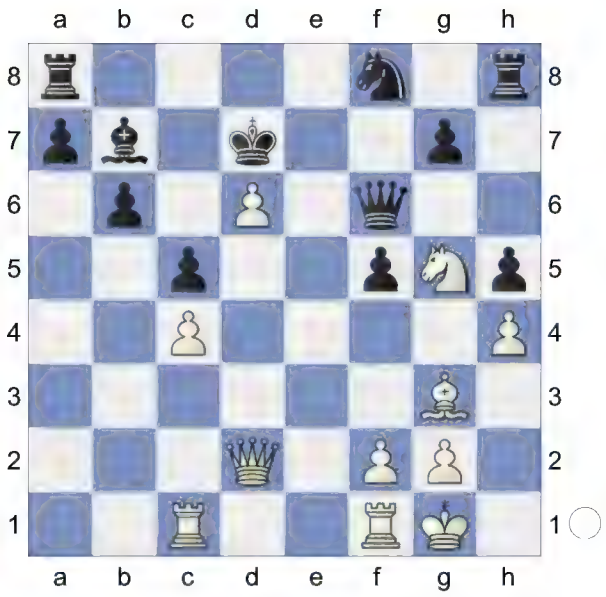
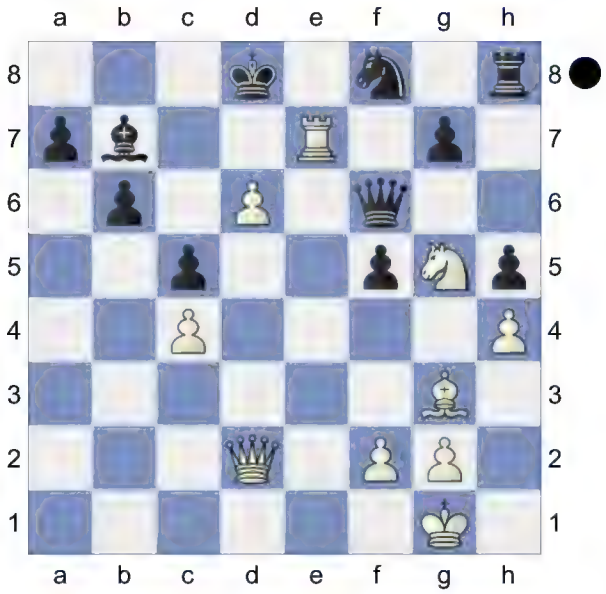


26.Rfe1 **Re8** Prevents Re1-e7+
27.Rxe8 Remove Defender **27...Kxe8**
28.Re1+ Kd8 29.Re7



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150 **D52**
□ **Cmilyte,Viktorija** **2504**
■ **Romanko,Marina** **2387**
EU-ch w Tbilisi (7) 13.05.2011
[R.Scherbakov]

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Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Mikhalchishin,A Mikhalchishin,A
1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0

9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5

[The main variation went out off fashion: 7.Nd2 Mikhalchishin,A dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 - Black hopes that after the eventual ... c6-c5 his bishop pair will become very active.]

7...Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1!? This rare option has recently caused some headaches for Black.

[White used to play 8.Qd2 when Black usually reacts with Bb4 9.Rc1 is a transposition to the main line which arises after 8. Qd2. However, recently Black does not accept the gift and prefers the more reliable approach is a transposition to the main line which arises after 8. Qd2. However, recently Black does not accept the gift and prefers the more reliable approach h6 10.Bh4

A) in case of 10...0-0 White can choose between 11.a3 *(11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3)* 11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3 13.e4 with good compensation for the pawn;

B) 10...c5 and if 11.a3 then Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6]

8...Bb4

[8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qxa2 10.Bd3 gives White more than sufficient compensation for the pawn. gives White more than sufficient compensation for the pawn.]

[while 8...h6 9.Bh4 might lead to the same position.]

9.a3! The point of the previous move.

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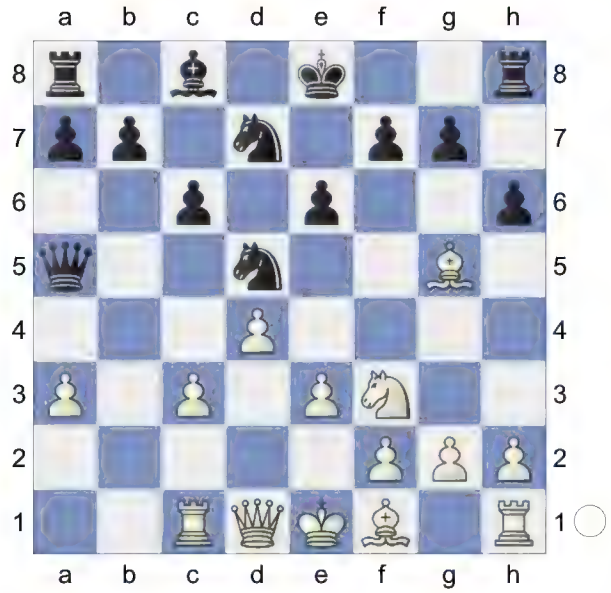
9...Bxc3+

[9...Nxc3?! 0.52/21 9...Bb4xc3+ 0.00 fails to 10.axb4! Nxd1 0.94/18 *(10...Qxg5± 0.51/22 11.bxc3 Qe7)* 11.bxa5± Nxb2 12.Rc2 Na4 13.Rc4 b5 14.Rxc6 a6 15.Rc7 with a clear advantage.]

10.bxc3 The position is equal. **10...h6**

[After 10...0-0 0.38/21 10...h7-h6 -0. 19 11.e4 N5f6 12.Bd3 White builds

a strong pawn center for free, Ghane - Ataman, Izmir 2003. White builds a strong pawn center for free, Ghane - Ataman, Izmir 2003.]
[10...Qxa3 is similar to the game]
[while 10...b6!? is worth considering: 11.Bd3!? *(White can still try to play something other than one of the main lines, which may arise after White can still try to play something other than one of the main lines, which may arise after 11.Qd2 c5)* 11...h6 12.Bh4 Ba6 13.Bxa6 *(13.0-0* White wants to play Bd3xa6. *Bxd3! 14.Qxd3 Qxa3 15.e4 Nf4 16.Qe3 Ng6 17.Ra1 Qd6 18.Bg3 Qe7* seems acceptable for Black *)* 13...Qxa6 14.c4 Qa5+ 15.Nd2 N5f6 16.0-0 0-0 and here 17.c5!? looks promising.]
[10...Nxc3? 11.Qd2+-]



11.Bh4 Qxa3 A principled decision. Since Black will hardly prevent the appearance of White's strong pawn center she doesn't want to suffer for nothing. A principled decision. Since Black will hardly prevent the appearance of White's strong pawn center she doesn't want to suffer for nothing. Mikhalchishin,A: 'The pawn sacrifice is a very cheap price for White's advantage in development and the power of the centre.'

[Simple development promises more chances: 11...b6 0.45/19 11...Qa5xa3 0.01 Mikhalchishin,A 12.Nd2 Nxc3? 2.29/21 *(12...Ba6 13.c4 N5f6* was playable.*; 12...Ba6⩲* 0.48/21 *)* 13.Qc2!+- Nd5 14.Qxc6 0-0 15.Qxa8 Qxa3 16.Rxc8 Nc3 17.Rxf8+ Nxf8 18.f3 And now Nd2-c4 would win. Qc1+ 19.Kf2 Qxd2+ 20.Kg1! g5 21.Bg3! Hoping for h2-h3. Qxe3+ 22.Bf2 Qc1 23.h3 a5 24.Kh2 Qf4+ 7.47/23 *(⌓24...Nd5* 4.08/21 *25.Bg3 Nf4)* 25.Bg3+- Qxd4 26.Qb8 1-0 Mkrtchian,L (2468)-Madl,I (2405)/ Paks HUN 2011/]
[11...Nxc3? 12.Qd2+-]

12.Qd2 Thus White has achieved her goal - she has forced Black to take the pawn on a3. However, the position remains very complicated and she should play very energetically to develop an initiative. Thus White has achieved her goal - she has forced Black to take the pawn on a3. However, the position remains very complicated and she should play very energetically to develop an initiative. **12...b6** This typical move does not bring the desired effect. Black should have paid more attention to other options. This typical move does not bring the desired effect. Black should have paid more attention to other options.

[In the game Kramnik - Shirov, Moscow 2010, Black tried the risky-looking 12...b5 , securing his knight on d5 from c3-c4. However, White should be better: Mikhalchishin,A: '?!'

'?!' 13.Bd3 *(13.e4!?)* 13...0-0 14.0-0 *(14.e4!?)* 14...Bb7 and here I would prefer and here I would prefer

A) while 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 N5b6 17.Bd3 Rfc8 followed by ... c6-c5 gave Black acceptable play Mikhalchishin,A: '!' '!' followed by ... c6-c5 gave Black acceptable play 18.Bb1 Mikhalchishin,Atoo slow. *(18.e4!?* -0.75/18 18.Bd3-e4 -0.18 Mikhalchishin,A*)* 18...c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Qd6 -1.34/20 *(20.Be7!=* -0.01/21 *Nd5 21.Bd6)* 20...Qa4 -0.91/20 *(⌓20...Nd5!* -1.34/20 *21.Ne5 Qa6)* 21.Nd4 Wards off Rc8-c6 Qd7 *(21...Ne4!?)* 22.Qf4

A1) 22...Ba6 23.Rfd1 -1.16/21 *(White should play 23.Qg4∓* -0.51/21 *Bxf1 24.Bf6)* 23...Nd3!∓ 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8∓;

A2) 22...a5∓ -1.04/20 Threatens to win with ...a5-a4. 23.Qg4 Qe8;

A3) 22...g5?! 0.43/20 23.Qf6!± gxh4 24.Qxh6

A3a) 24...Ne4 1.16/24 24...f7-f5 0.67 25.f3 Rxc1 *(25...e5?* 2.58/25 25...Rc8xc1 0.64 *26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.fxe4 exd4 28.Ba2+-)* 26.Rxc1 Rc8 27.Rf1! Nc5 1.07/23 *(27...e5!=* -0.01/18 keeps the balance. *28.fxe4 exd4)* 28.Bh7+± Kh8 29.Rc1!±;

A3b) 24...f5 25.Rxc5! Rxc5 26.Nxe6 Rac8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Bxf5

A3b1) After 29...Rc1 30.Qg5+ Kh8 31.Qxh4+ 0.14/5 *(31.Qh5+±* 1.45/31 *Kg8 32.Qg4+ Kh8 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qg5+ Kh8 35.Qxh4+ Kg8 36.Qg3+ Kh8 37.Qh4+ Kg8 38.Qg5+ Kh8 39.Qh4+)* 31...Kg8= 32.Qg4+ 0.91/5 *(⌓32.Qg5+* 1.53/29 *Kh8 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Qg6+ Kh8 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.Qg6+ Kh8 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.f3 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1)* 32...Kh8± 33.Qh5+ Kg8 (-> . . . R c 1 x f 1 +) 34.f3 0.78/23 *(⌓34.Qg6+* 1.53/27 *Kh8 35.Qf6+ Kg8 36.f3 Rxf1+ 37.Kxf1)* 34...Rxf1+± 35.Kxf1 White can play for a win with a draw in hand.;

A3b2) 29...Rxf5 30.Qxf5 Bd5 1.07/19 1-0, Kramnik-Shirov, Moscow 2010, and Black can defend this position successfully, but it was not Shirov's piece of cake! *(Black should try 30...Qe7±* 0.55/20 *)*;

B) 15.e4 Mikhalchishin,A: 'was also worth considering']

[After Mikhalchishin,A: 'We need practical tests. Probably the best try is' 12...Ne7 White can choose between some options, such as White can choose between some options, such as 13.e4 Prevents Ne7-f5. *(or 13.Bg3!? Nf5 14.Bf4)* 13...f5 Mikhalchishin,A 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bd3 0-0 16.0-0]

[12...c5 transposes into a position which tournament practice suggests promises better chances for White. transposes into a position which tournament practice suggests promises better chances for White.]

[12...0-0 13.e4 leads to one of the main lines, in which White keeps

excellent compensation for the pawn. with good compensation for the pawn leads to one of the main lines, in which White keeps excellent compensation for the pawn. with good compensation for the pawn]

13.Bd3 White has compensation.

[Another possible option was an immediate action in the centre: 13.e4 Mikhalchishin,A N5f6 14.Bd3 Ba6 15.0-0! Bxd3 16.Qxd3 g5 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.Nd2]

13...Bb7 Mikhalchishin,A: '?' '?'

[In case of In case of Mikhalchishin,A: 'In such situations it is recommended to try to exchange more pieces,' 13...Ba6 White keeps all her powerful pieces by. ...Ba6xd3 is the strong threat. 14.c4 Nb4 15.Bb1 0.73/18 *(⌓15.Be2! 1.15/22 c5 16.dxc5)*]

14.0-0 aiming for e3-e4.

[It was possibly better to start actions in the centre immediately: 14.e4 Mikhalchishin,A Ne7 15.Bg3 Ng6 0.63/20 *(*Better is *15...0-0!=* 0.07/19 *)* 16.h4]

14...Qf8 0.85/18 If Black has to play such moves then she is in deep trouble. Mikhalchishin,A: '?' '?'Mikhalchishin,A: 'A cowardly move.'

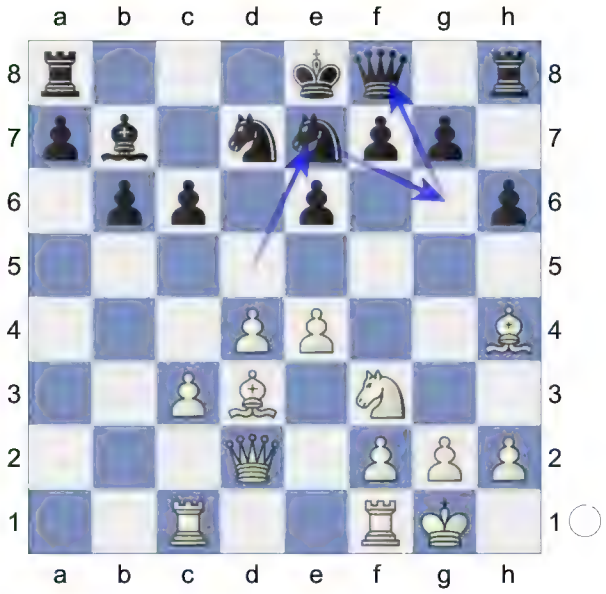
[It turns out that 14...0-0? 1.65/22 14...b6-b5 0.42 loses a piece after 15.e4 N5f6 2.68/20 *(15...Ne7* 2.46/23 15...a7-a5 1.91 *16.Ra1 Qd6 17.e5; 15...Nc7 16.Ra1 Qd6 17.e5; ⌓15...Rfc8* 1.81/22 *16.exd5 cxd5)* 16.Ra1]

[But a more active central approach led to problems too: 14...f5 Mikhalchishin,A 15.c4 N5f6 16.c5]

[14...b5± 0.33/21]

15.e4± Ne7

[Another retreat just accelerated White's initiative: 15...N5f6 Mikhalchishin,A 16.e5 Nd5 17.c4 Ne7 18.Rfe1 g5 19.Bg3 Qg7 20.Be4]



16.c4 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.

[White had many good options, such as Mikhalchishin,A: 'There was another possible way:' 16.Bg3!? Ng6 17.h4 Nf6 and here even

A) 18.e5 Mikhalchishin,A Nd5 1.73/20 *(18...Nd7±* 1.01/21 *19.c4 Ne7)* 19.h5+- Nge7 20.c4 Nc7 , but after such active moves, suddenly it becomes difficult to continue the improvement of White's pieces.;

B) 18.d5!?]

16...Ng6 Mikhalchishin,A: '?' '?'

[It was necessary to try to close the centre with 16...c5 Mikhalchishin,A 17.d5 e5 18.Bg3]

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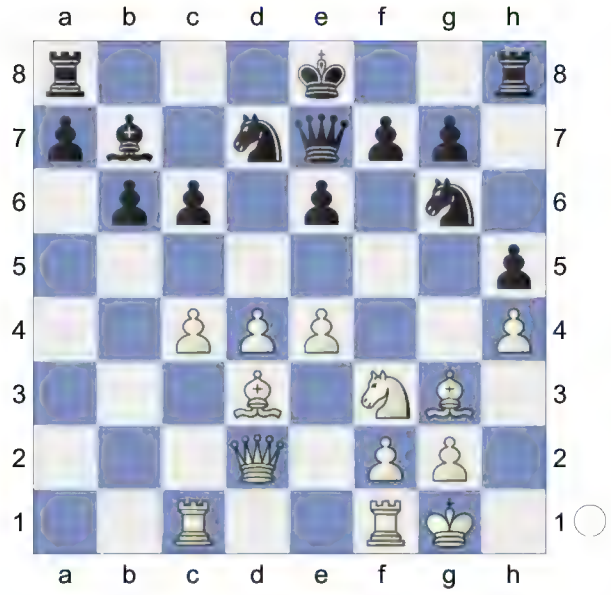
[Black should have tried something like 17...c5 18.d5 e5 *(18...Qe7?! 19.e5)* 19.h4 h4-h5 would now be deadly. h5 with chances to defend.

(19...Qd6 1.36/20 19...h6-h5 0.91 Mikhalchishin,A *)*]

[Now it was possible to close the centre in a different way: 17...e5 Mikhalchishin,A]

18.h4 h5 1.95/21

[18...c5± 1.10/19]



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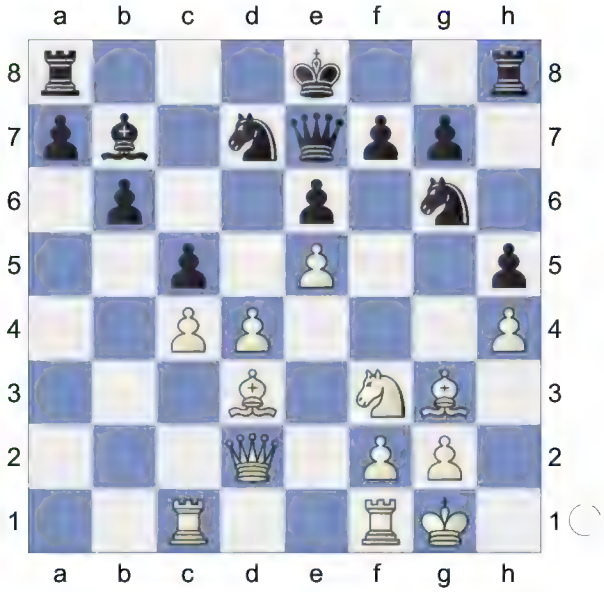

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[Bad, as it is, but it was necessary to solve the problem of the king: 20...0-0 Mikhalchishin,A]

[20...0-0 21.Rce1]

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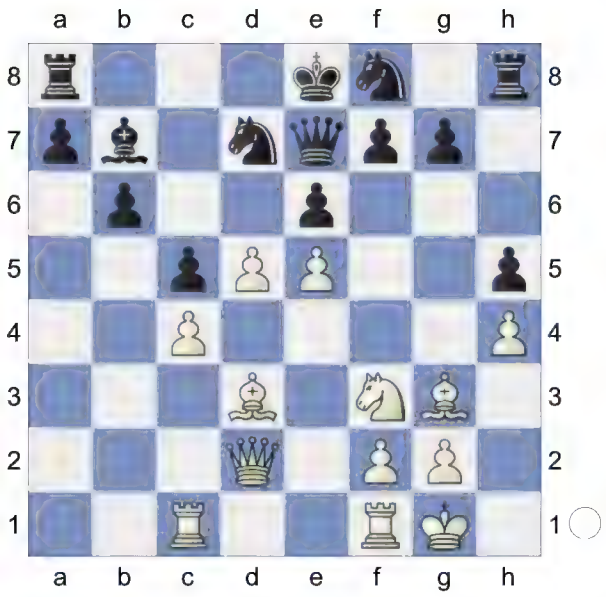

21.d6 Mikhalchishin,A: '+-' '+-' Mikhalchishin,A: 'With such a pawn d6 Black has no hopes for defence.' **21...Qd8** **22.Ng5** It is very painful to observe Black's position. She has no moves and the remaining ones are bad. It is very painful to observe Black's position. She has no moves and the remaining ones are bad. **22...f5?** 6.75/20
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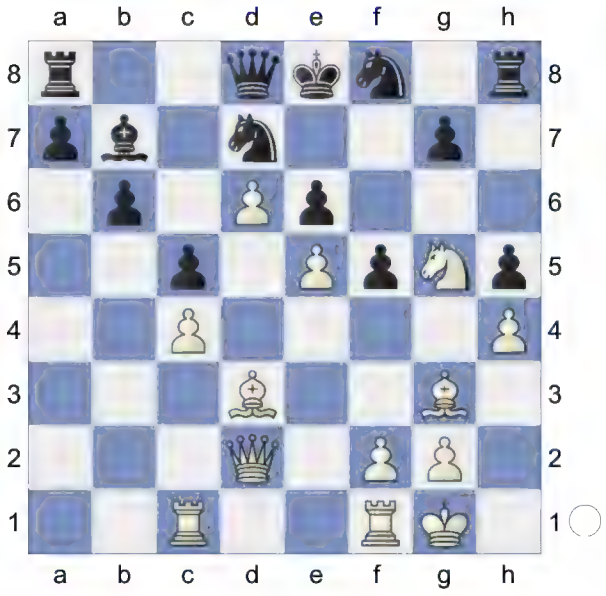
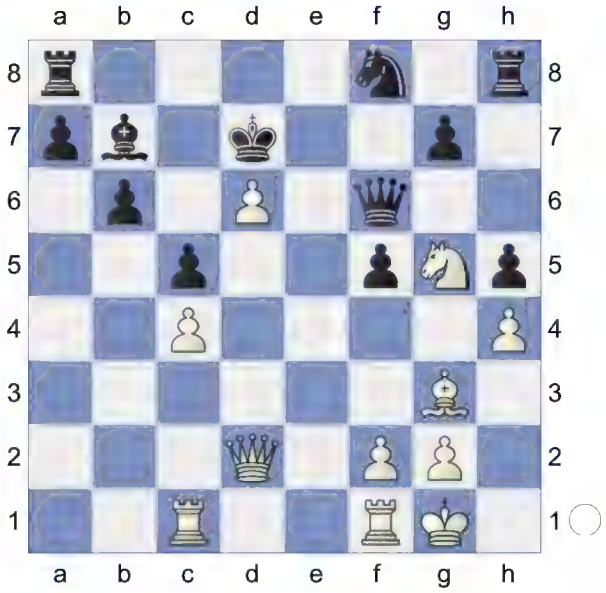
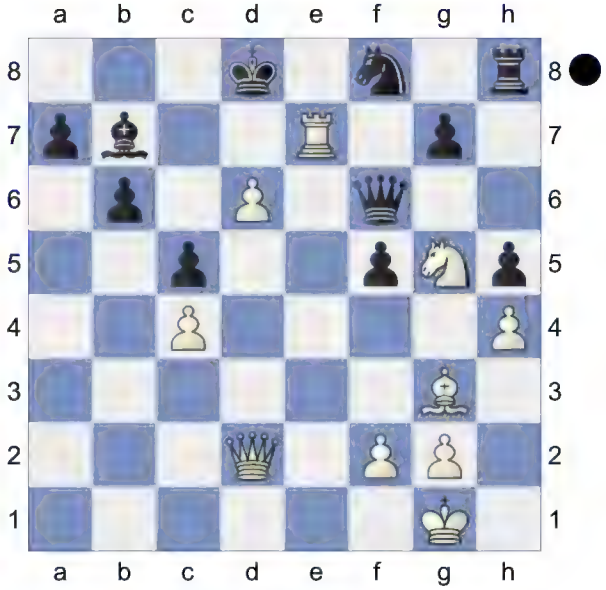


23.Bxf5! exf5 24.e6 Qf6? 6.92/22
[24...Ng6 3.57/20 25.Rce1 *(25.exd7+ Qxd7 26.Rce1+ Kf8+-)* 25...0-0]
25.exd7+ White is clearly winning.
25...Kxd7



26.Rfe1 **Re8** Wards off Re1-e7+
27.Rxe8 Remove Defender **27...Kxe8**
28.Re1+ Kd8 29.Re7



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□ **Moiseenko,Alexander** **2501**
■ **Nadyrhanov,Sergey** **2515**
Krasnodar Kuban (10) 22.11.1999
[Tsesarsky]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 b6

[10...0-0 11.Bd3 *(11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qxa3 13.e4 N5b6 14.Bd3 Re8 15.0-0 e5⩱* 1-0 Kramnik,V-Lobron,E/Frankfurt rapid 1995 (43) *)*

A) 11...c5!? 12.a3

A1) 12...cxd4 13.axb4 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qb6 *(14...Qc7 15.0-0±)* 15.0-0 a5 16.e4± 1-0 Greenfeld,A-Huzman,A/Haifa 1996/CBM 54/[Greenfeld] (26) *(16.Ra1!?±)*;

A2) 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 *(13...b6 14.e4 N5f6 15.e5 Nd5 16.Be4±)* 14.0-0 f5⩱;

B) 11...Re8 12.Bg3± *(12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 e5 15.dxe5 Nc5∓)*;

C) 11...e5

C1) 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3

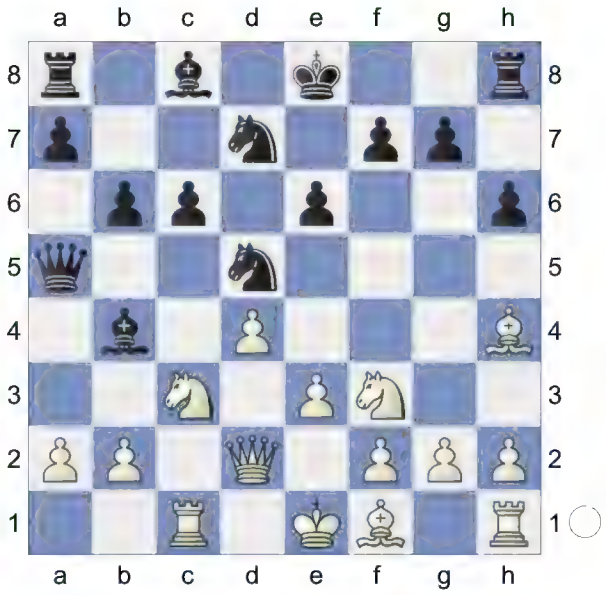
C1a) 13...Qxa3 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Re8 16.0-0 Qc5∓ *(16...Rxe5 17.e4 Nb6 18.f4⩱)*;

C1b) 13...exd4 14.cxd4 Qxa3 15.0-0∓ 0-1 Rogers,I-Smagin,S/Prague ch ,CBM 1992/ (25);

C1c) 13...Re8 14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Ne7 16.0-0 exd4 17.exd4± ½-½ Beliavsky,A-Oll,L/Polanica Zdroj 1996/Inf 67/ (28);

C2) 12.0-0 Re8 *(12...exd4 13.exd4 Re8 14.Bb1 Nf8 15.Bg3 Be6 16.Qd3 Rad8∓* ½-½ Lerner,K-Rabiega,R/Bad Woerishofen 1997/EXP 57 (22)) 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.exd4 1-0 Shirov,A-Piket,J/Aruba (m/6) 1995/ (41)]

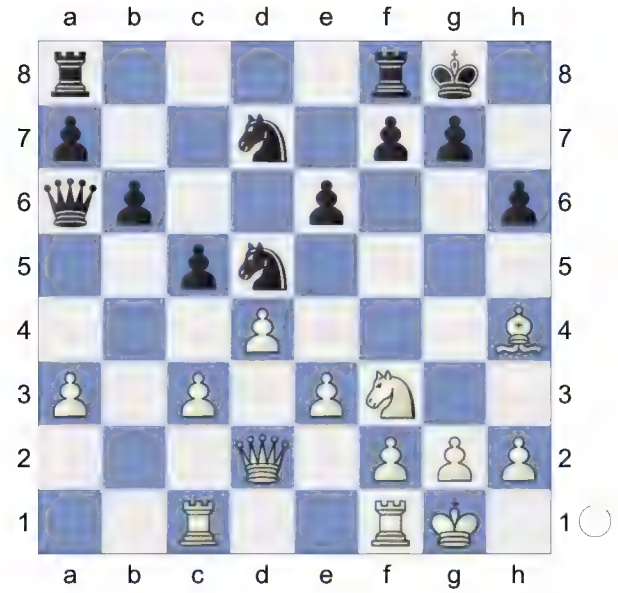
[10...c5F]



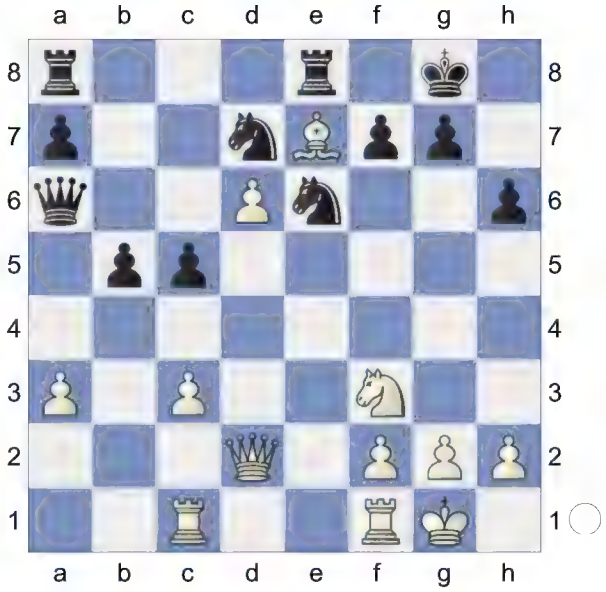
Rare but good continuation **11.Bd3 c5**

[11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 Ba6 14.0-0 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 0-0 16.e4±]

12.0-0 0-0 13.a3
[13.e4?! cxd4 14.Nxd4 *(14.exd5 dxc3 15.bxc3 Ba3 16.dxe6 Bxc1 17.exf7+ Rxf7 18.Rxc1 Nf8∓)* 14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 Ba3∓]
13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ba6 Of course, bishops change make Black's task to equalize more simply.
[14...Bb7 15.c4 *(15.Qb2 Rfc8 16.Nd2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Ba6 18.Bc4 Rc6 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.e4 Qb5 21.Qxb5 Bxb5 22.Rxc6 Bxc6 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.f3=* ½-½ Nepomnishay,M-Prie,E/St. Petersburg-Paris 1996 (42)) 15...Qxd2 16.Nxd2 N5f6 17.f3±]
[14...Qxa3? 15.e4 c4 *(15...N5f6 16.Ra1+-)* 16.Bxc4±]
15.Bxa6 Qxa6



16.e4
[16.c4 N5f6 17.Qd3 Rac8=]
16...Nc7
[16...N5f6 17.e5 Nh7 *(17...Nd5 18.c4 Nc7 19.Be7 Rfe8 20.Bd6 Rac8 21.Rfd1±; 17...Nh7 18.d5±)* 18.d5±]
17.d5!±
[17.Rfd1!?±]
17...exd5 18.exd5 b5 19.d6
This pawn cut to two parts the Black position
[19.Bg3
A) 19...Rac8 20.Rfd1 Nb6 *(20...Qxa3 21.Ra1 Qb3 22.Rxa7+-)* 21.d6 Nc4 22.Qc2 Ne6 23.Ra1 Rcd8 24.a4±;
B) 19...Rfc8 20.Ra1 *(20.Rfd1 Qxa3⩱)* 20...Nf6 21.d6 *(21.Bxc7 Rxc7 22.a4 b4 23.cxb4 cxb4 24.Qxb4 Nxd5=)* 21...Ne4 22.Qd3 Nxg3 23.hxg3 *(23.fxg3 c4 24.Qd2 Rd8 25.Rad1 Qxa3 26.Ne5 Qc5+ 27.Qd4 Qxd4+ 28.Rxd4 Ne6∓)* 23...c4 24.Qd2 Rd8 25.Rfd1 Ne6 26.Ne5±]
19...Ne6 20.Be7
[20.Ra1 Rfe8 21.Rfd1±]
20...Rfe8



21.Qd5?∓
[21.Rfe1!
A) 21...Qxa3 22.Qd5 Nb6 23.Qf5 Nc4 24.Rcd1
A1) 24...Qxc3 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Qxe6+
A1a) 26...Kh7 27.Qe4+ g6 *(27...Kh8 28.d7+-)* 28.d7

Qg7 29.dxe8Q Rxe8 30.Re1±;

A1b) 26...Kh8 27.d7 Rg8 28.d8Q Raxd8 29.Bxd8 Nb2 30.Rd7 Nd3 31.Ba5 Qa1+ 32.Be1 c4 33.Re7 c3 *(33...a5 34.Re8 Rxe8 35.Qxe8+ Kh7 36.Qh5+-)* 34.Re8 Rxe8 35.Qxe8+ Kh7 36.Qe4+ Kh8 37.Qxd3+-;

A2) 24...Qb3 25.Qd5 Nf4 26.Qe4 Ne6 27.d7±;

B) 21...Nb6 22.Ra1±]

21...Nf4! 22.Qd2 Ng6!

[22...Ne6? 23.Rfe1±]

23.Rfe1

[23.Ra1 Nxe7 24.dxe7 Rxe7∓]

23...Qxa3 24.h4

[24.Ra1 Qb3 25.Qd3 a6 26.Rad1 Ra7∓]

24...c4!?

[It was better to run free pawn as soon as possible 24...a5!

A) 25.h5 Nxe7 26.dxe7 *(26.Ra1 Qb3 27.Rab1 Qd5 28.Rxe7 Qxd2 29.Nxd2 Rxe7 30.dxe7 b4-+)* 26...Ra7 27.Qd6 b4-+;

B) 25.Re3 Qa4 26.Rce1 b4∓]

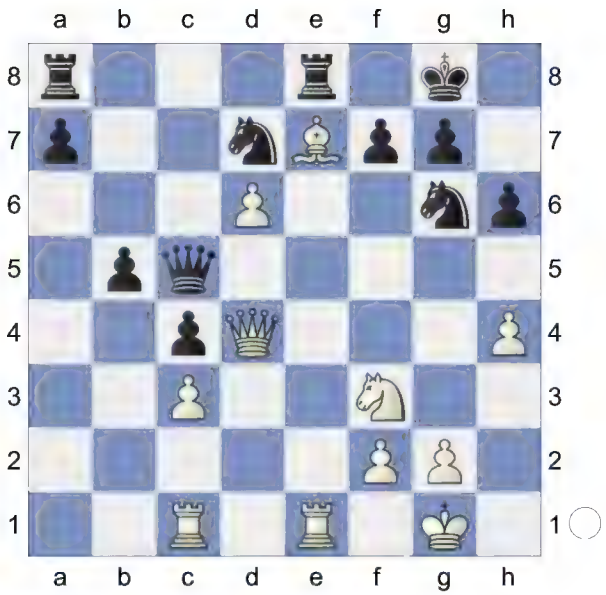
25.Qd4

[25.Rcd1 Qc5 26.Re4 a5 27.Qe2 a4∓]

25...Qc5

[25...a5? 26.Rb1 Nxe7 *(26...Qc5 27.Qxc5 Nxc5 28.Rxb5 Nd3 29.Re4↑)* 27.Rxe7 Nf6 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Rxb5 Qc1+ 30.Kh2 Re4 31.Qc5 Qf4+ 32.Kg1 Qc1+ 33.Kh2=]

(Diagram)



26.Rcd1 Qxd4 27.Nxd4 a6 28.Re3

[28.Nf5 a5 29.Rd5 b4 30.Rd4 bxc3 31.Rxc4 Rec8∓]

28...h5!?

[28...Nf4 29.Kf1 *(29.Rg3 f6 30.Kf1 Kf7 31.Nf5 Ne6∓)* 29...Nd5 30.Rg3 Nxe7 31.dxe7 Nc5 32.Re3 g6∓]

29.Ra1 Now more difficult to run Queen side pawns

[29.Kf1 Nf4∓ *(29...f6? 30.Ne6 Ra7 31.Nc7⩲)*]

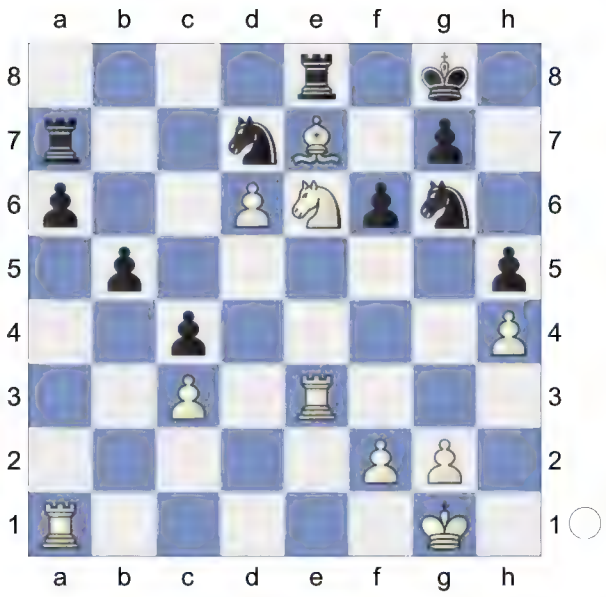
but suddenly Black played **29...f6??⩲**

[29...Nb6!-+]

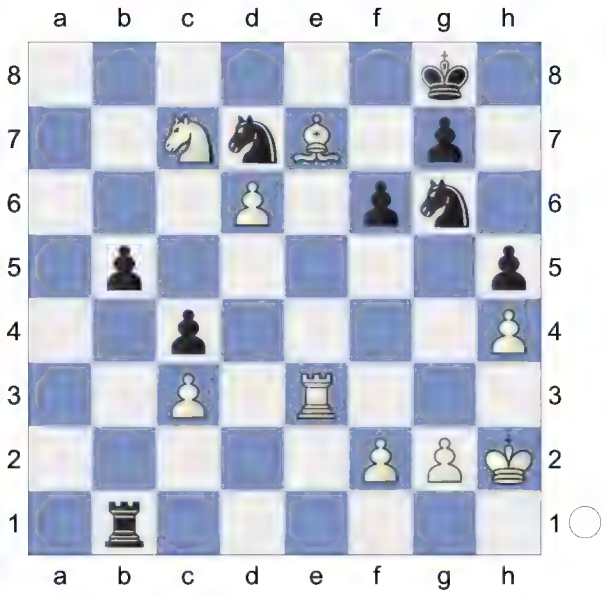
30.Ne6 Ra7

[30...Kf7 31.Nc7 Nde5 32.Kf1⩲]

(Diagram)



31.Nc7 Rb8 32.Rxa6 Rxa6 33.Nxa6 Ra8 34.Nc7 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Rb1



36.Nd5?∓ Maybe White forgot - ♗e7 don't defend ♙h4...

[36.Kg3 b4 37.cxb4 Rxb4 38.Nd5 Rb3=]

36...Rd1 37.Nc7 Rb1?

[37...Nxh4!

A) 38.Rh3 Nf5 39.Nxb5 *(39.Rxh5 b4! 40.Rxf5 bxc3-+)* 39...Ne5∓;

B) 38.Nxb5 Nf5 39.Re2 Ne5∓]

38.Nd5?

[38.Kg3]

38...Rd1 39.Nc7

[39.Nc7 The last mistake in the game - Black agreed to draw. Nxh4∓]

½-½

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□ **Arkhipov,Sergey** **2495**

■ **Tiviakov,Sergei** **2640**

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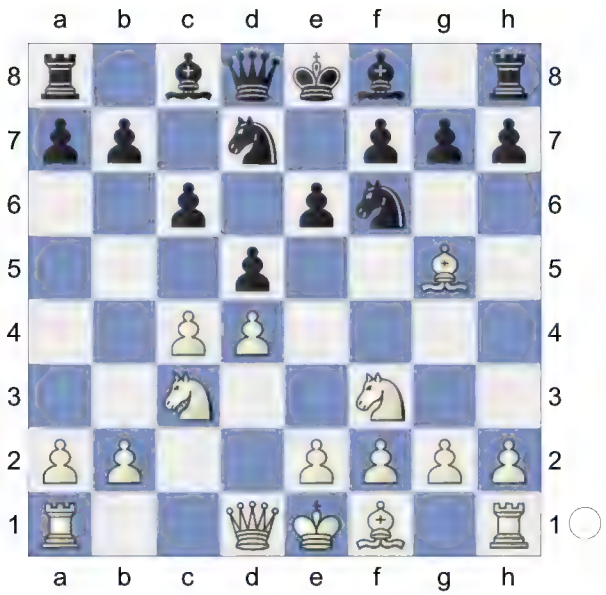
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

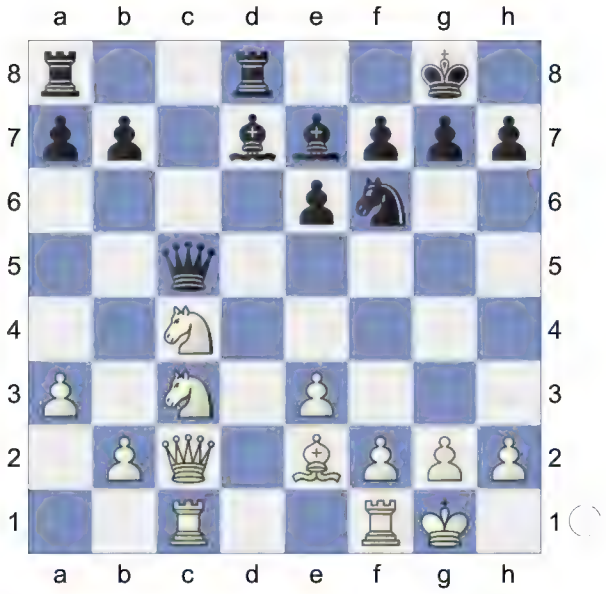
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Be2 Be7

11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.a3 c5 15.dxc5 Qxc5



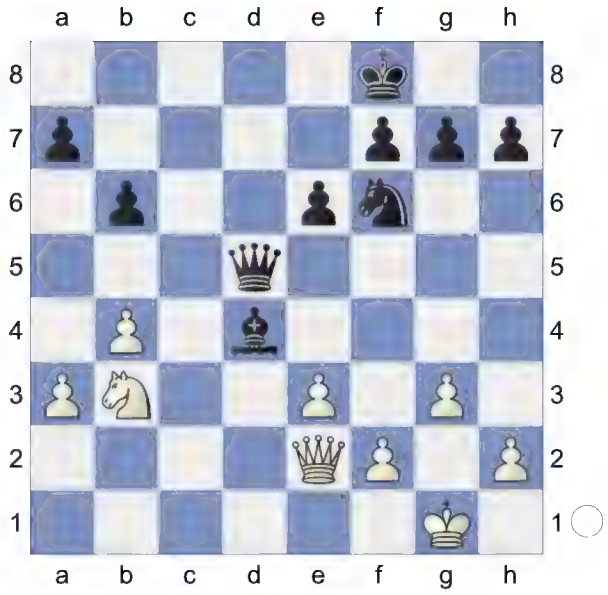
Black has an edge. **16.b4 Qc7 17.Qb2**

Rac8 18.Na5 Qb8 19.Rfd1 b6 20.Nb3 Bc6

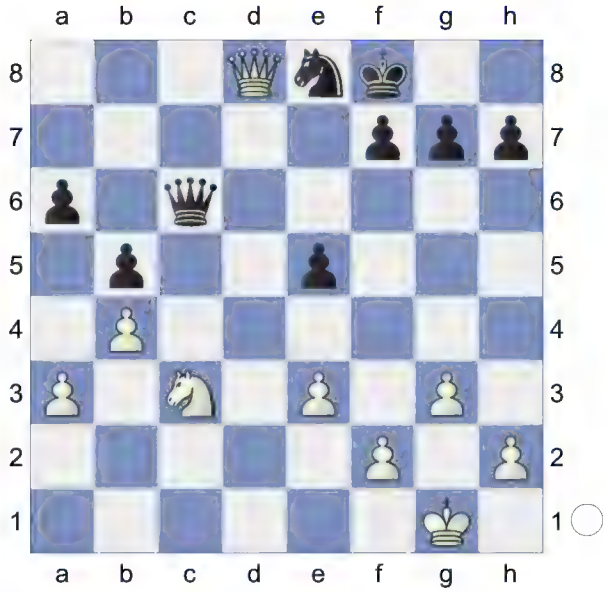
21.Ba6 Rxd1+ 22.Nxd1 Bb7
This pair of bishops is nice. **23.Rxc8+ Qxc8 24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.Nc3 Qd7**

26.Qd2 Kf8 27.Qe2 Bd6 28.g3 Be5 29.Nb5
[29.Qc4 simplifies h5 30.Nd4 Bxd4 31.Qxd4 Qxd4 32.exd4 g5 33.a4]
29...Qd5 30.N5d4 Bxd4

(Diagram)

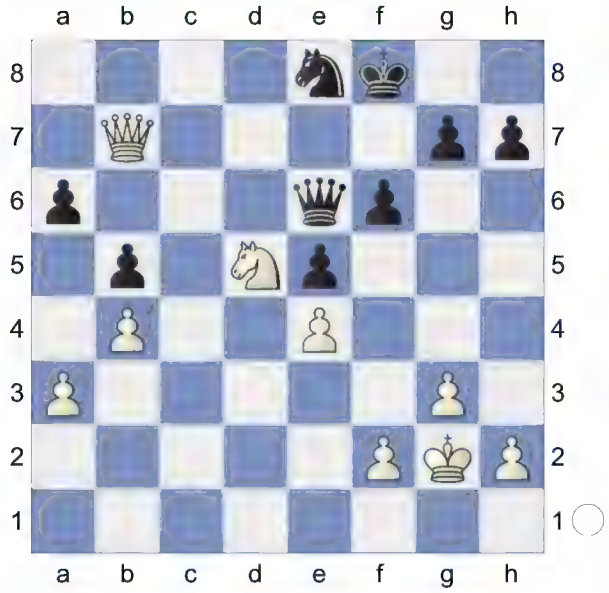


31.Nxd4= Endgame. KQN-KQN **31...e5 32.Nb5 Qc6** 0.78/23
[32...a5= -0.01/21 remains equal.]
33.Qd3 0.12/22
[33.Nxa7± 0.78/23 Qd7 *(33...Qc1+ 34.Kg2±)* 34.Nb5]
33...a6 34.Nc3 b5 0.52/23
[34...g6= 0.01/22]
35.Qd8+!± Ne8



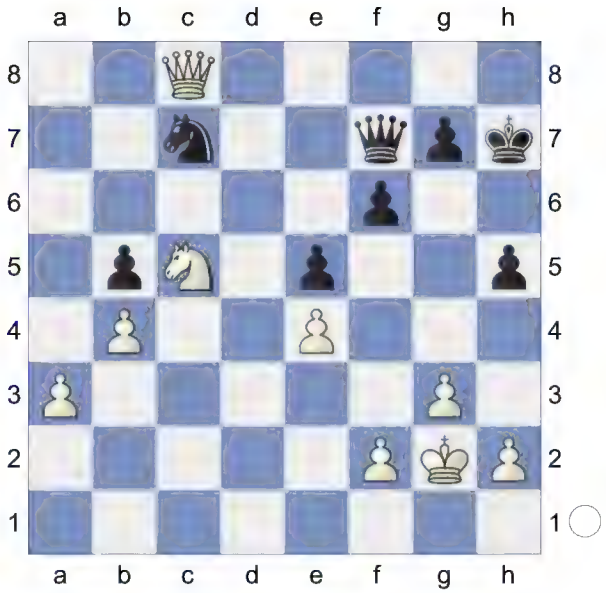
36.Nd5 Qd6 Against Qd8-e7+ **37.Qa8**
[37.Qxd6+ simplifies Nxd6 38.Kg2 Nc4 39.Kf3]
37...f6 38.e4 Kf7 39.Qb7+ Kf8

40.Kg2 White has more active pieces.
40...Qe6 1.19/23
[Black should play 40...h5 0.82/23]

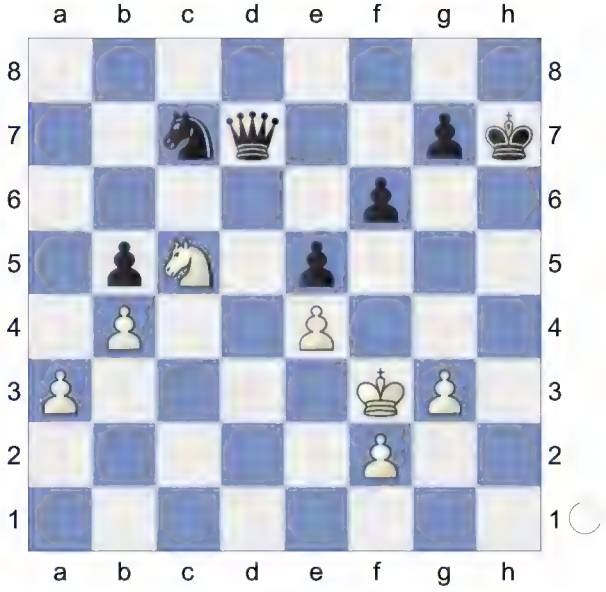


41.Nb6 0.65/22
[41.h4± 1.19/23]
41...h5 1.35/23
[Black should try 41...Nd6!± 0.65/22 42.Qd7 *(42.Qxa6 Nxe4 43.Qa8+ Kf7=)* 42...Qxd7 43.Nxd7+ Ke7]
42.Nd7+±
[Much worse is 42.Qxa6?! Qc6=]
42...Kg8 43.Nc5 Deflection, Double Attack **43...Qf7** 2.52/26
[43...Qd6± 1.22/25]
44.Qxa6+- Nc7 45.Qc8+ Kh7

(Diagram)



46.Qb7 h4 47.Qc8
[And not 47.gxh4 Qg6+ 48.Kh3 f5 49.exf5 *(49.Qxc7? Qg4#)* 49...Qxf5+ 50.Kg2 Qg4+ 51.Kh1 Qd1+ 52.Kg2 Qg4+ 53.Kh1 Qd1+ 54.Kg2 Qg4+=]
47...hxg3 48.hxg3 Qe7 49.Kf3 Qd6 50.Qd7 Qxd7



51.Nxd7 KN-KN **51...Ne6** 2.17/27
[51...Kg6± 1.40/25 52.Nc5 Kg5]
52.Ke3 Strongly threatening f2-f4.
52...Kg6 53.f4 exf4+ 54.gxf4 Kf7 55.f5 Ng5 5.30/28
[55...Nc7 1.80/26 is tougher. 56.Kd4

Ke7]

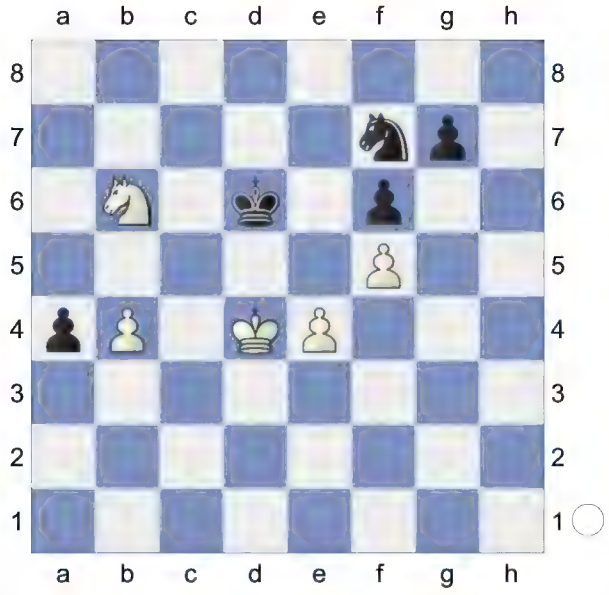
56.Nb6 Ke8 57.Nc8 Nf7 58.Nb6 0.01/28

[58.Kd4+- 5.67/27]

58...Ke7? 2.25/29

[58...Ng5!= 0.01/28 and Black has nothing to worry. 59.Nd5 Kd7]

59.Kd4 Kd6 60.a4 bxa4



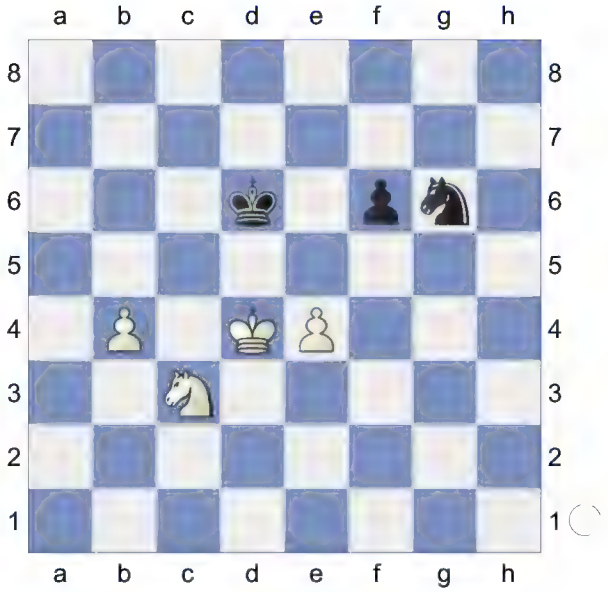
61.Nxa4 Ne5 62.Nc3 0.01/25

[Better is 62.Nb6± 1.45/25 Black must now prevent Nb6-c4+. Nc6+ 63.Kc4]

62...g6= 63.fxg6 0.62/27

[63.b5= 0.21/25]

63...Nxg6±



64.Nd5 0.01/25

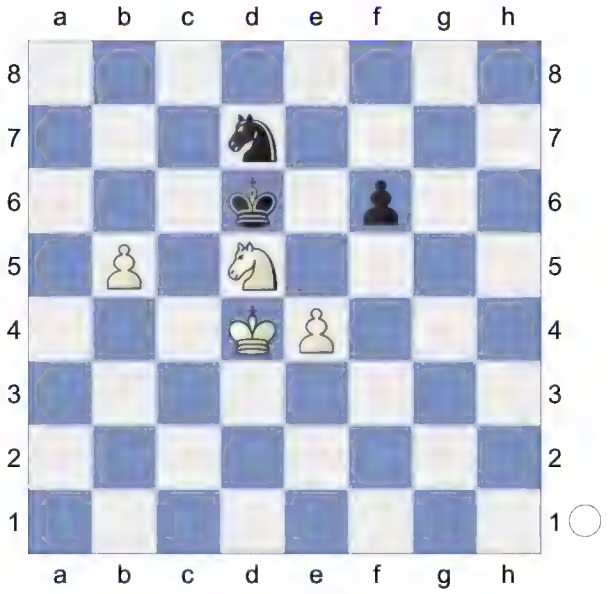
[64.b5!± 0.86/24 Threatens to win with Nc3-d5. Nf4 65.Nd5 Ne6+ 66.Kc4]

64...Ne5!= 65.b5

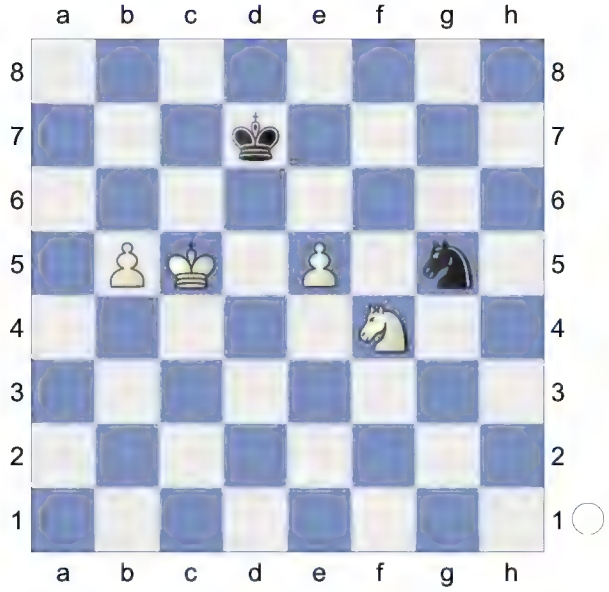
[But not 65.Nxf6 Nc6+ 66.Kc3 Ke5=]

65...Nd7? 9.05/27

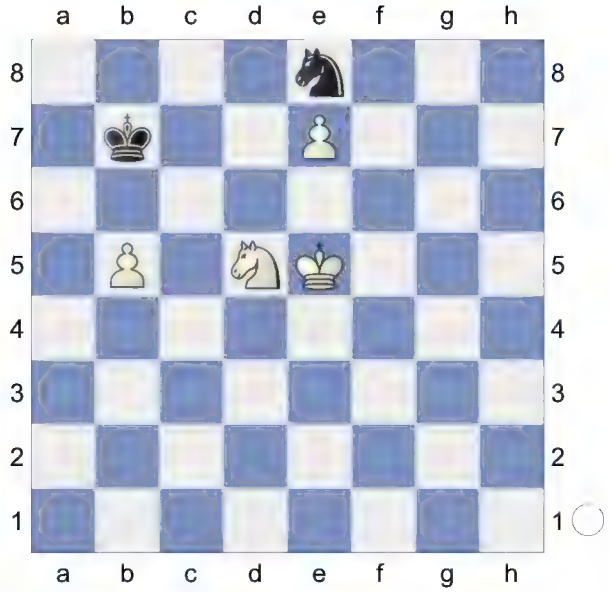
[65...Nf3+± 0.39/23 66.Ke3 Ng5]



66.Nxf6!+- Remove Defender, Decoy
66...Nf8
[66...Nb6 67.Nd5]
67.e5+ Kc7 68.Nd5+ Kd7 69.Nf4 Intending Kd4-c5 and mate. **69...Nh7 70.Kc5** White mates. **70...Ng5**



71.e6+! Kc7 72.Nd5+ Kb7 73.e7 Ne4+ 74.Kd4 Nd6 75.Ke5 Ne8



76.Ke6 Kc8 77.b6

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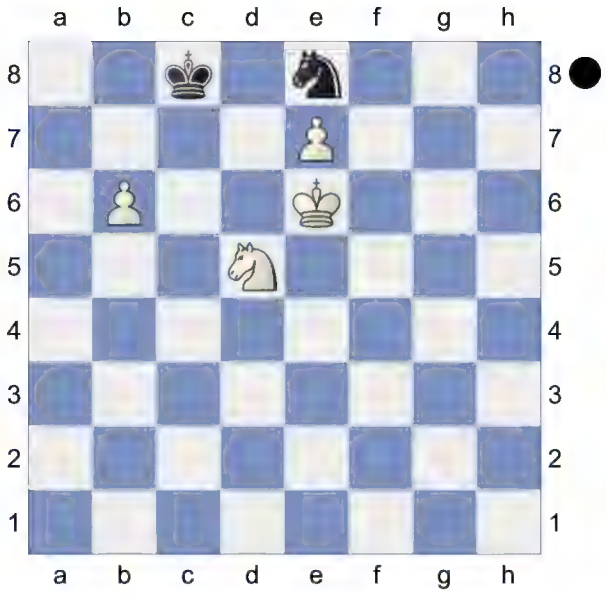

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□ **Mayer,Roger** **2489**
■ **Vesel,Pavol** **2575**
Rochade-30/ TT 30.09.2019
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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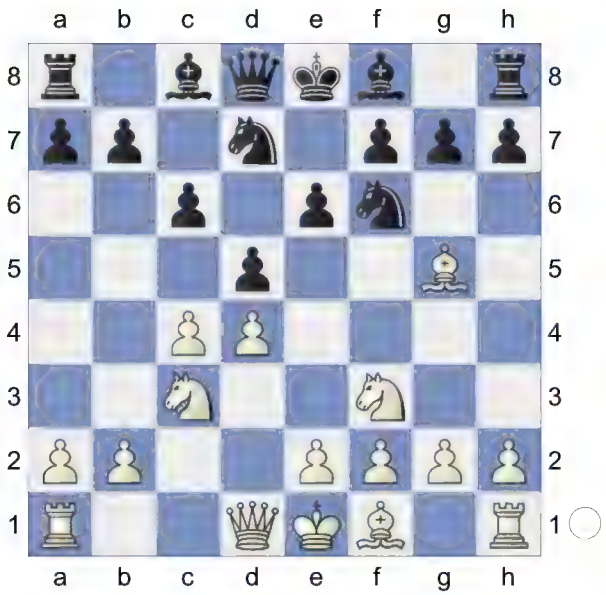


6.e3 Qa5

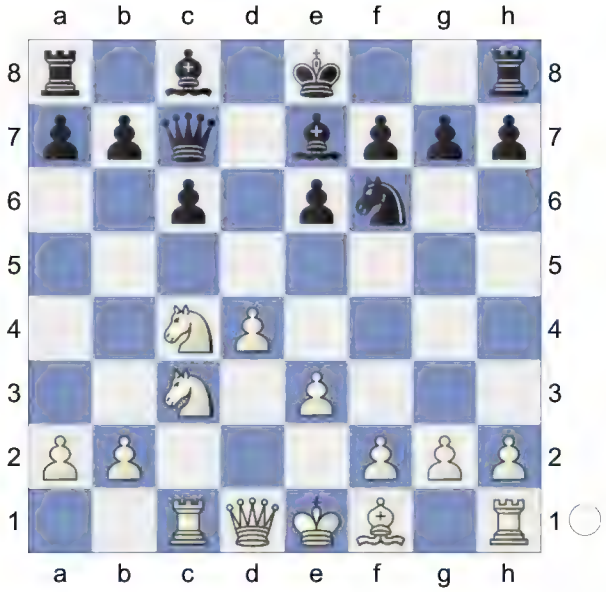
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

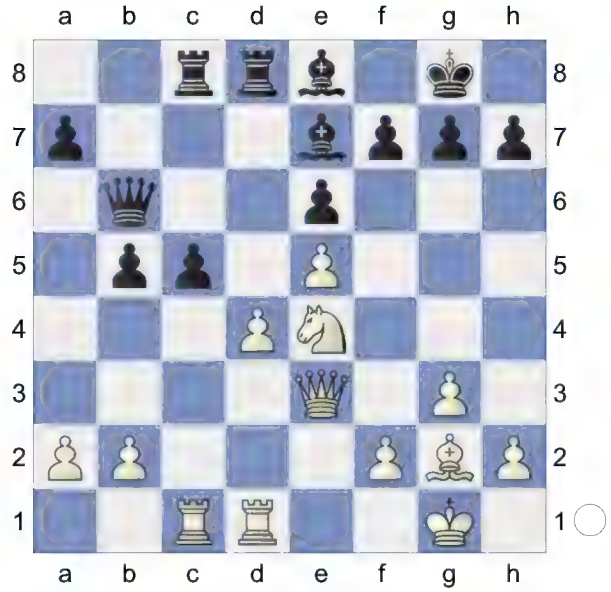
7...dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7



11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4 b5 15.Ne3 Qb6

16.e5 Nd5 17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8

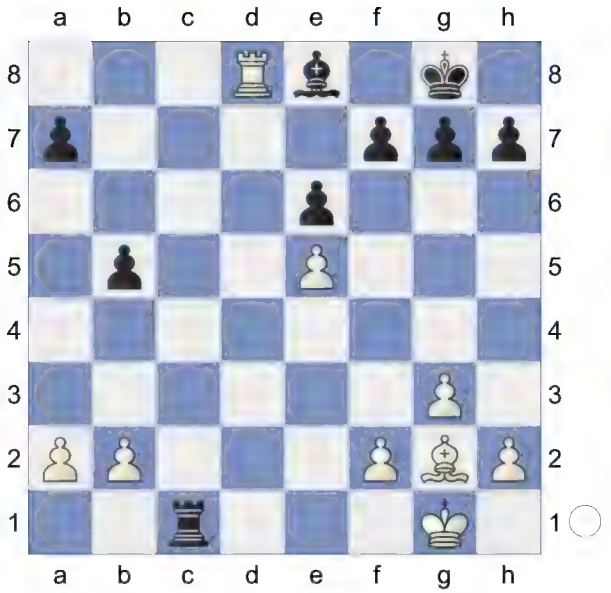
19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5



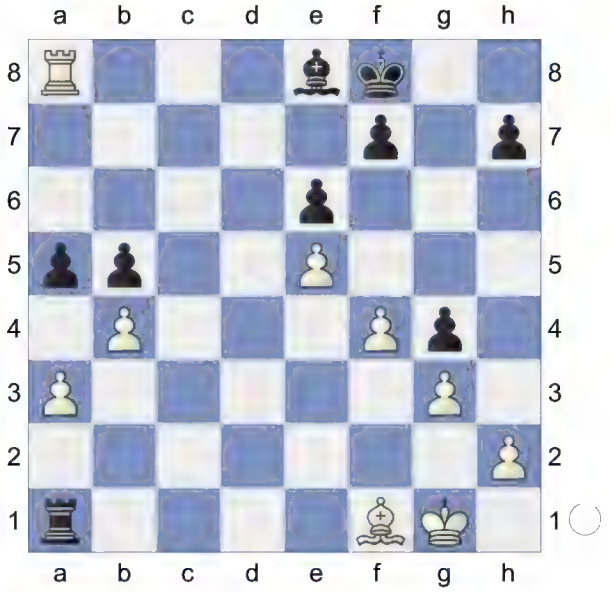
21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5
23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5=
Endgame. KRB-KRB **25.Rd8**

Rc1+

(Diagram)



26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4
[29.f3!?]
29...Ra1 30.a3 a5!



31.bxa5

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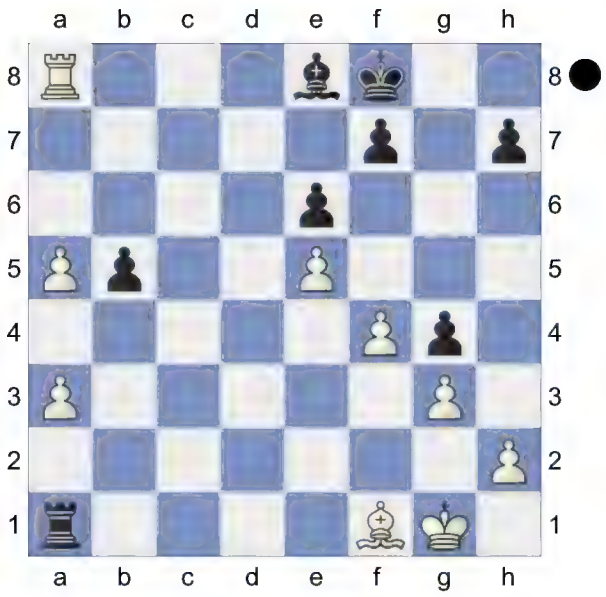
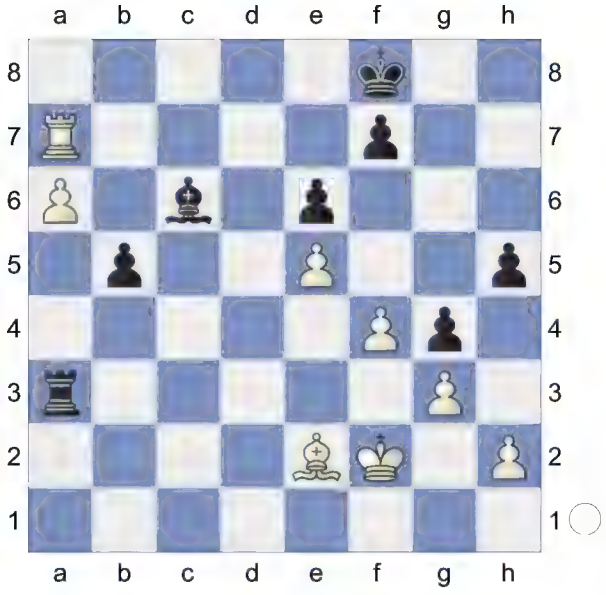


a5-a6 would now be deadly. **31...Ke7! 32.Kf2** 0.01/21
[32.Rb8± 0.42/22]
32...Rxa3 The position is equal. **33.a6 Bc6 34.Ra7+ Kf8 35.Be2 h5**



36.Bf1! Kg8 37.Be2 Kf8! 38.Bf1

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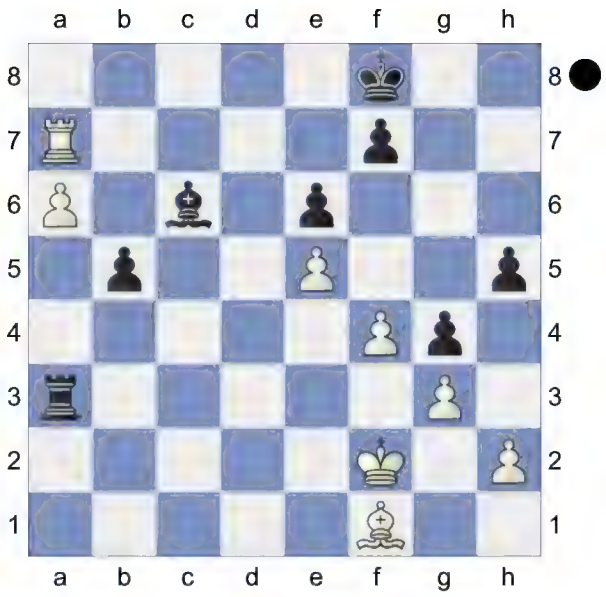

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154 **D52**
□ **Bellmann,Herbert** **2487**
■ **Ruiter,Tom De** **2273**
corr EM/MN/028 2001
[`Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

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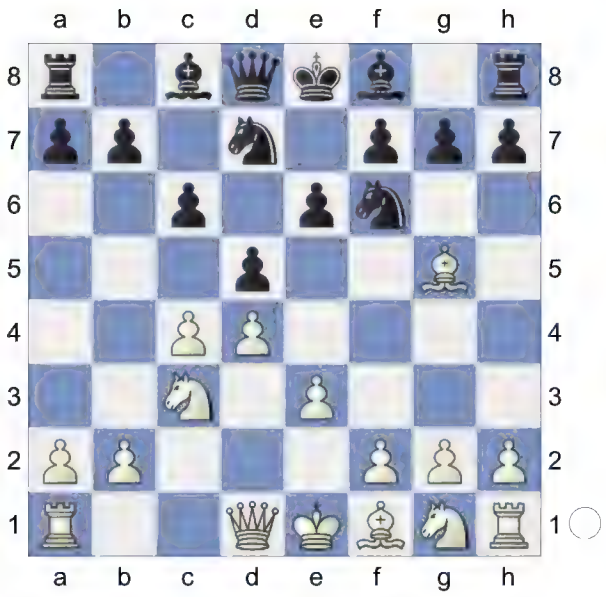

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qg5N

[10...Qc7 11.g3 *(11.a3 Be7 12.Be2 0-0 13.b4 b6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rab1 Rfd8 17.Rfc1 Ba8 18.h3 h6 19.Qb3 Qb8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Bf6 22.a4* D 52/08 2003*)* 11...0-0 12.Bg2 Bd7 13.a3 Be7 14.b4 b6 15.0-0 Rac8 16.Rfc1 Rfd8 17.Ne5 Bd6 18.f4 c5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.b5 c4 22.Bc6 Qe7 23.a4 Ng4 24.Ne4 Nxe3 25.Qf2 0-1 (26) Woog,F (2296)-Martin,A (2039) 78/(342) Ukraine 2000]

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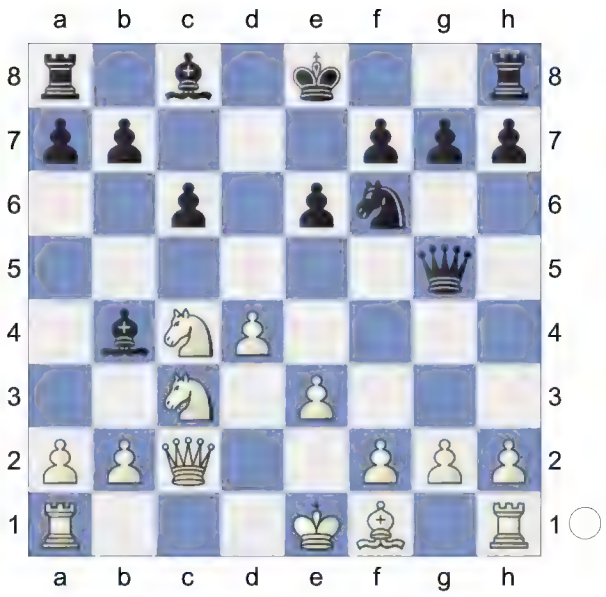
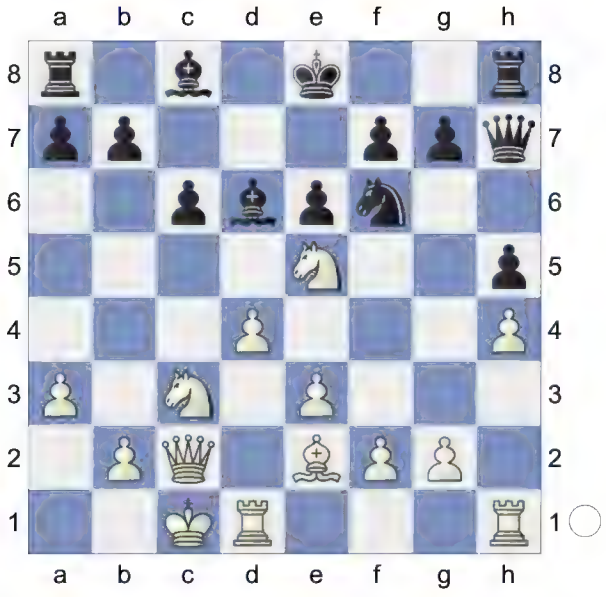


11.a3 Be7 0.68/20

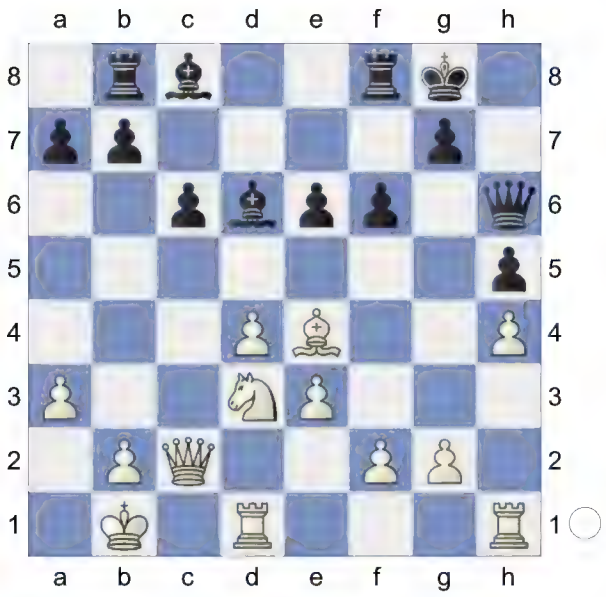
[11...Bxc3+ 0.32/20 might be stronger. 12.Qxc3 0-0]

12.Ne5 h5 13.h4 White is slightly better. **13...Qh6 14.Be2 Bd6 15.0-0-0 Qh7**

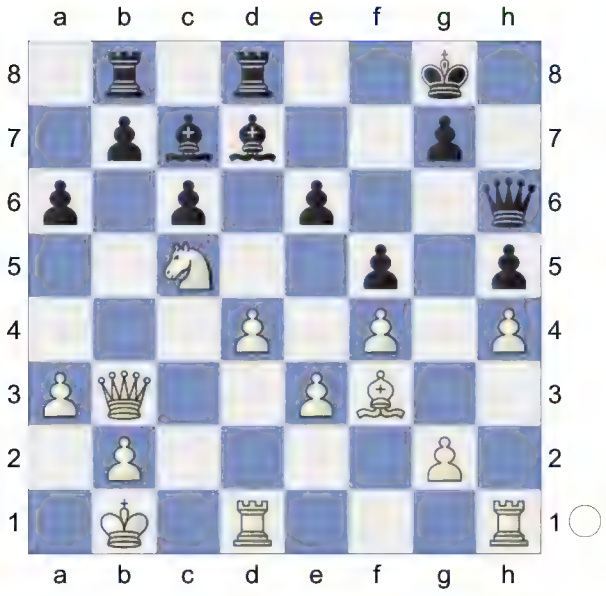


16.Bd3 White has more active pieces. **16...Qh6 17.Kb1 0-0 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 f6 20.Nd3 Rb8**

(Diagram)

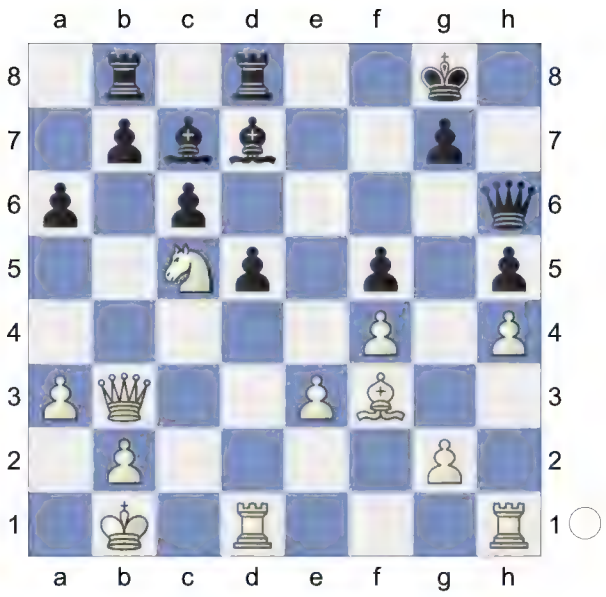


21.f4 f5 22.Bf3 Bd7 23.Qa4 a6 24.Nc5 Rfd8 25.Qb3 Bc7? 2.45/19
[25...Qg6± 0.83/20 was necessary.]



Loses the game. **26.d5!+-**
[26.Nxb7? Bc8 27.Rd3 *(27.Bxc6? Rd6-+)* 27...Rxb7-+ *(27...Bxb7 28.Ka2-+)*]
26...exd5

(Diagram)



27.Bxd5+! cxd5
[27...Kh8 28.Bf7]
28.Rxd5 Rd5-d6+ would now be deadly.
[28.Qxd5+ Kh8 29.Nxd7 Qg6+-]
28...Kh8? 4.07/24
[28...Qb6? 29.Qxb6 *(29.Rxd7+ Qxb3 30.Rxd8+ Rxd8∓)* 29...Bxb6 30.Nxd7 Bxe3 31.Rhd1+-]
[28...Kh7 2.53/22 29.Rxd7 *(29.Nxd7 Qe6+-)* 29...Rxd7 Remove Defender 30.Nxd7 Rd8]
29.Rxd7 2.30/25
[⌓29.Nxd7 4.07/24 Qe6 30.Qd3 Rxd7 31.Rxd7]
29...Rxd7 30.Nxd7 Rd8

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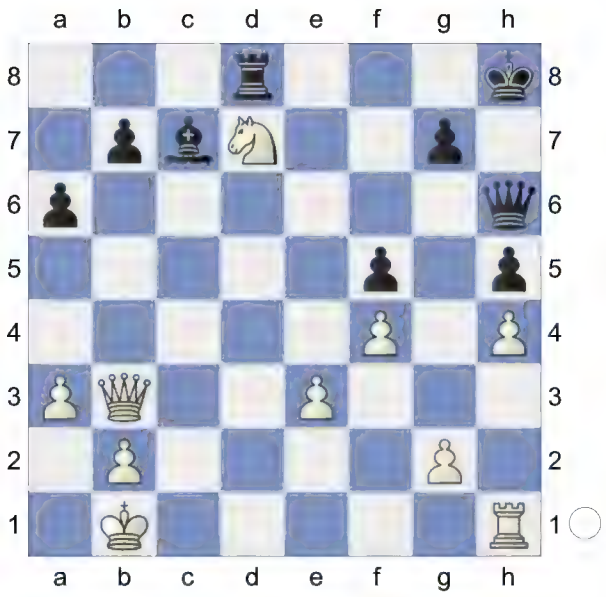
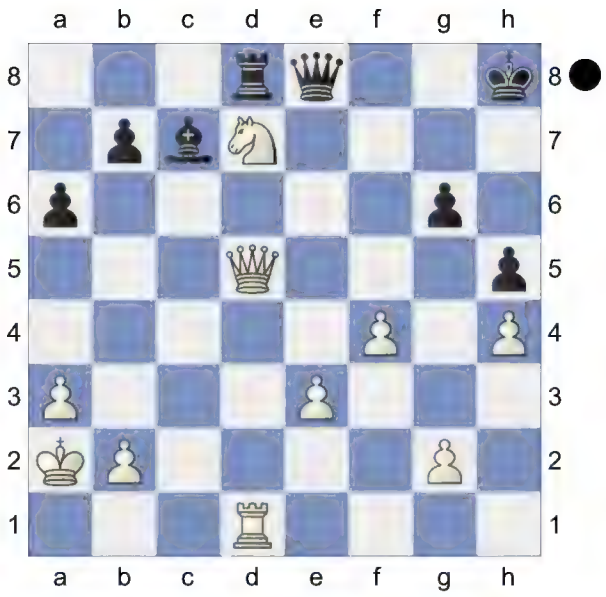


31.Qf7 Qc6 Prevents Nd7-c5. **32.Rd1** Threatens to win with Rd1-d5.
[32.Qxh5+ Kg8 33.Rd1 g6=]
32...Qe4+ 33.Ka2 Hoping for Rd1-c1.
33...Qe8 2.83/25
[⌓33...Qxe3 1.77/22 34.Ne5 *(34.Qxf5 Qxf4 35.Qxh5+ Kg8=; 34.Qxh5+ Kg8+-)* 34...Rxd1 35.Qf8+ *(35.Qxc7? too greedy. Qe4-+)* 35...Kh7 36.Qxf5+ Kg8 37.Qf7+ *(37.Qxh5 Qxf4 38.Qe8+ Qf8=)* 37...Kh7 38.Qxh5+ *(38.Qxc7? Qe4-+)* 38...Kg8 39.Qxd1 Qe4]
34.Qxf5 g6 35.Qd5

(Diagram)



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½-½

155	**D52**
□ **Postny,Evgeny**	**2486**
■ **Acs,Peter**	**2514**
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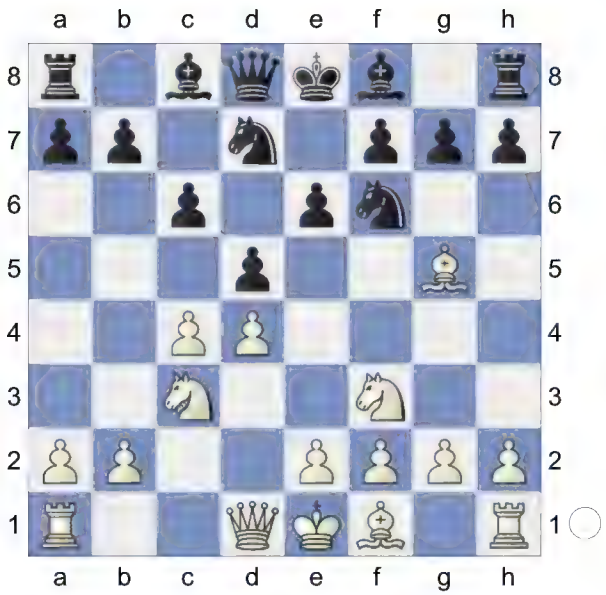
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

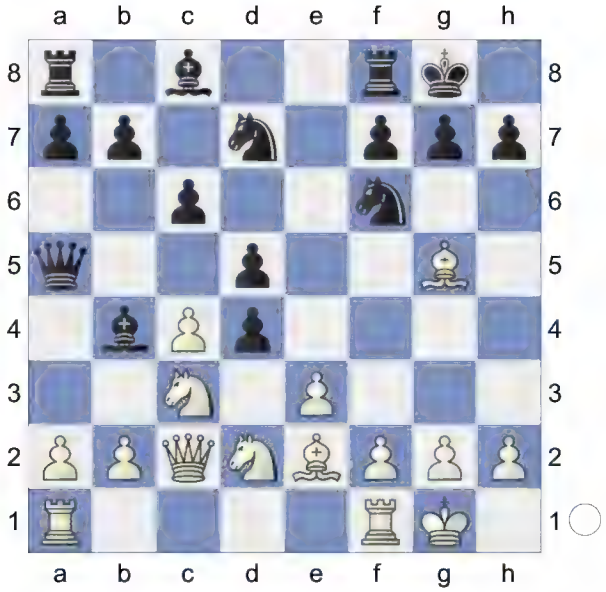
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

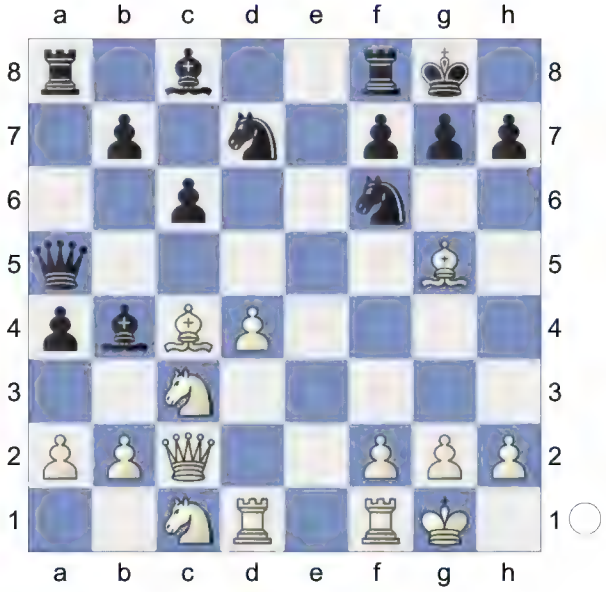
7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

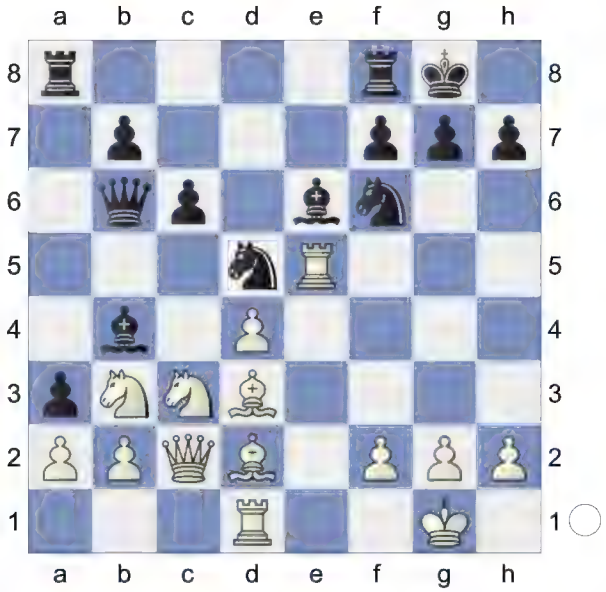
7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5 White has an edge. **14.Rad1 a4 15.Nc1 Qa5**



16.Bd2 Nb6 17.Bd3 Be6 18.Rfe1 a3 19.Re5 Nbd5 20.Nb3 Qb6



21.Nxd5! Bxd5 22.Bg5 Threatens to win with Bg5xf6. **22...axb2 23.Qxb2** -0.70/23

[23.Bxf6= 0.24/23 gxf6 24.Qe2]

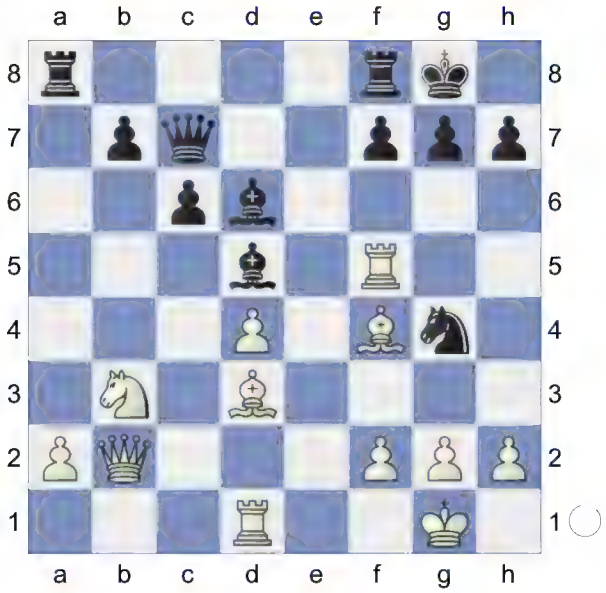
23...Ng4∓

[23...Nd7 simplifies 24.Re3 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Be3 Bf8]

24.Rf5 Qc7 25.Bf4 -1.04/21

[25.g3∓ -0.59/22]

25...Bd6∓



26.g3 Be6 -0.62/22

[Better is 26...g6∓ -1.02/21 27.Bxd6 Qxd6]

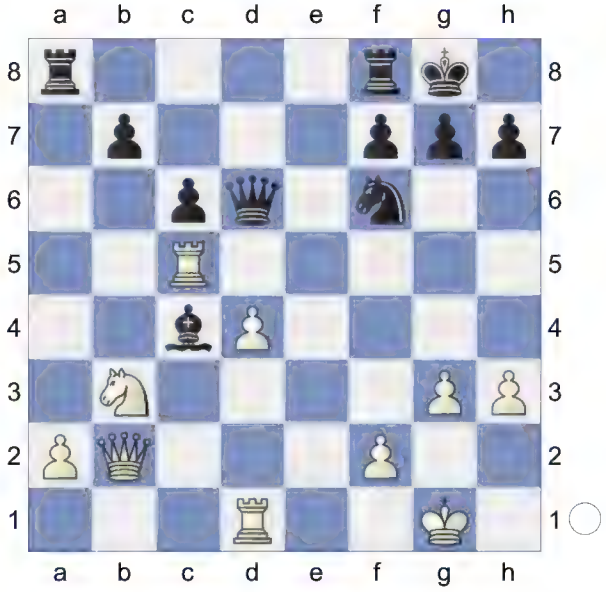
27.Bxd6∓ Qxd6 28.Rc5 -1.04/21

[28.Rf4∓ -0.47/21]

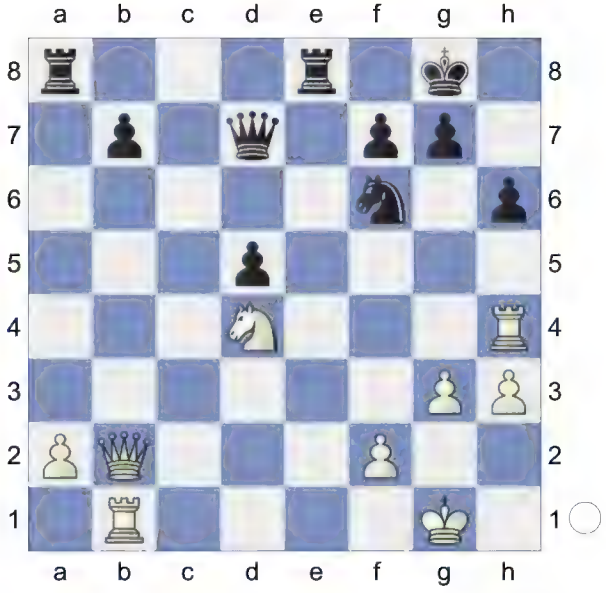
28...Bd5 29.h3 -1.12/22

[⌓29.Bc4 -0.75/18]

29...Nf6 30.Bc4 Bxc4



31.Rxc4 Qe6 32.d5 cxd5 33.Rh4 Rfe8 34.Nd4 Qd7 35.Rb1 h6



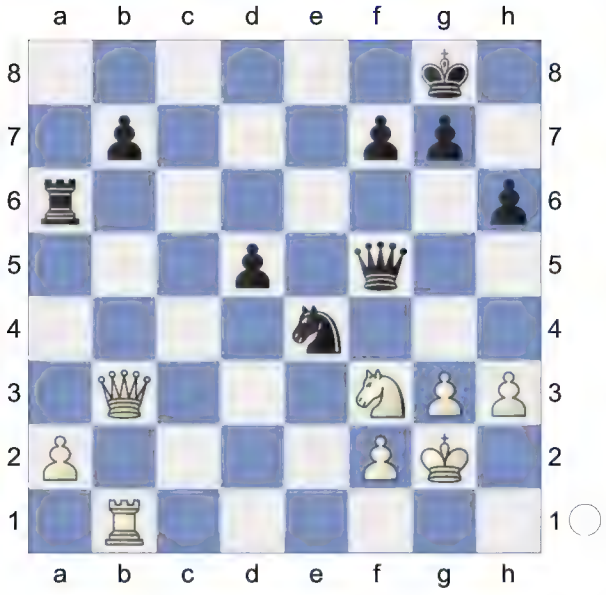
36.Kg2 Ra4 37.Rf4 Re4! 38.Rxe4 Nxe4 39.Nf3 Qf5 40.Qb3 -1.94/23

[40.Qxb7∓ -0.99/22 was necessary. Ra3 *(40...Rxa2 41.Rb2∓)* 41.Rb3

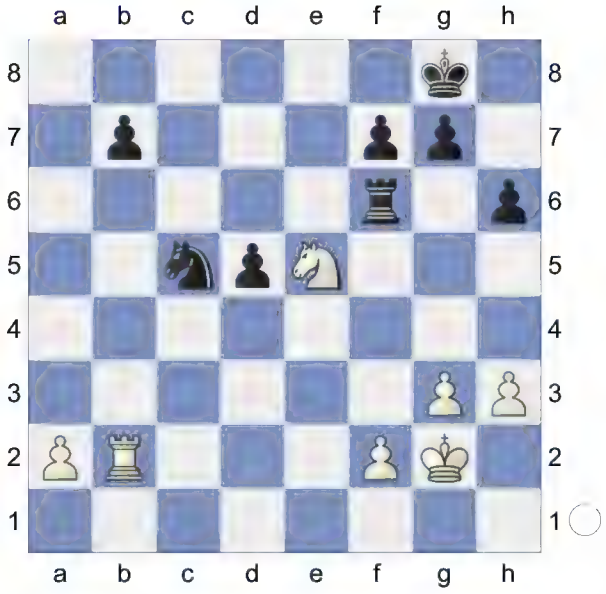
Rxa2 42.Rb2 Rxb2 43.Qxb2]

40...Ra6 -0.99/22

[40...Nc5-+ -1.94/23 41.Qb2 Rc4]



41.Rb2 Rf6 Black has more active pieces. **42.Qe3 Qd7 43.Qd4 Qe6 44.Qe5 Qxe5 45.Nxe5∓** Endgame. KRN-KRN **45...Nc5**



46.Rd2 Rd6 47.Nd3 Nxd3 48.Rxd3 KR-KR **48...Kf8 49.Kf3 Ke7 50.Rb3 b6**

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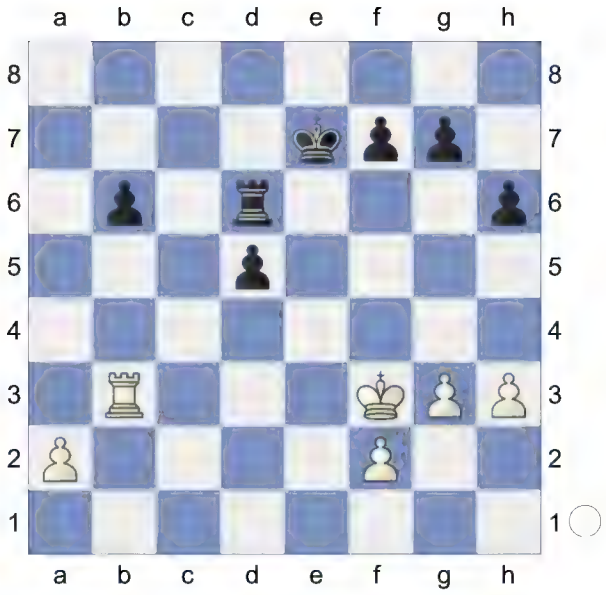
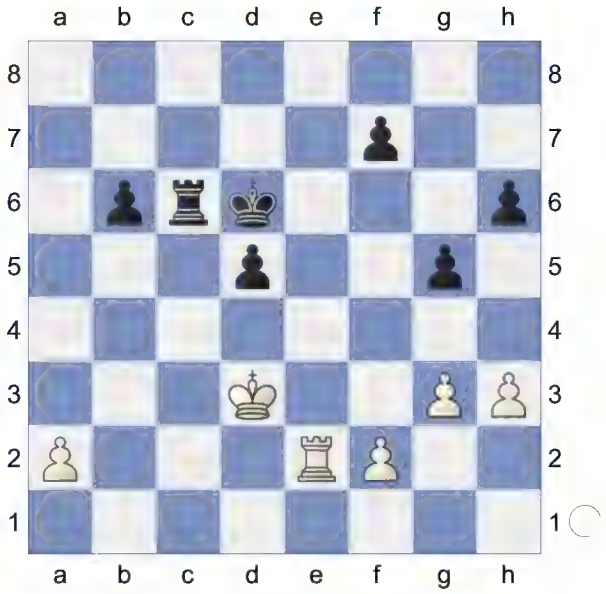


51.Ke3 Rc6 52.Kd3 g5 53.Rb1 Kd6 54.Rb2 Ke5 0.01/18

[Black should play 54...f6∓ -0.85/22]

55.Re2+!= Kd6



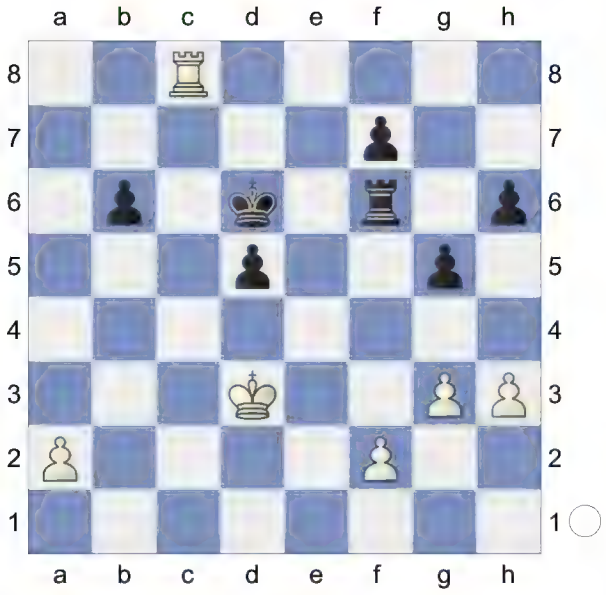
56.Re8 -0.77/24

[56.Rb2!= 0.01/20 remains equal.]

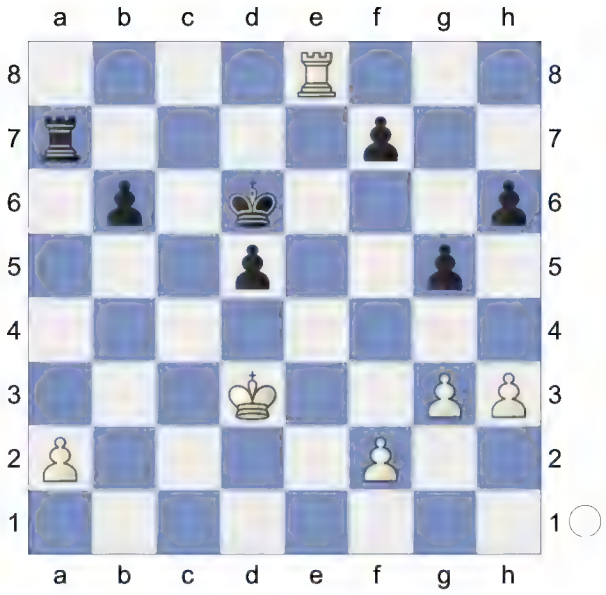
56...Kc5 57.Rf8 Rf6 58.Rc8+!

(Diagram)

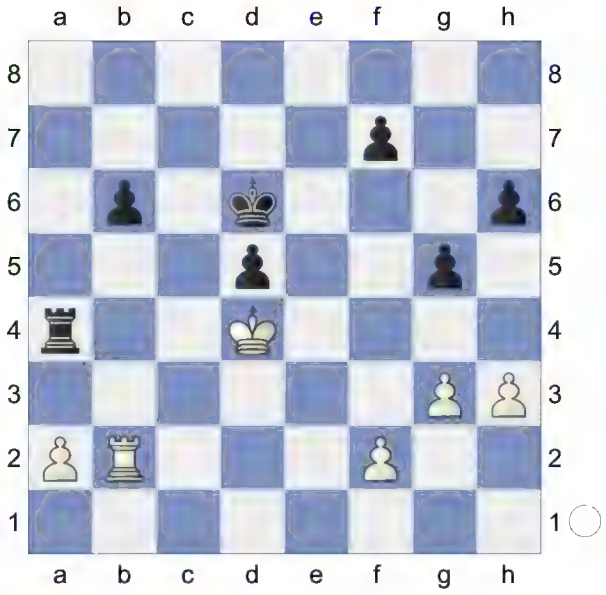
Kd6! 59.Ke3 -1.22/23
[⌓59.Rc2 -0.83/23]
59...Re6+ 60.Kd3 Rf6 -0.01/21
[60...b5∓ -0.91/21 Black wants to play ...Re6-f6. 61.Ra8 Ke5]



61.Ke3! Ke5 -0.63/23
[61...h5∓ -1.28/20 62.Rh8 Kc5 63.Rxh5 d4+ 64.Ke2 Kc4 65.Rxg5 d3+ 66.Ke1 Kc3]
62.Re8+!∓ Re6 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **63.Rd8 Re7 64.Kd3 Ra7 65.Re8+ Kd6**

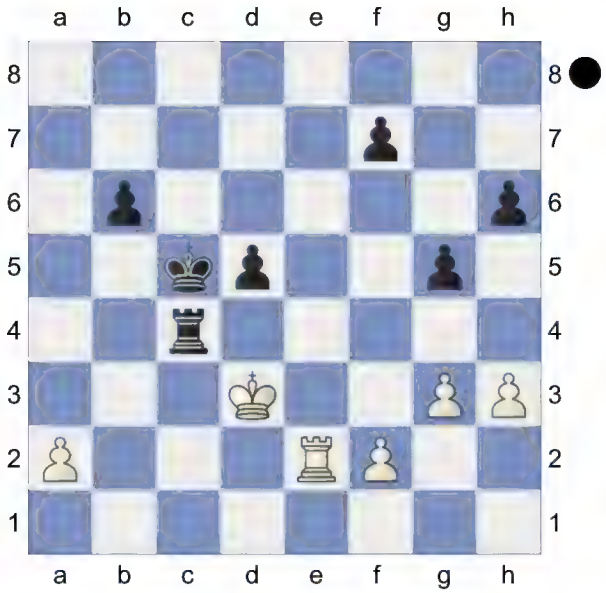


66.Rd8+ Ke6 67.Re8+ Kd7 68.Re2 -2.25/24
[68.Rb8∓ -1.00/21]
68...Kd6 69.Rb2 Ra3+ 70.Kd4 -2.49/23
[⌓70.Ke2 -1.74/23]
70...Ra4+-+

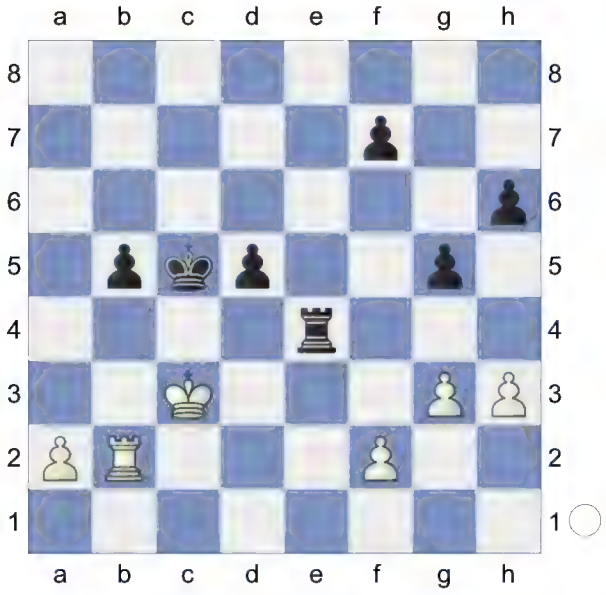


71.Kd3 Kc5 72.Rc2+ Rc4 73.Re2
[73.Rxc4+? dxc4+ 74.Kc3 b5-+]

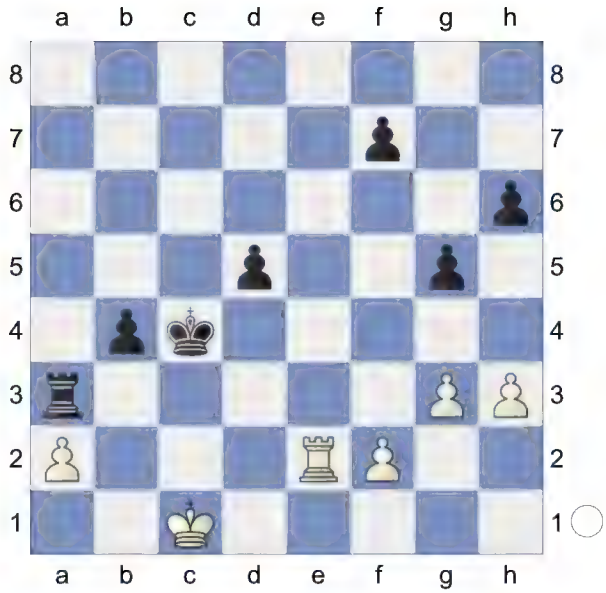
(Diagram)



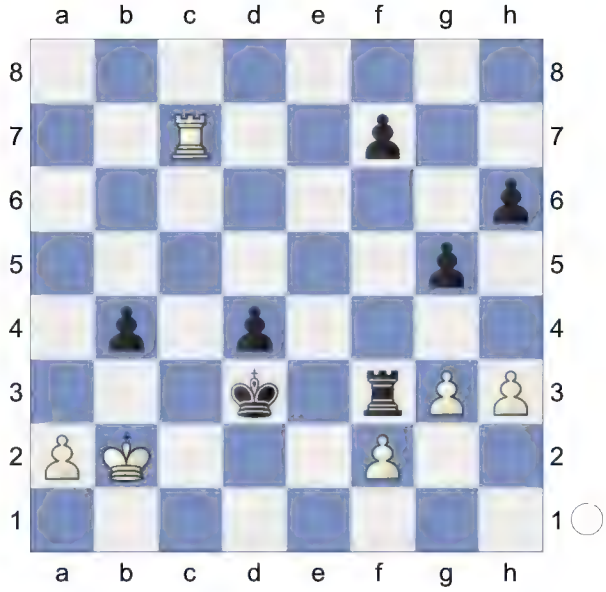
73...Rd4+! 74.Kc3 Re4 75.Rb2 b5



76.Kd3 -3.17/23
[⌓76.a3 -2.26/22]
76...b4? -1.17/23
[76...Rd4+-+ -3.17/23 77.Kc2 Rb4]
77.Rc2+? -3.95/22
[77.Rb3∓ -1.17/23]
77...Rc4 ...Rc4xc2 is the strong threat.
78.Re2
[But not 78.Rxc4+? dxc4+ 79.Ke3 Kb5-+]
78...Rc3+ 79.Kd2 Ra3 80.Kc1 Kc4
(Diagram)

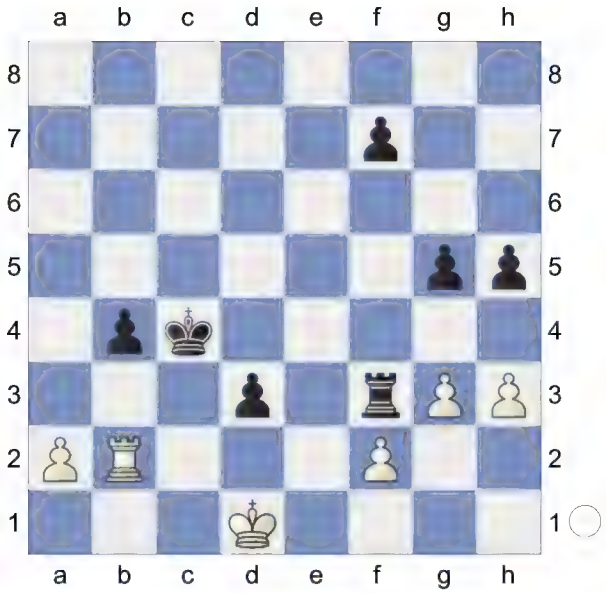


81.Kb2 Rf3 82.Rc2+ Rc3 83.Re2 d4 84.Re7 Rf3 85.Rc7+ Kd3

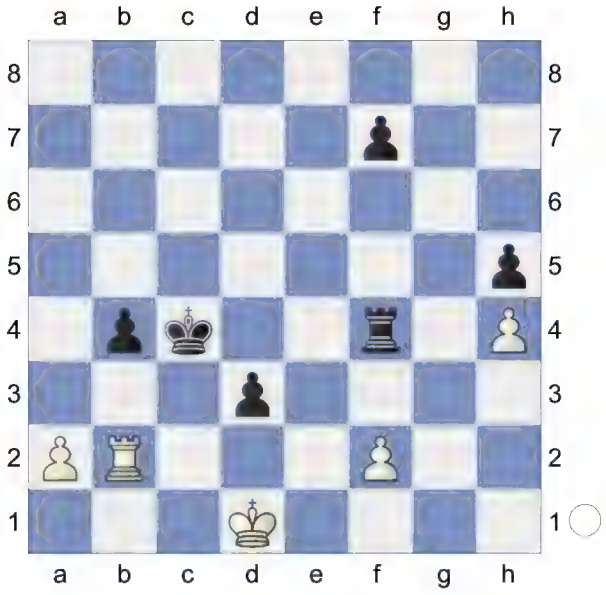


86.Rc2 Ke4 87.Kb1 Kd5 Hoping for ... d4-d3. **88.Rb2 Kc4** ...d4-d3 would now be deadly. **89.Kc1?** -8.71/25
[89.Rc2+ -3.61/21 Kd5 90.Rb2]
89...d3 White must now prevent ...h6-h5. Black is clearly winning. **90.Kd1 h5**

(Diagram)



91.h4 gxh4 92.gxh4 Rf4



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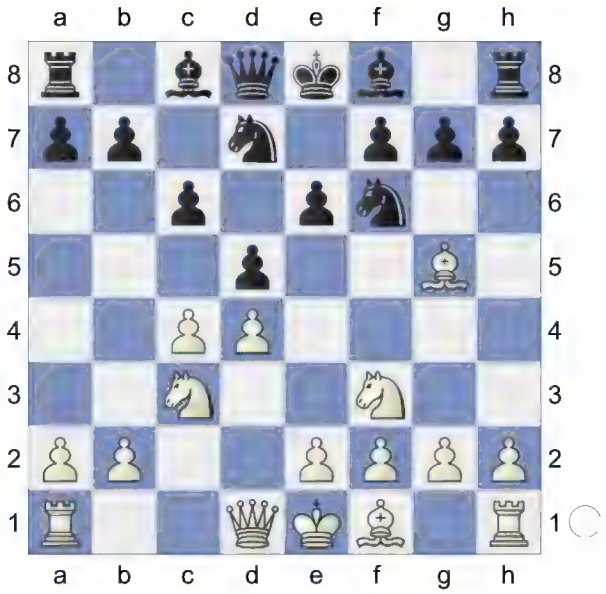
156 **D52**
□ **Ma,Zhonghan** **2485**
■ **Zeng,Chongsheng** **2597**
TCh-DivA Standard (10.6) 18.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be7

11.g3 0-0 11...Nd5 scheint zu verschwinden. **12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7** The position is equal. **14.Ne4N**

[14.e4

A) 14...b5 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Qd2 *(17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Rac8 19.a3 a5 20.Rd2* Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4*)* 17...Rac8 18.Rfd1 Be8 19.Ne4 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 c5 21.dxc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Qxc5 Rxc5 25.Rd8 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Kf8 27.b4 g5 28.Ra8 g4 29.f4 F-F (38) Janata (2489)-6.♕c2 dc4 7. ♗g5 (2575) 35/317 Tallinn 1983 [1];

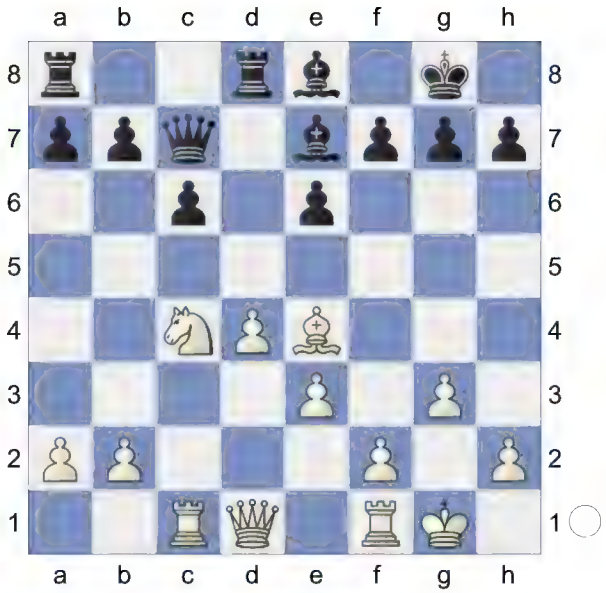
B) 14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w]

14...Nxe4N

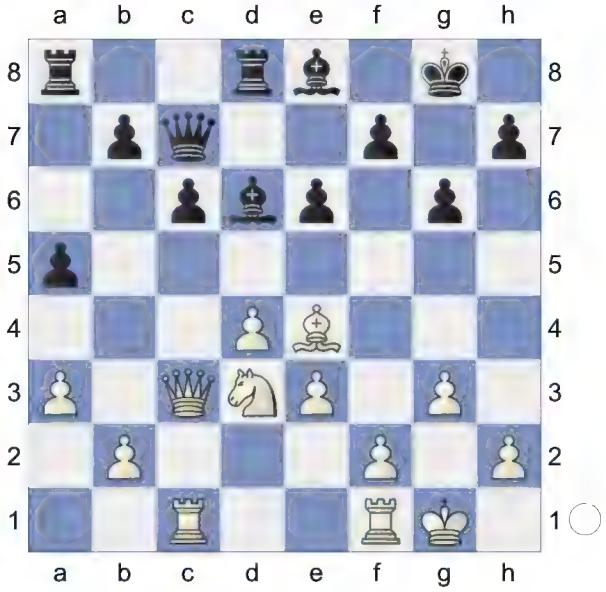
[Vorgänger: 14...Be8 15.Qc2 Rac8 *(15...Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 Bc3* 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3)) 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.b4 e5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Rfd1 h6 ½-½ (62) Grischuk,A (2777)-Bocharov, D (2524) Moscow 2019]

15.Bxe4 Be8

(Diagram)



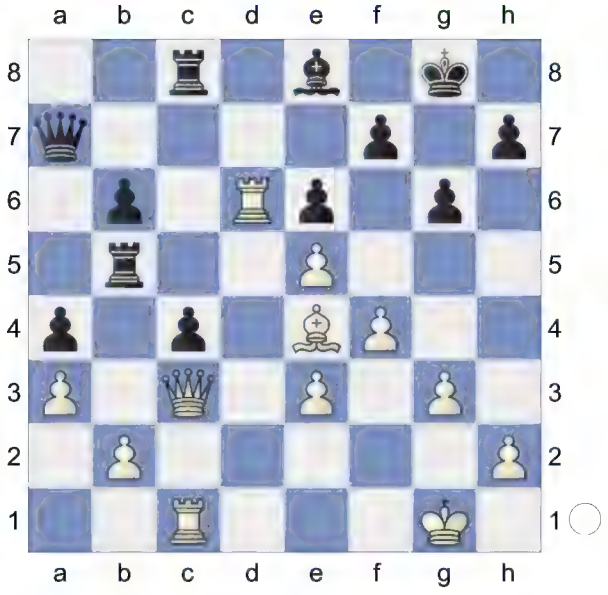
16.Qc2 g6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 a5 19.a3 Bd6 20.Qc3 Ra8



21.Rfd1 Qe7 22.Rd2 a4 23.Qc2 Ra5 24.f4 b6 25.Qd1 Rc8

(Diagram)

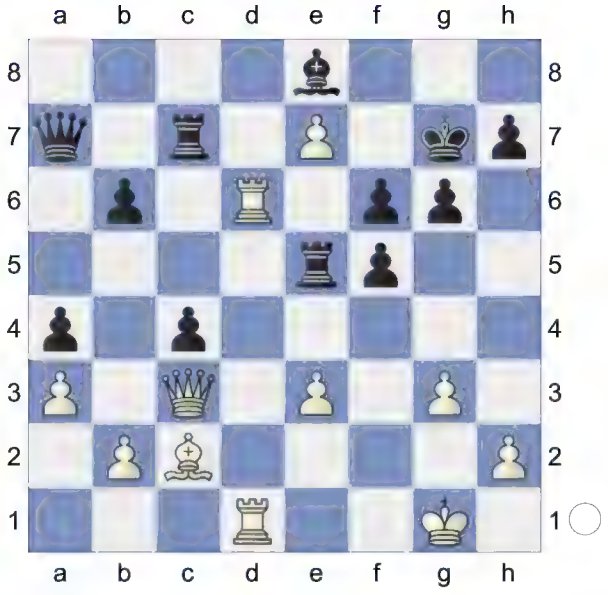
26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.dxe5 c5 28.Rd6 Rb5 29.Qd2 Black is weak on the dark squares **29...c4 30.Qc3** 0.01/20
[30.Qd4± 0.39/21 feels stronger.]
30...Qa7



31.Bc2 Kg7 32.f5 exf5 Threatens to win with ...Qa7-a5. **33.e6+ f6 34.Rcd1! Rc7** 2.39/21
[34...Qa5!= 0.30/23 and Black stays safe.]

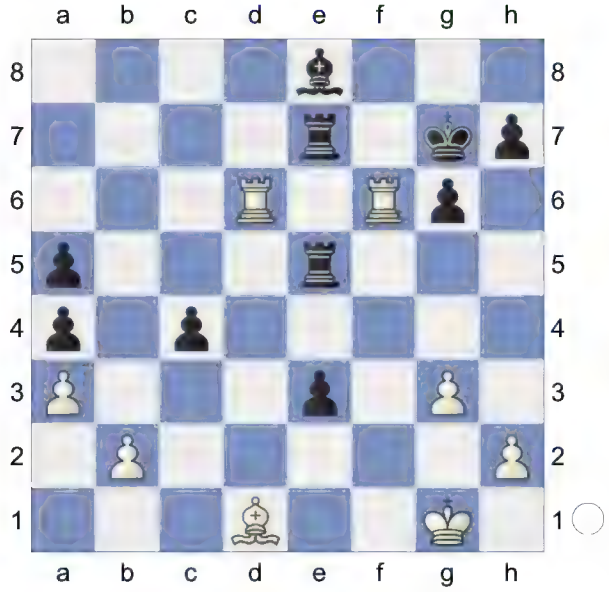
(Diagram)

Dodges Rd6-d7+ **35.e7??** -1.88/21
Re5!-+
[35...Rxe7? 36.Qxf6+ Kg8 37.Bxa4+-]

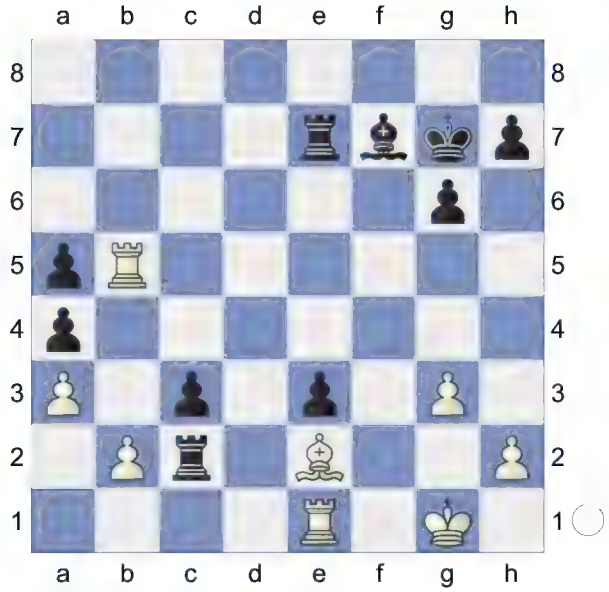


...b6-b5! is the strong threat. **36.Rxf6 Rcxe7 37.Rdd6** -3.08/22
[⌓37.Rfd6 -1.79/24 b5 38.Re1]
37...Qa5
[Weaker is 37...Rxe3 38.Rxg6+ *(38.Rxf5+? perishes. Rxc3 39.bxc3 gxf5-+)* 38...Kf8 39.Qh8+ Kf7 40.Rg7#]

38.Qxa5 bxa5
[And not 38...Rxa5 39.Rfe6 Re5 40.Rxe5 Rxe5 41.Rxb6=]
39.e4 fxe4 40.Bd1 -5.76/22
[40.Rf1 -3.82/22 is a better defense.]
40...e3



41.Be2 Bf7 42.Rb6 Rd5 43.Rf1 Rd2 44.Re1 Rc2 45.Rb5 c3



46.bxc3 Rxc3 47.Ra1 Rc2 48.Bf3 Rf2 49.Bg2 Ra2 50.Rbb1 Rd2

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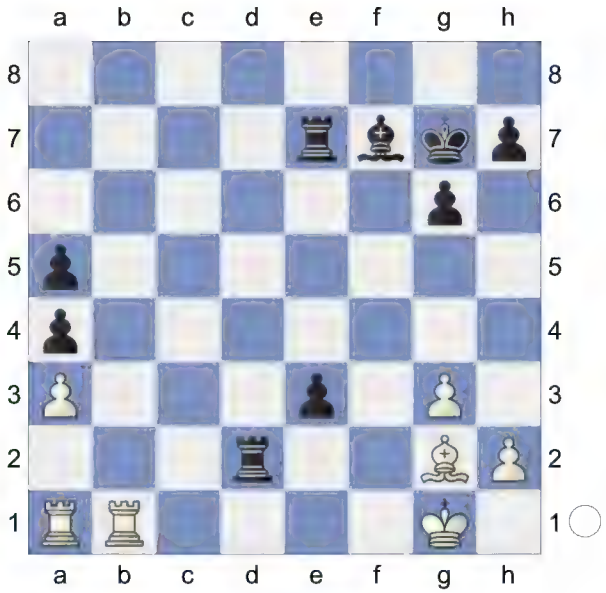
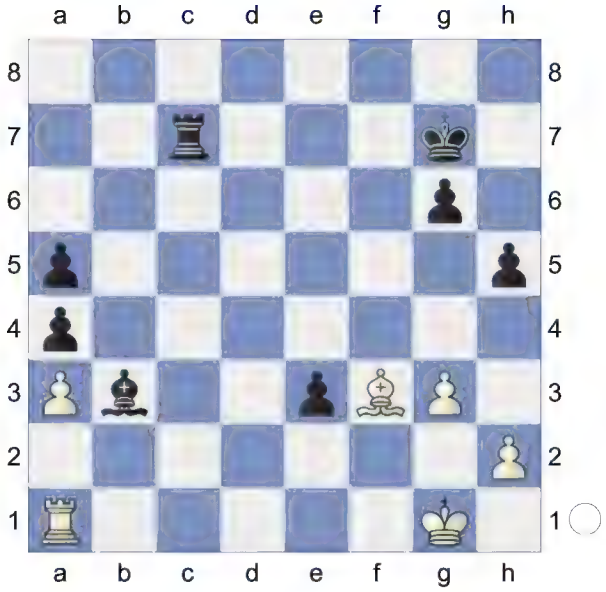


51.Re1 Bb3 52.Bf3 h5 53.Rac1 Ra2 54.Ra1 -5.27/25
[⌓54.Rc5 -3.42/21]
54...Rxa1 Black is clearly winning.
55.Rxa1 Endgame. KRB-KRB **55...Rc7**



56.Kf1 Rc2 57.Be2 Kf6 58.Re1 Rc3 59.Bb5 Ke5 60.Be8 Bc2

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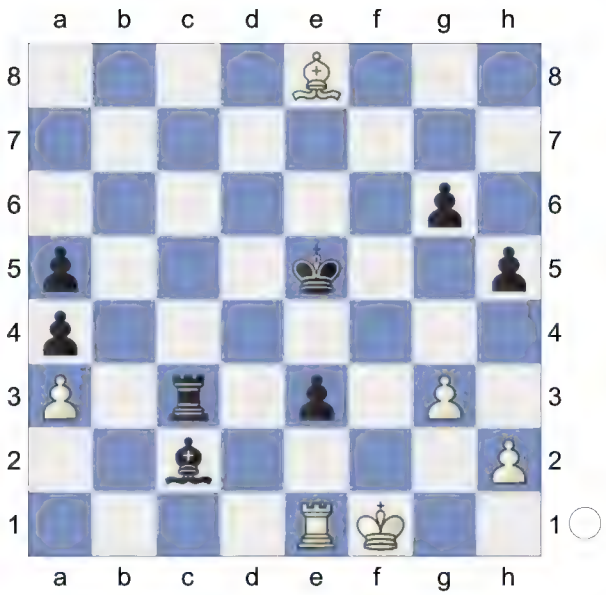
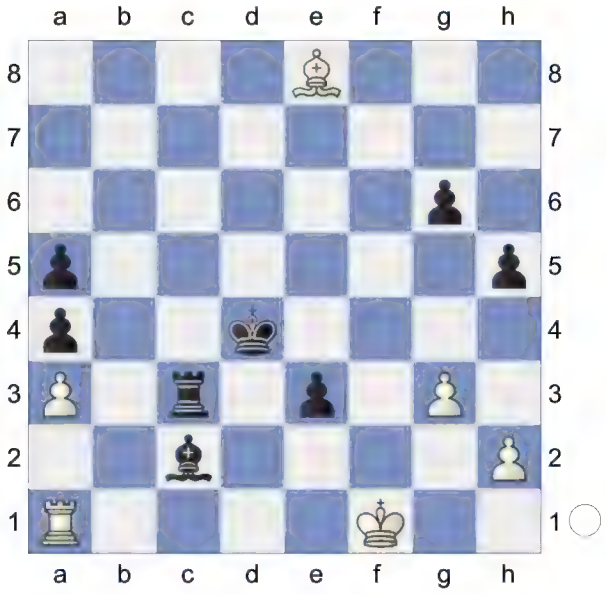


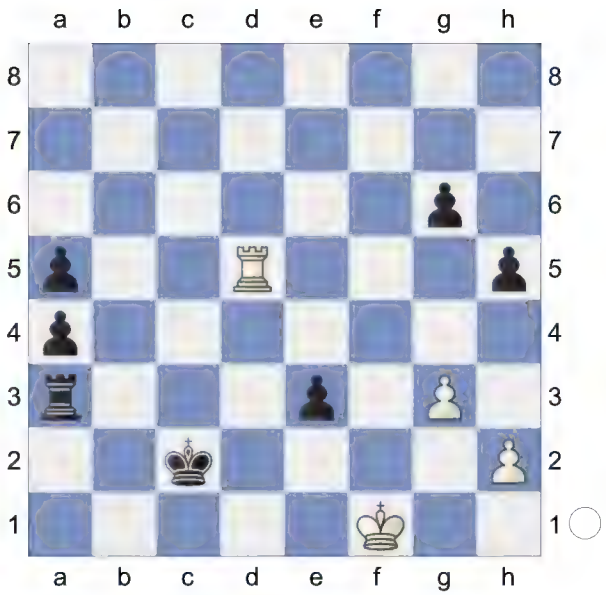
61.Ra1 Kd4



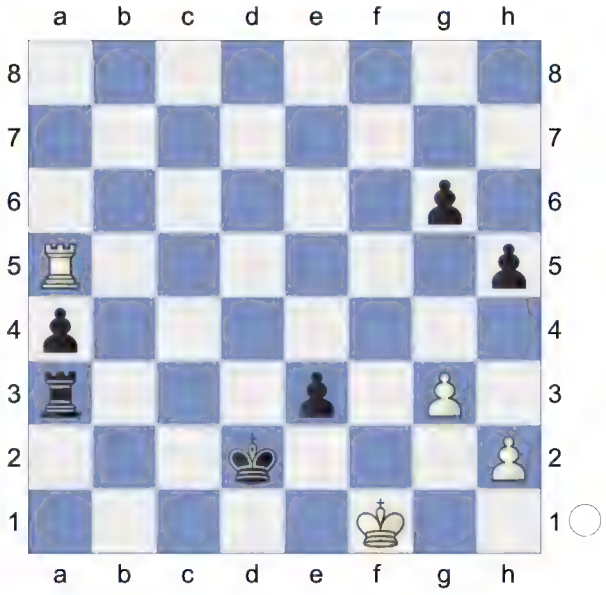
White must now prevent ...Bc2-d3+.

62.Bb5 Bd3+ 63.Bxd3 Kxd3 64.Rd1+ Kc2 65.Rd5 Rxa3

(Diagram)



66.Rxa5 Kd2



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157 **D52**
□ **Werle,J** **2481**
■ **Gurevich,Mikhail** **2641**
Weekender Zwolle NED (3) 09.03.2002
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7

[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto,R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)*)* 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

5.Bg5 c6

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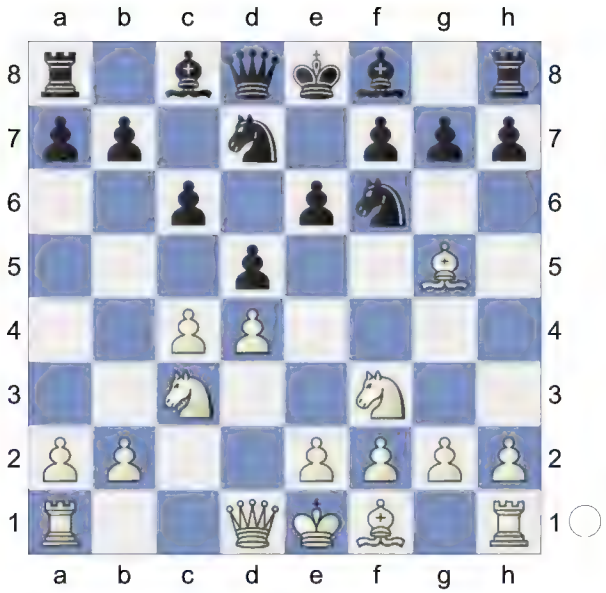


6.e3N

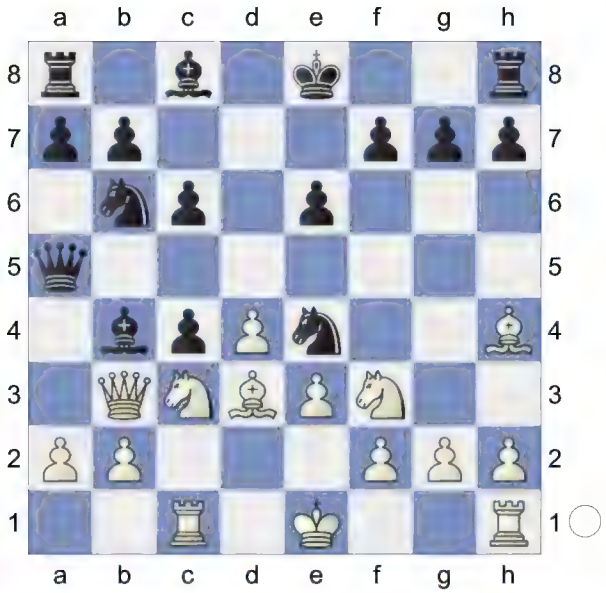
[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

6...Qa5 7.Qb3 Ne4 Threatens to win with ...Ne4xg5. **8.Bh4 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nb6 10.Bd3** -0.26/22

[⌓10.a3 0.20/22 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3]

10...dxc4=

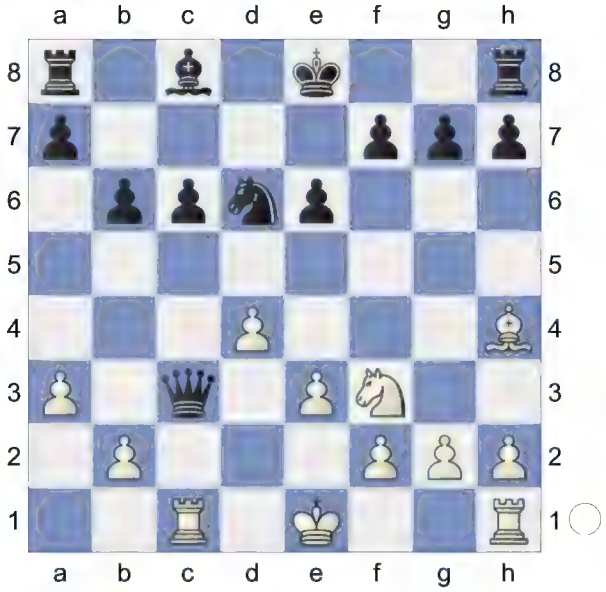
(Diagram)



11.Bxc4 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Nd6 13.Qb3 b6 14.a3 Bxc3+ 15.Qxc3

[15.Rxc3? Ne4 16.0-0 *(16.Qc4? 0-0-+)* 16...Nxc3 17.bxc3 f6-+]

15...Qxc3+



16.Rxc3 Bb7 17.Ne5 f6! 18.Nxc6 -0.99/21

[18.Nc4= -0.18/20 Nf5 19.Bg3]

18...Kd7∓ Black continues to play with c o n c e n t r a t i o n . **19.Nb4 Rhc8** Strongly threatening ...Rc8xc3.

[19...Bxg2? 20.Rg1+-]

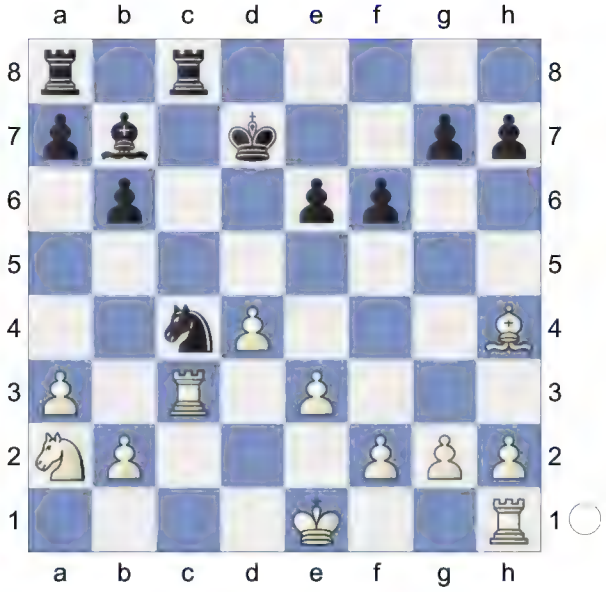
20.Na2 -1.63/22

[20.Bg3∓ -0.89/19 Rxc3 *(20...Bxg2 21.Rg1±)* 21.bxc3]

20...Nc4 -1.14/20

[20...Bxg2? perishes. 21.Rg1+-]

[20...Bd5-+ -1.63/22 21.Rxc8 Rxc8]



White is weak on the light squares **21.b4** -1.92/22

[21.f3∓ -1.14/20]

21...g5-+

[Stronger than 21...Bxg2 22.Rg1 g5 23.Rxg2±]

22.Bg3 Bxg2 23.Rg1 Bf3 24.e4 -2.63/20

[⌓24.h4 -1.81/20]

24...Bxe4 25.Ke2 Bd5

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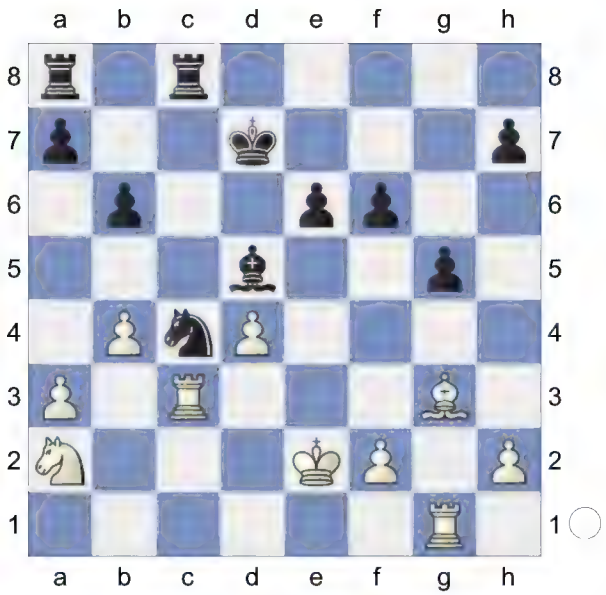
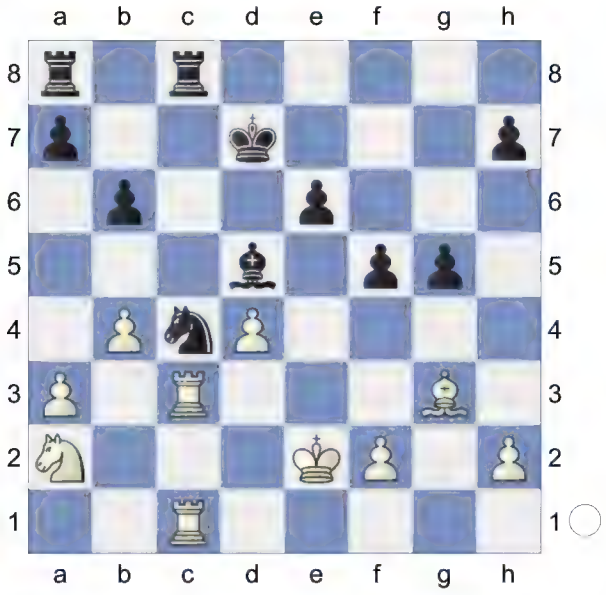


26.Rgc1 f5



And now ...f5-f4 would win. **27.f3 f4**
28.Bf2 b5 29.Rg1 h6 30.Nc1

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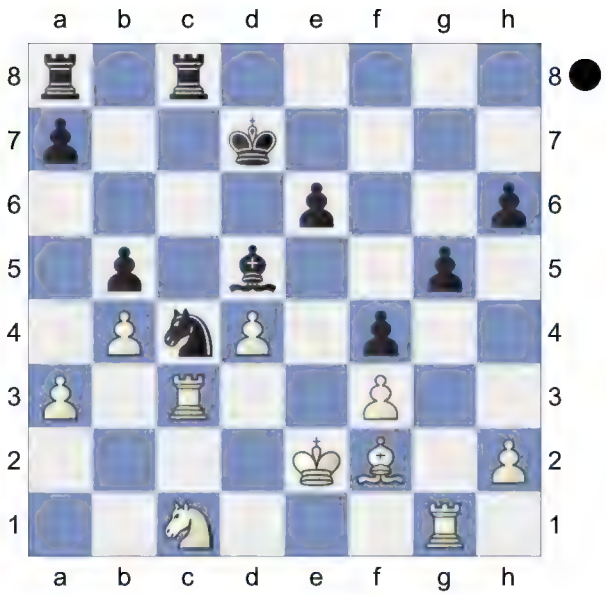
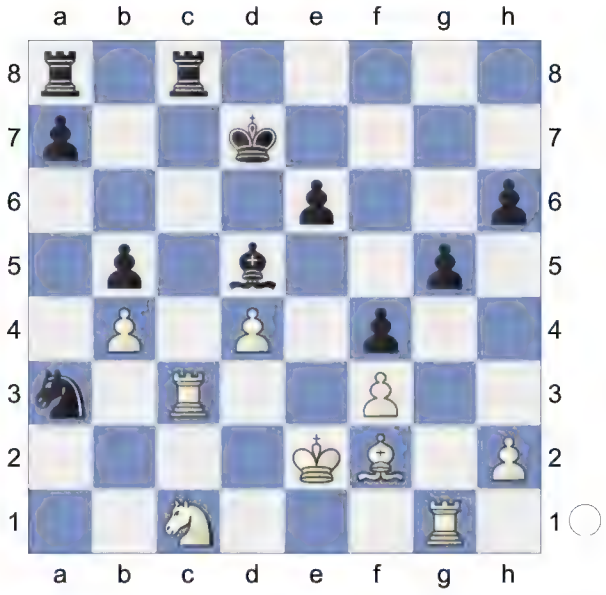


Nxa3!



Deflection. Black is clearly winning.
31.Rxa3
[31.Rc5 Rxc5]
31...Rc2+ 32.Ke1 Rxc1+ 33.Kd2 Rc4

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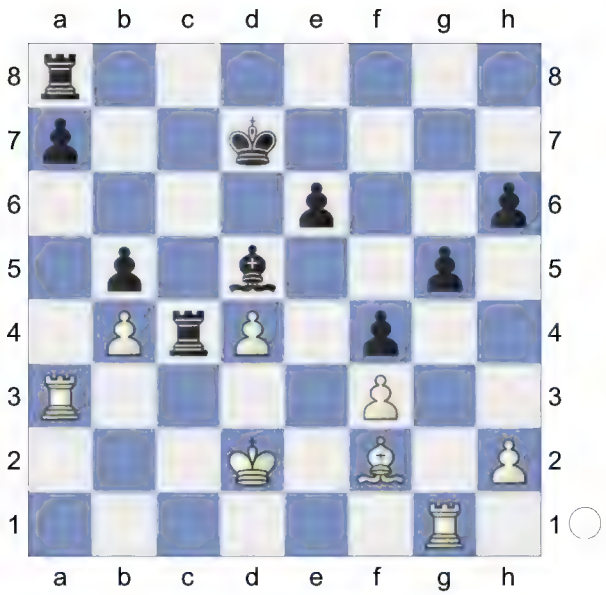

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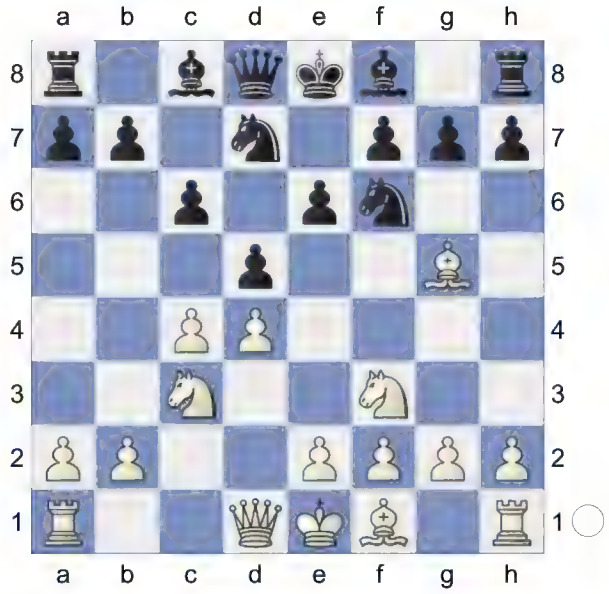
158 **D52**
□ **Gligoric,S** **2481**
■ **Blagojevic,D** **2486**
56. ch Herceg Novi MNE (12) 05.04.2001
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Tsesarsky Tsesarsky Tsesarsky Tsesarsky Tsesarsky **1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7**
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 *(10...Qc7 11.e4 b4 12.e5 bxc3 13.exf6 cxd4 14.Bxe6 0-0-0 15.Bh3 Bd6 16.Rxd4 Kb8 17.fxg7 Rhe8 18.Be3 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.bxc3 Bxg7 22.Rb1 Ka8 23.Bg4 Qd6 24.Bf3 Re7 25.Rd1* 1-0 (28) Quintiliano Pinto, R (2509)-Rodi,L (2295) Caioba Rapid op 7th 2023 (5)) 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]
5.Bg5 c6



6.e3N
[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]
6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2
[There is no harm in emphasising 8.Qc2? Bb4 9.Rc1 Qxa2 , which is another example of how not to play against the Cambridge Springs.]
8...Bb4 9.Rc1 h6
[This is currently the most respected line at GM level, but 9...0-0 is also respectable.]
10.Bh4 c5

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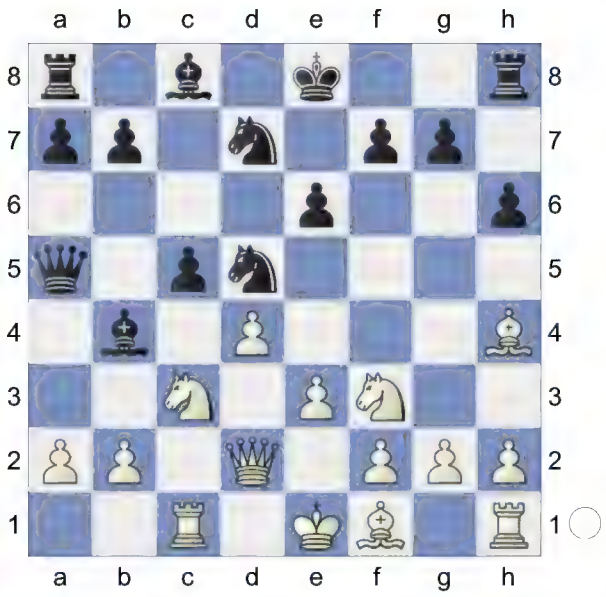

John Shaw: 'The idea behind 10...c5 is not only to attack White's centre but also to begin to open the long light diagonal, so ...b7-b6 will almost invariably follow.

' **11.a3** John Shaw: 'It is tempting to break the pin but now the a3-pawn is an easy target. '

[11.Be2 Tsesarsky cxd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Nb3 Prevents Nd7-c5. Qb6 14.0-0 N7f6! 15.Rfd1 Bd7 16.Bf3 Bc6]

[A decent alternative is 11.e4 but after N5f6 White must avoid the natural 12.Bd3?? *(a better option is 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Bb5+* , although Black shouldn't have any major problems *)* , as the game Bosboom-M. Gurevich, Wijk aan Zee 2001 demonstrated: 12...g5! and Black, surprisingly, wins a piece, e.g. 13.Bg3 g4! and if the knight moves there comes 14.--? -2.04/19 *(14.a3=* -0.16/17 and White is okay. *Bxc3 15.Rxc3 gxf3 16.0-0)* 14...cxd4? 1.09/16 . *(14...gxf3-+* -2.04/19 *15.a3 fxg2)*]

11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 This variation first looks in White's favour: pair of ♗♗ and strong ♙♙ center. But due to Blagojevic efforts this position must be evaluated again. ♙a3 is weak, probably Black will change ♗c8 on his white opponent, and Black will recieve good counterplay. This variation first looks in White's favour: pair of ♗♗ and strong ♙♙ center. But due to Blagojevic efforts this position must be evaluated again. ♙a3 is weak, probably Black will change ♗c8 on his white opponent, and Black will recieve good counterplay. John Shaw: 'Solving the problem of how to develop the queen's bishop. The natural square is b7 but exchanging with ...Ba6 is also an option, especially if White has 'wasted' a tempo moving the bishop from f1.

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[13.Ne5 -0.22/19 13.c3-c4 0.43 Nxe5 14.dxe5 g5 15.e4 -see commented game 0-1 Sherbakov,R-Goloshchapov,A/Ekaterinburg 1999/CBM 75 [Tsesarsky,I](58)]

[John Shaw: 'More direct moves are ' 13.Bd3

A) 13...Ba6 14.0-0 N5f6 15.e4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 cxd4 0.78/21

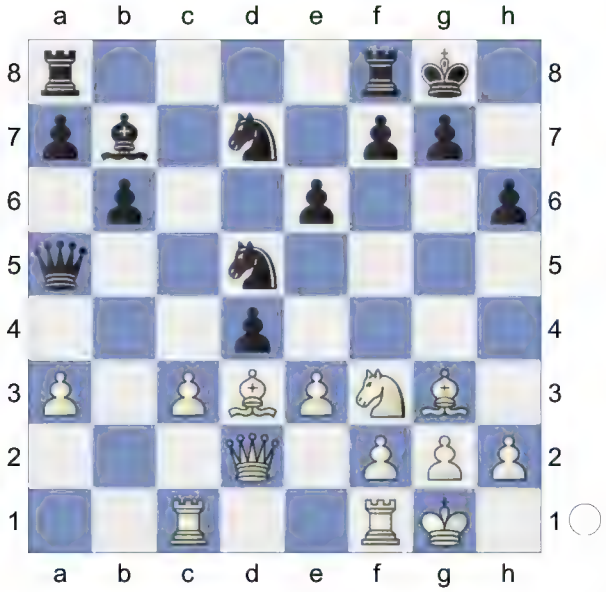
(16...Rc8= 0.10/19) 17.cxd4± 0-0
A1) 18.Rc7 -0.01/21 18.Bh4xf6 0.56 Rac8 19.Rfc1 -1.42/22 (19.Rcc1= -0.01/23 keeps the balance.) 19...Nc5! 0-1 San Segundo Carrillo,P-Dorfman,J/Mondariz 2000/CBM 79 no vc (27);
A2) 18.Bxf6!± 0.76/21 Hoping for Bf6-e7. Nxf6 19.Ne5;
A3) 18.Rc2 -0.01/21 18...Rac8F ½-½ Khalifman,A-Jussupow,A/Istanbul 2000/EXT 2001 (23);
B) 13...Bb7 14.0-0 0-0 (14...N5f6 15.Qb2 0-0 16.Nd2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rfc8↑ ½-½ Gomez Esteban,J-Estremera Panos,S/Barcelona 2000/CBM 77 ext (37))
B1) After 1,5 monthes Gligoric tried against Blagojevic 15.Ne5 and lost again: Nxe5 16.dxe5 c4 17.Bxc4 -0.48/21 (White should try 17.Bb1!= 0.03/20) 17...Rfc8∓ 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Rfe1 -1.15/20 (19.Qb2∓ -0.51/19) 19...Rc4!∓ 20.Be7 Rg4 21.g3 Bf3 22.Bd6 Rc8∓ 0-1 Gligoric,S-Blagojevic,D/Herceg Novi YUG 2001/The Week in Chess 344 (49);
B2) 15.e4 N5f6 16.Qe2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rfc8! Inhibits Rc1-c7. 18.Qe3 ½-½ Zontakh,A-Blagojevic,D/Herceg Novi YUG 2001/The Week in Chess 344 (18)]

[John Shaw: 'and' 13.e4 John Shaw: '. ' N5f6 14.Bd3 Bb7 (14...Ba6 0.64/17 14...c5-c4 0.01 -see detailed commented game ½-½ Atalik,S-Nogueiras,J/Havana 1999/CBM 71[Tsesarsky,I] (63)) 15.d5 c4
A) 16.Bc2 -0.23/19 16.d5xe6 0.14 exd5 17.e5! Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.e6! 0-0! (19...fxe6? 3.44/20 19...0-0 0.01 20.Qd6! g5 21.Qxe6++-) 20.Qxd7 exf3 21.Qxb7 Qe5+ 22.Kf1 Qf4 23.exf7+ Kh7 24.Re1 Bh4-g3 is the strong threat. fxg2+ 25.Kxg2 -0.96/22 (25.Qxg2∓ -0.48/22 is superior. Qxh4 26.Qf3) 25...Qxh4F ½-½ Ivanisevic,I-Sedlak,N/Herceg Novi YUG 2001/The Week in Chess 344 (27);
B) 16.dxe6 cxd3 17.exd7+ Nxd7 Threatens to win with ...0-0. 18.Qxd3 g5 0.53/20 (18...Ba6!= -0.06/19 19.Qd6 Qc5) 19.Bg3± Nc5 20.Qd6! ½-½ Kramnik,V-Ivanchuk,V/Novgorod 1995/CBM 48 (20) (White tried to continue to play this position: 20.Qd4 -0.34/20 20.Qd3-d6 0.56 but Black equalized very easily: 0-0 21.0-0 Nxe4 22.Qb4 Qxb4 23.cxb4 Nxg3 24.fxg3 Bxf3 25.Rxf3 Rac8= ½-½ Antic,D-Blagojevic,D/Herceg Novi 2001/CBM 83_01 (55). Prevents Rc1-c7.)]

13...Bb7 14.Bd3?∓
[14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 (15.Nxd2 N5f6 16.f3↑ Ke7 Tsesarsky) 15...N5f6F]
14...0-0?P
[14...Qxa3 0.62/21 14...Nd5-f6 -0.07 15.0-0 cxd4∓ 16.cxd4 Tsesarsky Ba6 Inhibits Bd3-b5. 17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Ne5 0.28/21 (18.e4± 0.67/18 N5f6 19.Rc7) 18...Nxe5= 19.Bxe5 e3-e4! would now be deadly. 0-0]
[Black could already consider the pawn grab 14...cxd4 15.cxd4 Qxa3 .]
15.0-0?∓
[John Shaw: 'Had White been worried

about the a-pawn he would have played ' 15.c4 John Shaw: ', when after '. Black must now prevent Qd2xa5. Qxd2+ 16.Nxd2 N5f6F John Shaw: 'the position is roughly balanced. White has an extra bishop but Black has the more sound pawn structure (the c4-pawn in particular could prove to be a fixed weakness).']

15...cxd4



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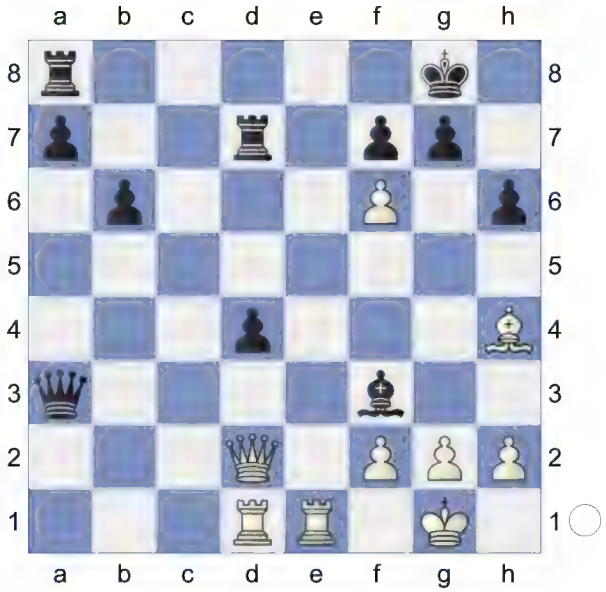
[20...e5? 0.53/19 20...Qe7-f8 -0.16 21.Bb5 0.06/20 *(21.Qb2!± 0.53/19 Re8 22.Bb5)* 21...Rd8 0.68/20 *(21...Qd6=* 0.06/20 *)* 22.Rad1±

A) 22...Nc5 23.Qb2! exd4 And now ...g7-g5 would win. 24.e5 g5 1.71/21 *(24...Bxf3±* 0.61/21 *25.gxf3 Qc7)* 25.Nxg5± *(25.Bg3?* 0.15/21 25.e5xf6 1.71 *Nfe4∓)*;

B) Better is 22...Nc5± 0.68/22;

C) 22...exd4 1.98/21 23.Bxd7 0.49/21 *(23.e5+-* 1.98/21 *Bxf3 24.exf6)* 23...Rxd7 1.41/19 *(23...Qxd7±* 0.49/21 *24.Bxf6 gxf6)* 24.e5!± Bxf3 1.81/23 *(24...Ne4±* 1.44/21 was necessary. *25.Rxe4 Qe6 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 a5)* 25.exf6+- Qa3



26.fxg7!±]

[The threat of 21 e5 meant Black needed to break the pin and 20...g5?? 21.Nxg5! was clearly the wrong way.]

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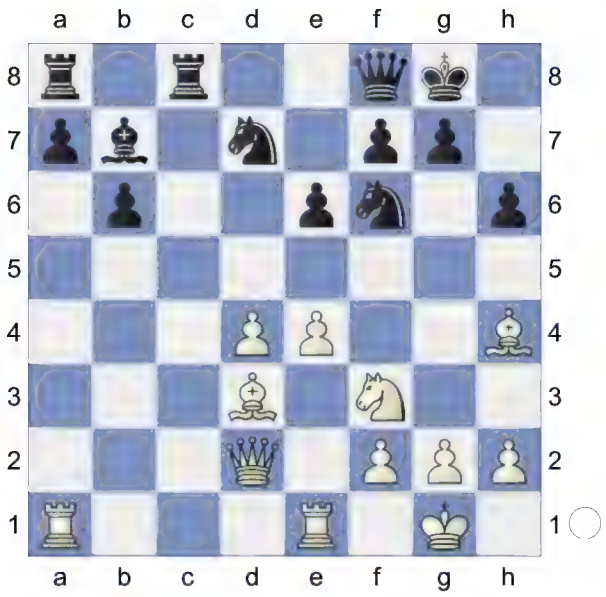


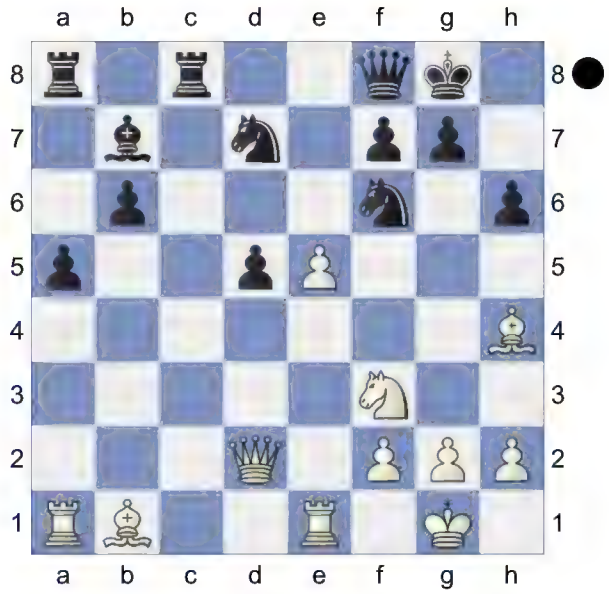
21.Bb1?! -1.01/19 White hasn't effective plan. White hasn't effective plan. John Shaw: 'This move makes it clear that White has generated no compensation for the pawn deficit.' White hasn't effective plan. This move makes it clear that White has generated no compensation for the pawn deficit.

[⩲21.Qb2∓]

[21.Rab1∓ -0.35/19]

21...a5 John Shaw: 'Finally it is safe to exploit the passed pawns.' **22.d5?-+** -1.73/20 Leads to lost position Leads to lost position John Shaw: '?' John Shaw: 'This only hastens the end but, since White had no productive alternative, it is easy to understand his frustration.' Leads to lost position '?' This only hastens the end but, since White had no productive alternative, it is easy to understand his frustration. **22...exd5 23.e5**

[Maybe a little bit more chances for resistance would give to White Maybe a little bit more chances for resistance would give to White John Shaw: 'In the event of ' Maybe a little bit more chances for resistance would give to White In the event of 23.exd5 John Shaw: 'Black can safely capture with' Bxd5 John Shaw: ',' *(but not 23...Nxd5?* -0.97/21 23...Qf8-b4 -1.81 *24.Bf5* , when White wins back some material. *)* 24.Bf5 Bxf3 *(24...Rd8* -1.12/21 24...Bd5xf3 -1.61 *25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Qf4-+)* 25.Bxf6 Nxf6 26.Bxc8 Bxg2 27.Bf5 Qc5-+]



23...Ne4 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Qxd7 -2.39/20

[25.e6∓ -1.39/19 was the only chance. Nc5 *(25...exf3 26.exd7 f5 27.dxc8B+-)* 26.e7]

25...Bc6

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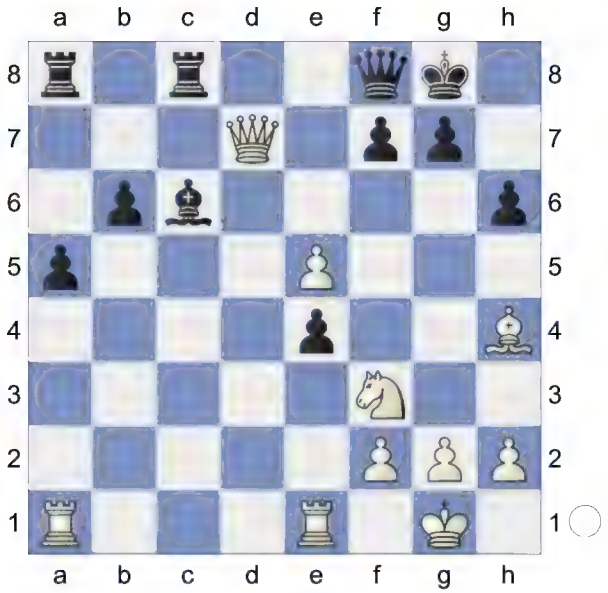
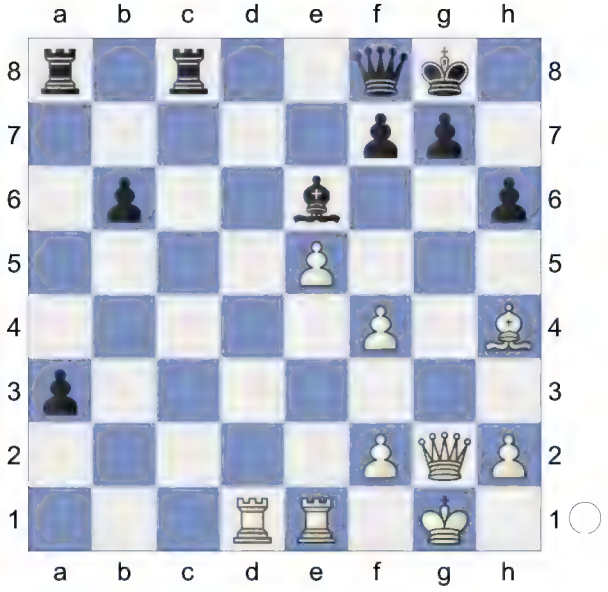


John Shaw: 'Perhaps White missed this move when playing 22 d5; Black saves the attacked piece with gain of time.' **26.Qg4 exf3 27.gxf3** John Shaw: 'White has no chance of stopping the pawns.' **27...Bd5 28.Rad1 Be6 29.Qg2 a4 30.f4 a3**



31.Qf3 Bf5 32.Qb7 a2 33.Be7 Qe8 34.Bd6 Qc6 John Shaw: 'with an exchange of queens forced (' **35.Qe7 Bh3**

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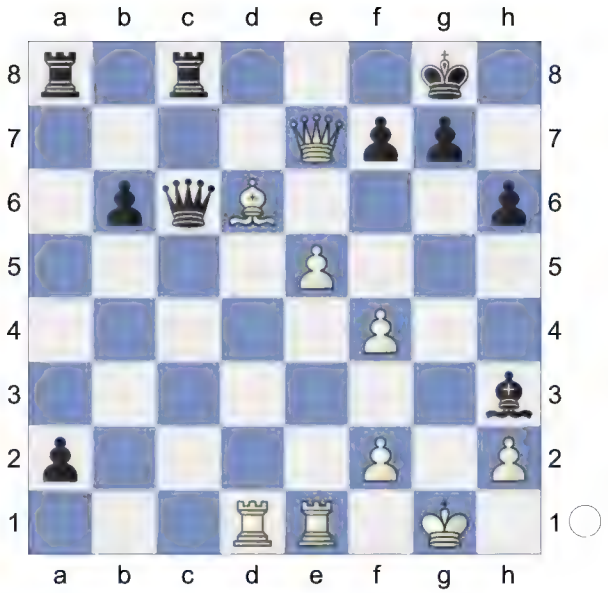

) it is time to resign. 0-1 (35) Gligoric,S (2481)-Blagojevic,D (2486) Herceg Novi 2001 CBM 083 [Tsesarsky,Ilya]) it is time to resign. 0-1 (35) Gligoric,S (2481)-Blagojevic,D (2486) Herceg Novi YUG 2001.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.14 (very precise)

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□ **Sulypa,Oleksandr** **2479**

■ **Atalik,Suat** **2618**

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[Atalik,Suat]

R. Scherbakov: 'White played a new continuation but failed to achieve anything substantial - the line seems good for Black.'

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.c4 R. Scherbakov **1...e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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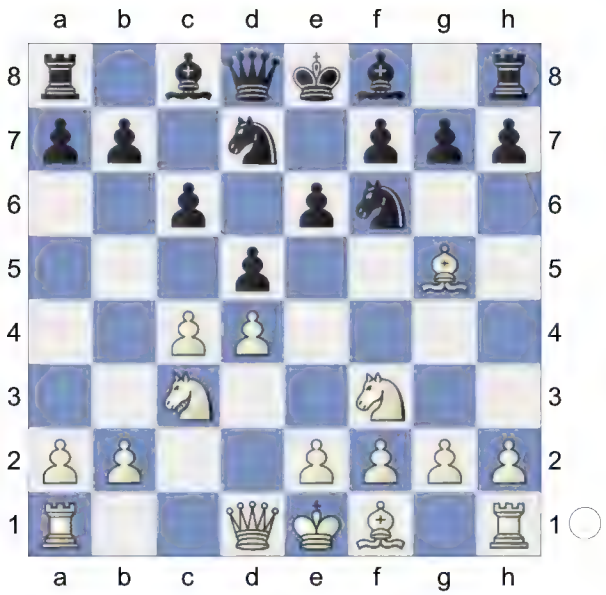


6.e3 Qa5

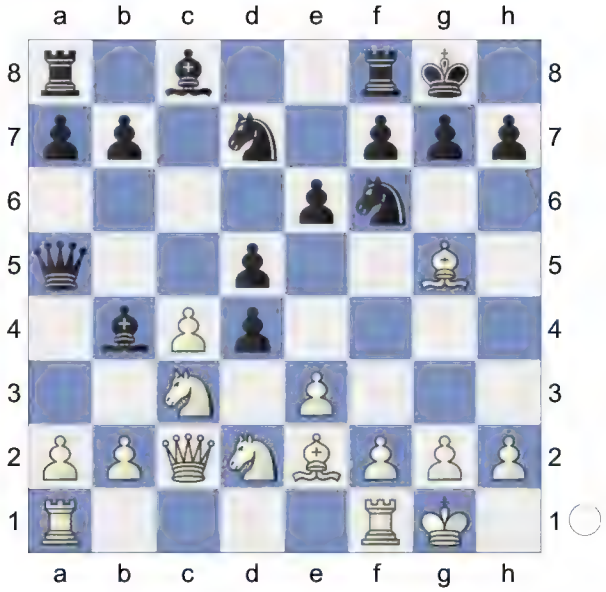
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 cxd4



11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 The position is equal. **13...Qc7 14.Qe2**

[14.Bd3 Bd6∞]

14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4?!

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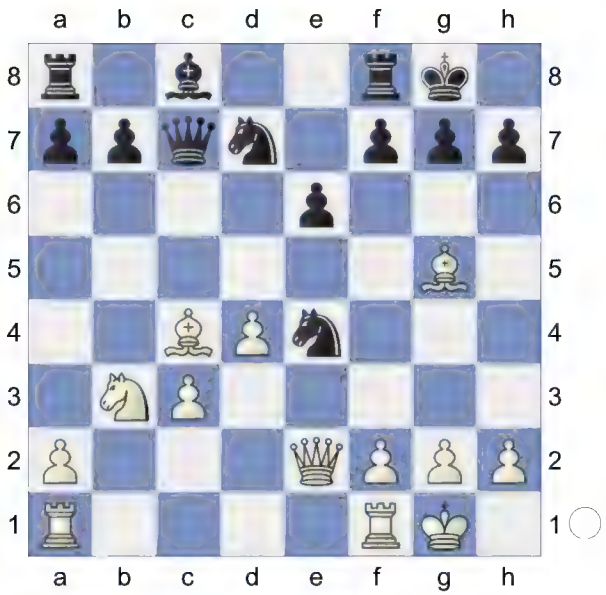


D e f l e c t i o nThis move is really risky in deed. **16.Qxe4 Qxc4** Black is weak on t h e d a r k s q u a r e s **17.Rae1** R. Scherbakov: 'A novelty.'

[17.Rfe1

A) 17...Nb6 R. Scherbakov 18.Be7?! *(18.Re3* Re3-h3 is the strong threat. *Qd5!* was fine for Black but perhaps it should have been preferred*)* 18...Re8 19.Bc5 -0.45/21 *(19.Bg5=* 0.01/21 *)* 19...Nd5 Black was completely okay in the game Azmaiparashvili - Ivanchuk/Tilburg 1994.;

B) 17...Re8]

17...Re8 0.46/22

[Here Black could have thought about 17...Nb6!? (R. Scherbakov) , too. T h e n a f t e r 18.Re3! Re3-h3 would now be deadly. *(18.Qg4!?* -0.38/19 18.Re1-e3 -0.01 *)*

A) 18...Nd5?! 2.35/24 18...Qc4-d5 0.16 was dubious: 19.Rh3 f5 20.Qh4 h6 21.Bxh6! gxh6 22.Qxh6 Kf7 23.Rg3 Against Rf8-g8 Nf6 24.Re1 Against Qc4-e2 Rg8? 3.29/24 Dodges Rg3-g6 *(24...a5±* 1.59/21 *25.Rg6 Ke7)* 25.Nd2! → followed by Nd2-f3 with a strong attack;

B) 18...Qd5! 19.Qg4 *(19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Rg3* Strongly threatening Bg5-h6. *f6 21.Bd2 b6* =, quiet *)* 19...f6 20.Bh6 Rf7 ~ with complicated play.]

[17...Nb6= -0.01/22]

18.Qf3?! White does not show the best attacking skills as expected from this guy.

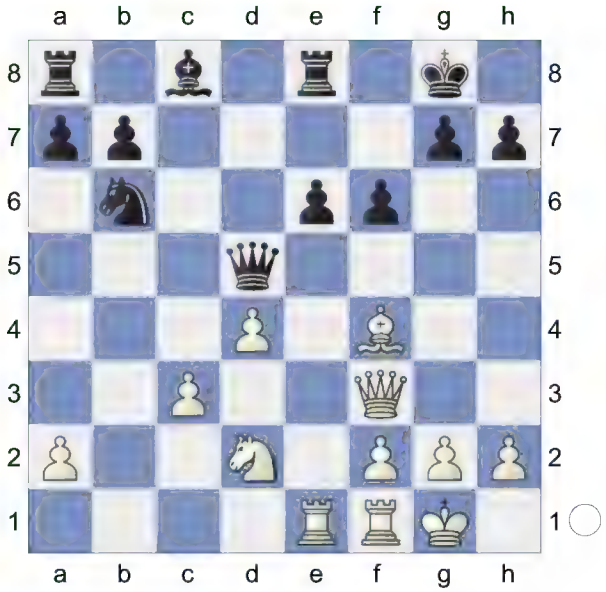
[18.Re3!?→]

18...f6 19.Bf4

[19.Bh4 Nf8 0.52/22 *(19...Ne5* 0.77/23 19...Nd7-b6 -0.13 *20.dxe5 Qxh4 21.Re4 Qg5 22.Rfe1±; 19...a5=* -0.07/19 *)* 20.Nd2 0.09/21 *(20.Nc5±* 0.52/22 *)* 20...Qc6±]

19...Nb6 20.Nd2 Qd5

[20...Qxa2 R. Scherbakov 21.Ne4 ↑ looked too risky for Black.]



21.Qg3 -0.22/22

[21.Qd3 0.18/21 feels stronger.]

21...Nc4 22.Nxc4? Exchanging the knights helps only black.

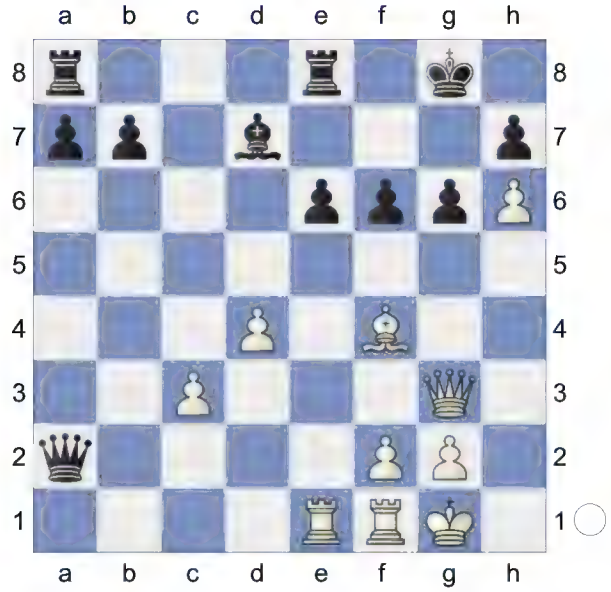
[22.Bh6!? Re7□ 23.Nxc4 Qxc4 24.Re4=]

[22.Bh6!? Re7□ 23.Nxc4 Qxc4 24.Re3=]

22...Qxc4 23.h4 -0.47/21

[23.Re4= 0.01/21 is more appropriate.]

23...Bd7 24.h5 Qxa2 R. Scherbakov: '!?' R. Scherbakov: 'Finally Black decided to capture the pawn.' **25.h6→** White has some attack. **25...g6**



26.Bd6 Qd5 Prevents Qg3-f3 **27.Re3⩲** -0.44/20 Despite of losing a pawn white still gets play.

[27.c4!= 0.01/22 is superior. Qf5 28.Re3]

27...Rad8 0.51/25

[Better is 27...Bc6∓ -0.44/20]

28.Ba3 -0.42/22

[28.Rf3?! -0.37/23 28.c3-c4 0.55 Bc6! 29.Rxf6 Qxg2+! *(29...Qxd6?? #6/14 29...Qd5xg2+ -0.18 30.Rxg6+! Kh8 31.Qg5!+-)* 30.Qxg2 Bxg2 31.Kxg2 Rxd6∓]

[28.c4± 0.51/25 Qxc4 29.Qf4]

28...Bc6∓

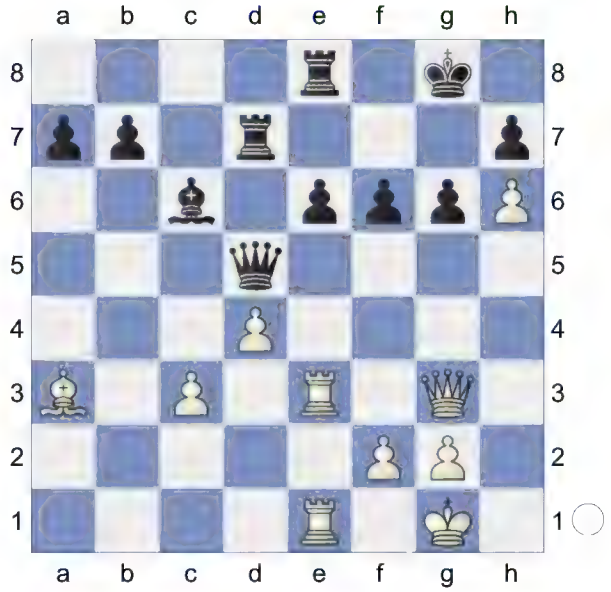
[28...Kf7 with more complications. 29.Rf3 Bc6 30.Re1 Qh5]

29.Rfe1 R. Scherbakov: 'White has got all his pieces into play but it seems impossible to penetrate into his opponent's camp. On the other hand, it is equally difficult for Black to make progress - his pieces cannot go forward while any pawn push in the center would be fatal for his king.'

[29.Rf3? Qg5 -0.03/22 *(29...f5∓* -0.43/23 might be stronger.*)* 30.Qxg5= fxg5 31.Rg3 -0.47/24 *(31.Re3!=* -0.03/22 *)* 31...e5-+]

29...Qd7

[29...Rd7? 0.95/24 29...a7-a5 -0.34



30.Rxe6! Rxe6 31.Rxe6 Qxe6 2.40/24 *(31...Kf7±* 0.94/28 *32.Re1 b5)* 32.Qb8++- Rd8 33.Qxd8+ Be8 34.c4±]

[An attempt to improve by 29...Kf7 (R. Scherbakov) could be well met by 30.Rf3 -0.01/24 *(30.Bc5±* 0.50/20 *)*]

30.Qf4 Qf7?⊕ The position is really sharp and I did not know what to do. Decentralising the queen is a bad idea.

[30...Kf7 31.Rg3⩲]

[30...Kf7 feels hotter. 31.Rg3 b6 32.Re5 f5]

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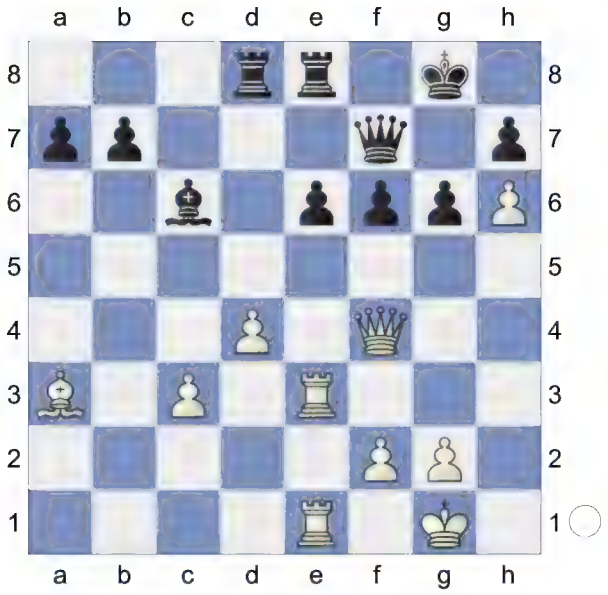

31.c4 Repels Bc6-d5 **31...b5** 0.45/25 R. Scherbakov: 'This looks risky - Black cannot get real winning chances anyway. '

[31...e5! (R. Scherbakov) could have clarified the position: 32.dxe5 fxe5 33.Qxf7+ *(33.Qg3?! Qf4)* 33...Kxf7 34.Rxe5 Rxe5 35.Rxe5 =, quiet with equality.]

[31...e5!= -0.26/25 32.dxe5 fxe5]

32.cxb5±

[32.d5 -0.01/24 32.c4xb5 0.45 e5!]

32...Bxb5 **33.Rc3!** 0.25/24 White is more active.

[33.Rf3± 0.73/23]

33...g5= R. Scherbakov: '!' **34.Qe3** -0.01/23

[34.Qg4± 0.37/23 deserves consideration.]

34...e5 R. Scherbakov: 'However, Black is still fine.'

[34...Rc8 0.58/21 34...e6-e5 -0.01 35.Rec1 Rxc3 36.Rxc3⩲]

35.dxe5 Rxe5

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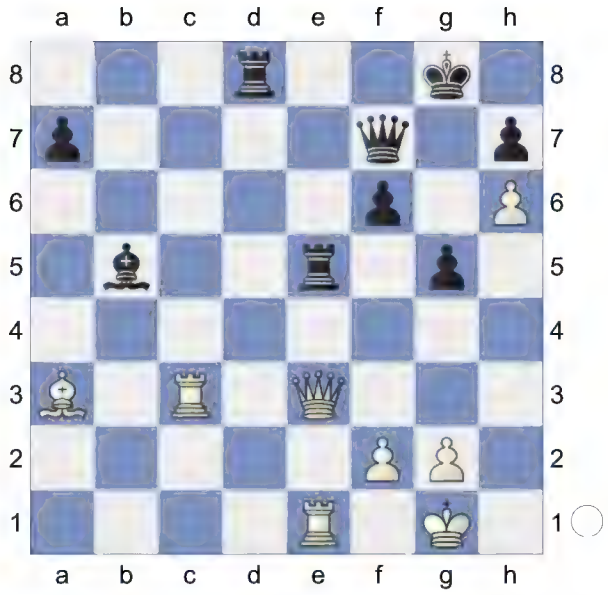
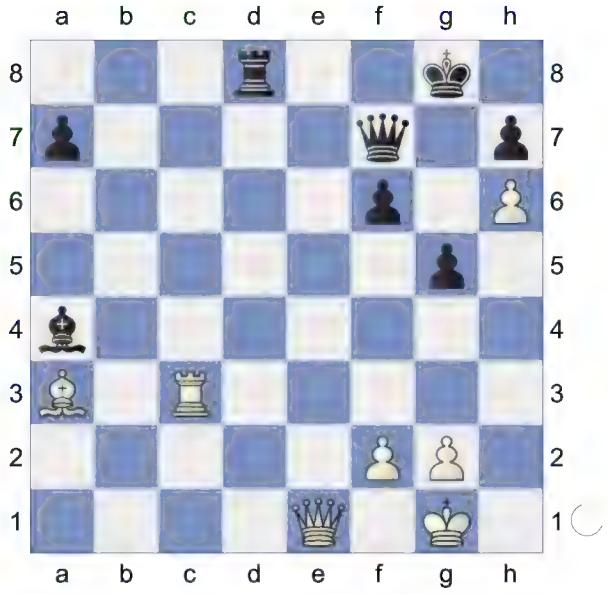


36.Qc1 Black must now prevent Re1xe5.

36...Rxe1+ 37.Qxe1 Ba4 1.07/23

[37...Re8!? 0.87/21 37...Qf7-d7 0.16 (R. Scherbakov) was more reliable.]

[37...Qd7!= 0.14/25 keeps the balance.]



R. Scherbakov: '?!' **38.Rc1!±** White has strong compensation.

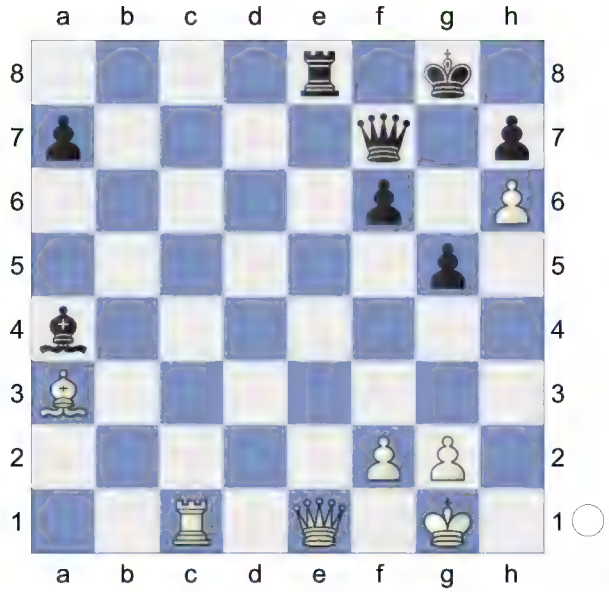
38...Re8 White is obviously better but a draw is always a good result for this chicken!

[38...Qe8? 3.06/27 38...Ba4-b5 1.14

R. Scherbakov: '?!' '?!' R. Scherbakov: 'A serious inaccuracy. Fortunately, White agreed to a draw, otherwise Black could have been sorry about his last move.'

A) 39.Qe7? -0.02/28 39.Ba3-e7 3. 24 Qxe7 40.Bxe7 Rd1+ 0.16/23 *(Black should play 40...Rd5∓* -0.39/30 *)* 41.Rxd1= Bxd1=;

B) 39.Be7!+- R. Scherbakov: '!' 39...Rb8 R. Scherbakov 40.Qe6+ Qf7 41.Qd6 ↑]

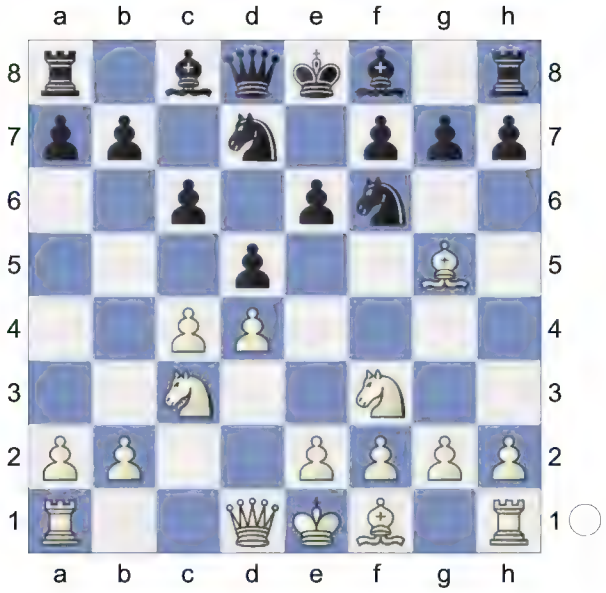


Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

160 **D52**
□ **Lopez Martinez,J** **2474**
■ **Fressinet,Laurent** **2588**
EuTCh Leon ESP (1) 06.11.2001
[Hecht]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 Hecht,Hans Joachim Hecht,Hans Joachim Hecht,Hans Joachim Hecht, Hans Joachim: 'Hecht' **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

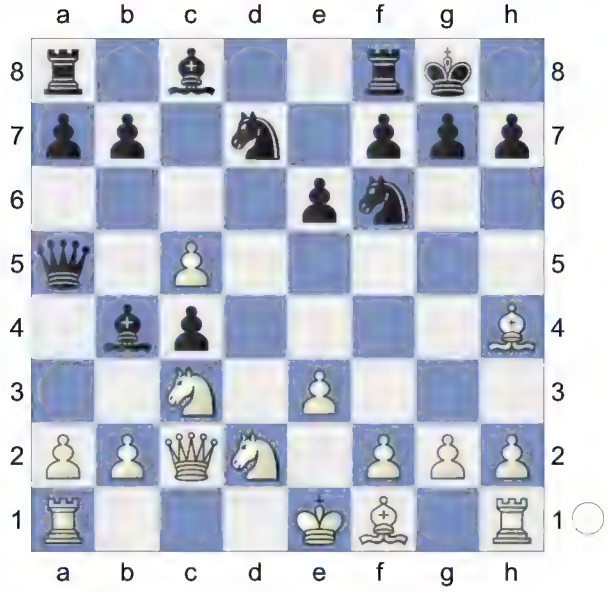
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49

Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bh4 c5 10.dxc5 dxc4



11.Rc1 Nd5 12.Bxc4 White has an edge. **12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc5 14.Bd3 h6 15.0-0 Qc7**

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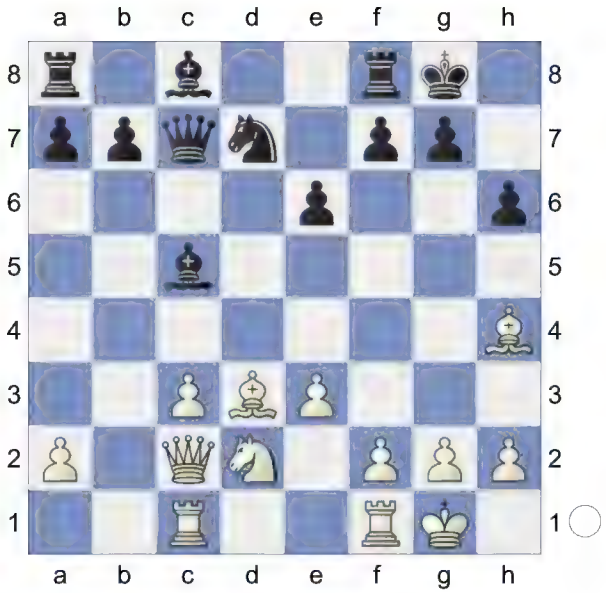
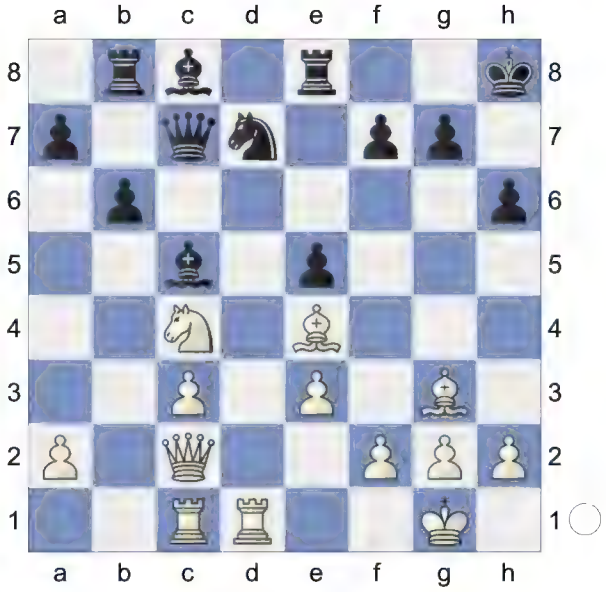
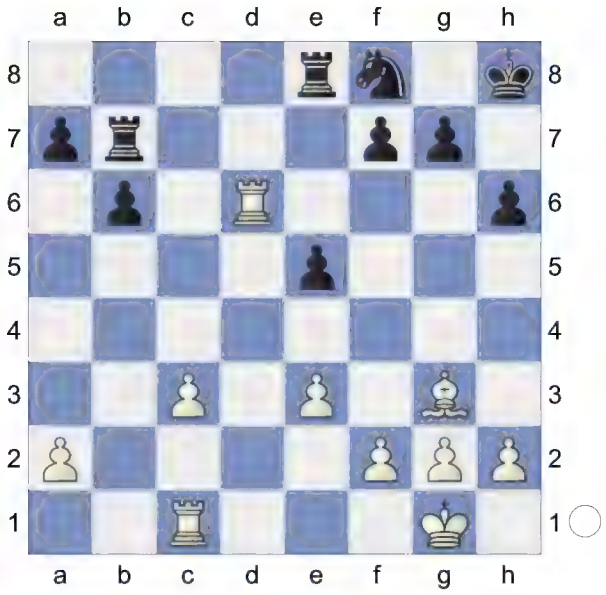


16.Nc4 b6 17.Bg3 e5 18.Rfd1 Re8 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Be4 Rb8

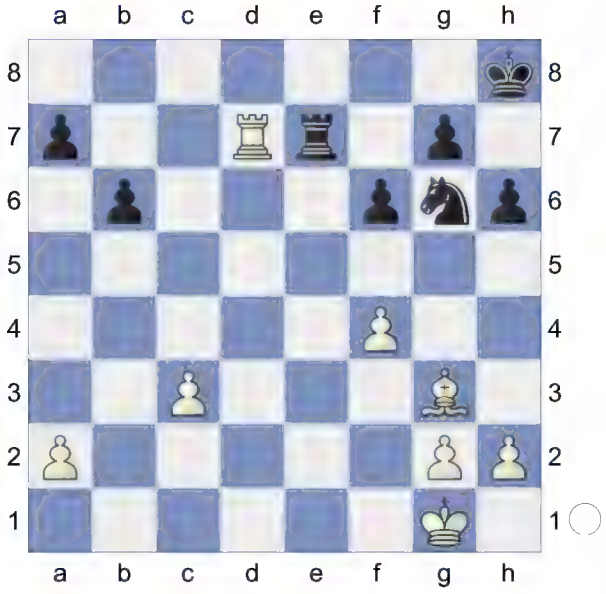


21.Qd3 Nf8 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.Qxd6 Qxd6 24.Rxd6 Bb7 25.Bxb7 -0.35/21
[25.Bf5± 0.33/20]
25...Rxb7∓

(Diagram)



26.Rcd1 f6 27.f4 Ng6 28.Rd7 Rxd7 29.Rxd7 exf4 30.exf4= Endgame. KRB-KRN **30...Re7**



31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.f5 Ne5 33.Rd4 Kg8 34.Ra4 Kf7 35.Kf2 Rc7

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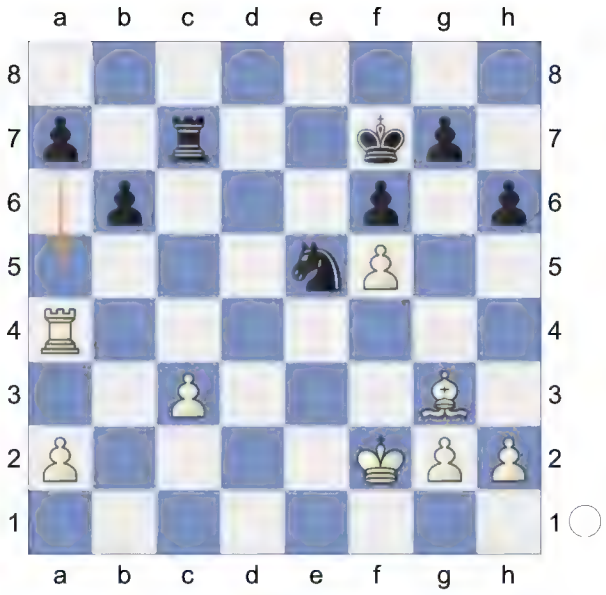
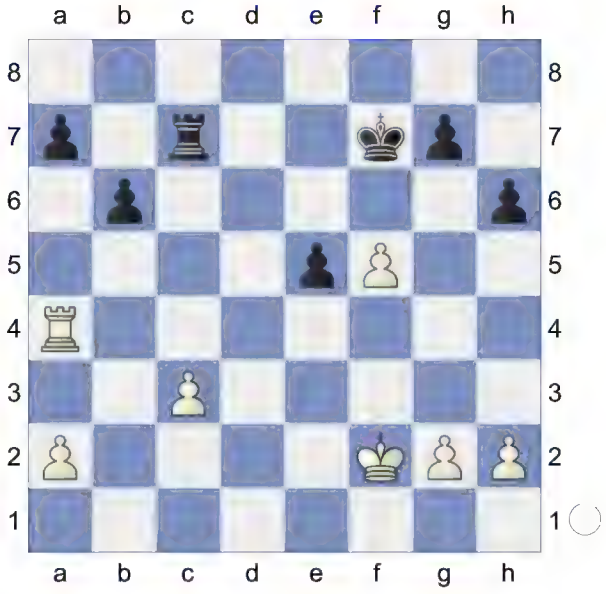


36.Bxe5 -0.81/23
[36.Ra6= -0.18/20]
36...fxe5∓



Der Randturm - Taktik **37.g4**

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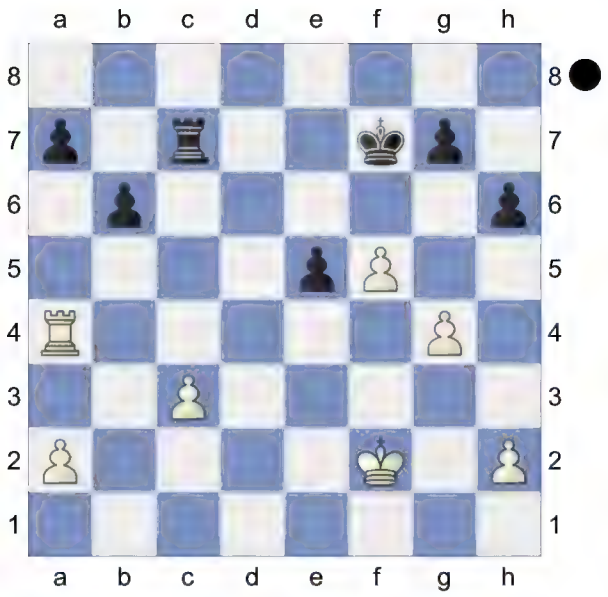
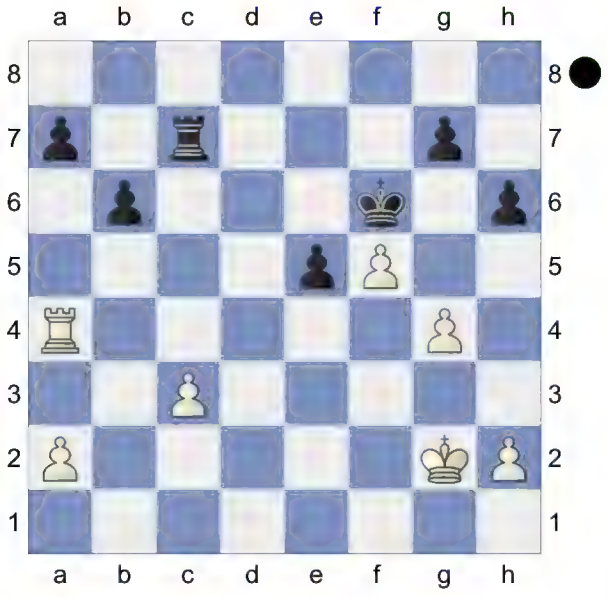


Kf6!
[Of course not 37...Rxc3?! 38.Rxa7+ Kf6 39.Rb7=]
38.Kg2 -1.69/23
[38.Ra6∓ -0.91/22 was worth a try.]

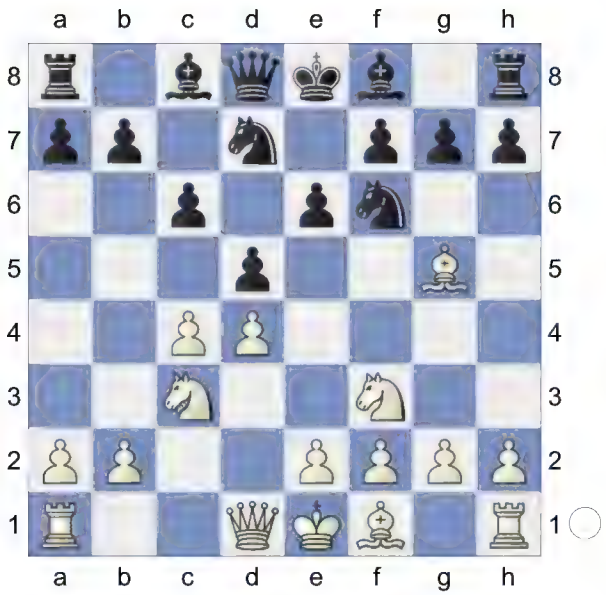


38...a5!-+
[Not 38...Rxc3 39.Rxa7 h5 40.gxh5=]
39.Ra3 -2.78/24
[39.c4 h5 40.h3? -3.42/22 *(40.Kg3∓ -1.43/22)* 40...hxg4-+ 41.hxg4 Kg5 42.Kf3 Rc5 43.Kg3 e4-+]
[⌓39.Kg3 -1.65/25]
39...Rc4 40.h3? -5.10/25
[40.Rb3 Rxg4+ 41.Kf2 Rc4 42.Rxb6+ Kxf5 43.Rb5 Rxc3 44.Rxa5 Kf4-+]
[40.Rb3 -2.86/25 Rxg4+ 41.Kf1]
40...a4!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
Klaustrophobie
0-1

161 **D52**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2474**
■ **Nechaeva,Marina** **2431**
Chita Chiva (8) 17.08.2015
[Sagar,Shah]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
With this win Goryachkina is the sole leader of the women section by half a point. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



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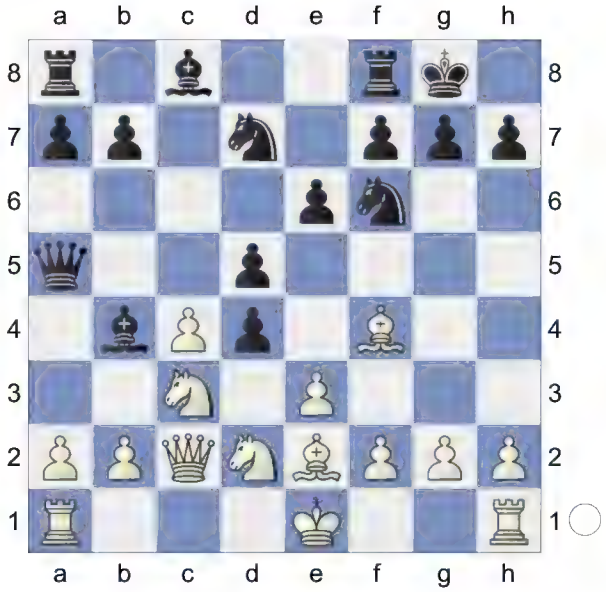
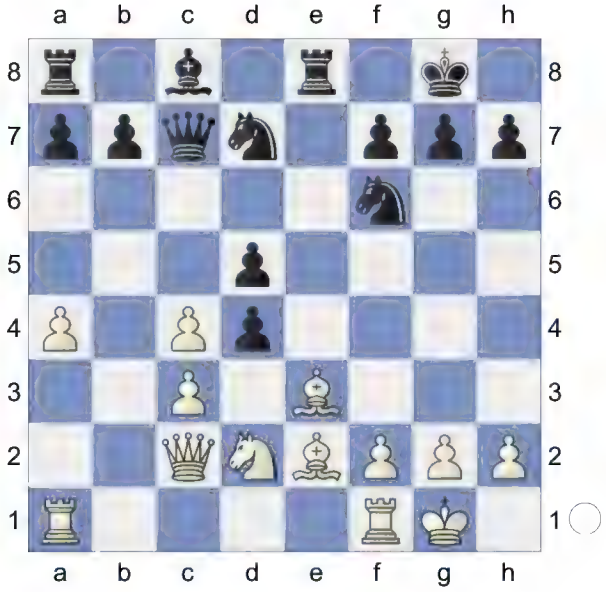
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.Bf4 cxd4



11.exd4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 White is slightly better. **12...Re8 13.0-0 e5 14.Be3 Qc7 15.a4 exd4**



16.cxd4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 Qxc4 18.Nxc4 Nd5 19.a5 N7f6 20.Rfc1 h6

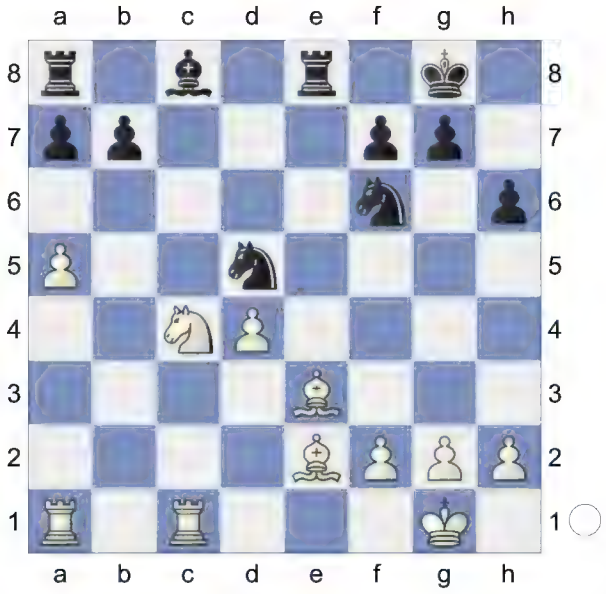


Diagram [#] We join this position after move 20 when Goryachkina has a clear edge out of the opening. Lead in development is the main reason. Her only problem is the IQP and the black knights blockading on the d5 square.

21.Nd6

[21.Rab1! aiming for Nc4-d6. was a better way to take advantage of White's lead in development. Re7 22.Nd6 Bg4 23.Bxg4 Nxg4 24.Rxb7 Rxb7 25.Nxb7 Ndxe3 26.fxe3 Nxe3

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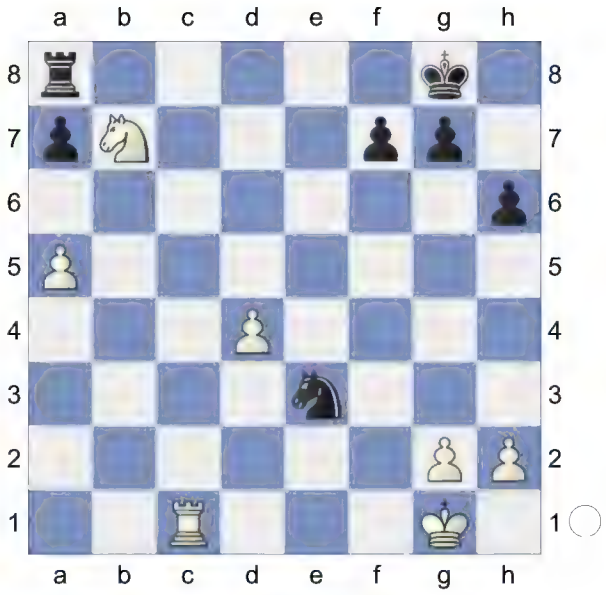


27.Kf2! Nd5 28.Rc5± Even though a lot of pieces have been exchanged, White retains an edge because of his active pieces.]

21...Rd8 22.Nxc8 Raxc8 23.Bf3 b5! A nice little move which sets the black majority on the queenside into motion.

24.Kf1 0.01/19

[24.axb6 axb6 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Kf1±]

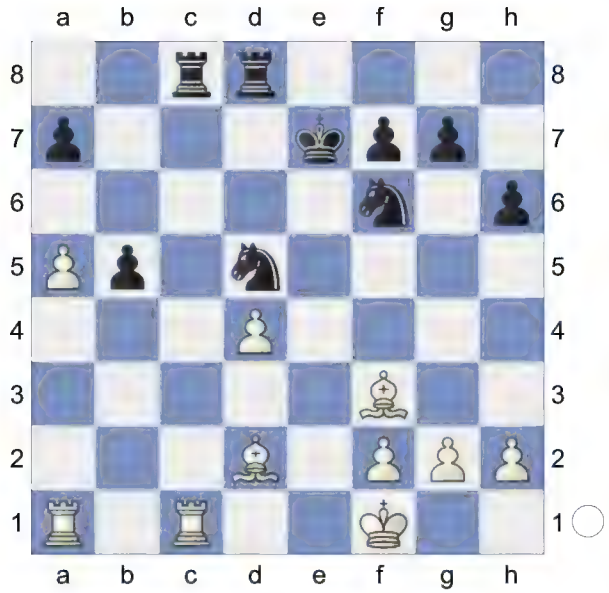
[24.Rc5± 0.48/22 should be considered.]

24...Kf8 0.73/20

[24...Nc3= 0.01/19]

25.Bd2± Ke7

(Diagram)



26.Rc5 Rxc5 27.dxc5 Kd7 28.h4!? 0.39/21 A typical Goryachkina move. She likes to think long term and make such moves which show her technique. Here it seems a little bit out of place because Black has loads of counterplay on the other wing. Yet in some endgames h4-h5 can make g7 into a weakness and g4 followed by g5 can kick away the knight from f6.

[28.Rd1± 0.78/19]

28...Re8 0.93/21

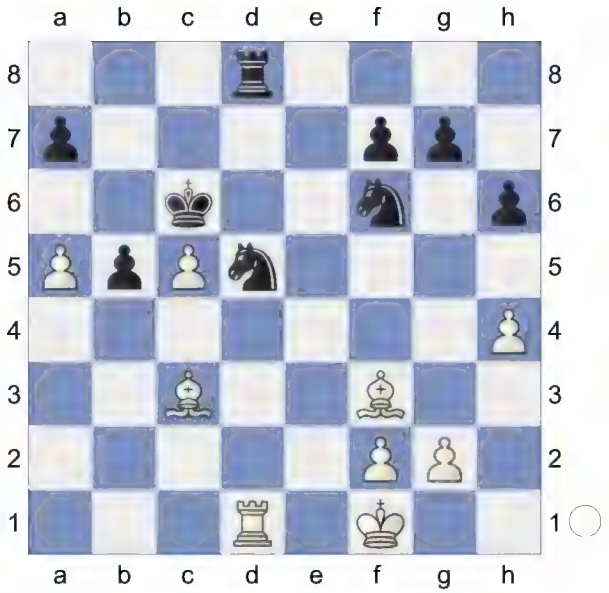
[28...Kc6 29.Rd1 *(29.Rc1* -0.28/20 29.Bd2-e3 0.34 *Re8!)* 29...Kxc5 30.Bc3 Strongly threatening Bc3-d4+. Rd7 31.Bd4+ Kb4!F]

[28...Kc6± 0.39/21]

29.Rd1 Bd2-c3 is the strong threat.

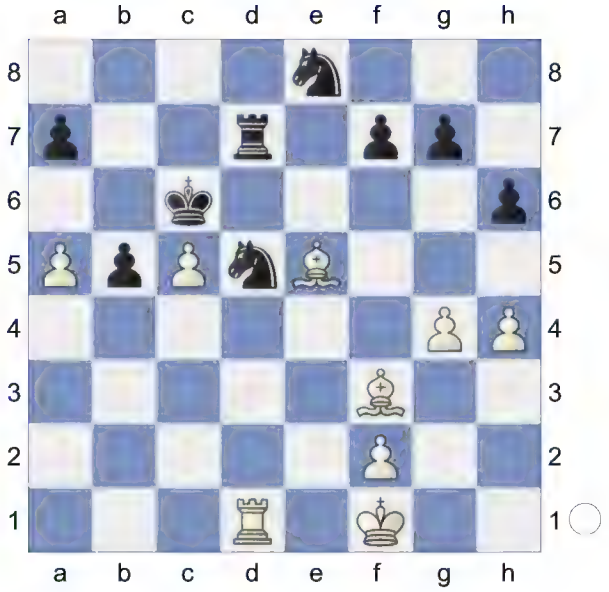
29...Kc6 30.Bc3 Rd8

(Diagram)



31.g4! These pins are quite irriating and now the move g5 is threatened. **31...Ne8 32.Be5** Hoping for Be5-d6! **32...Kxc5** 2.62/23

[32...Rd7



33.a6!±]

[32...Rd7± 1.45/23 was called for. 33.g5 hxg5]

33.Bd4+!+- Skewer Black loses a key pawn on a7. **33...Kb4 34.Bxa7** This pair of bishops is nice. **34...Rd7** 3.85/22

[34...Nec7 2.62/22 was necessary.

35.Bd4 *(35.Bb6 Nxb6 36.Rxd8 Ne6+-)* 35...f6]

35.Bd4

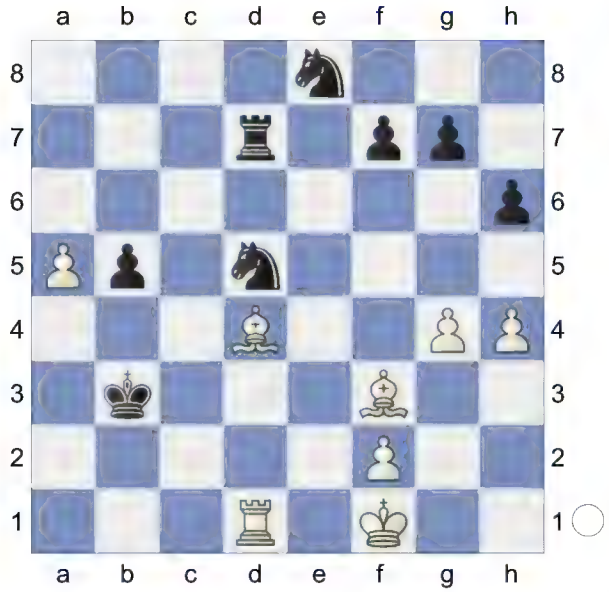
[Weaker is 35.Rxd5 Rxa7 36.Rd8 Nf6=]

35...Kb3 7.28/20

[35...Kxa5? 6.75/24 35...Ne8-c7 3.78 36.Bxd5 Rxd5 37.Bc3++-]

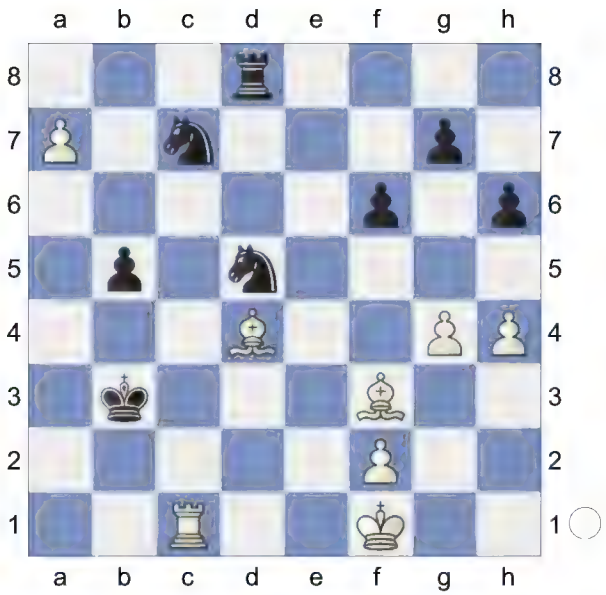
[35...Kxa5? perishes. 36.Bxd5 Nf6 37.Bf3+-]

[⌓35...Nec7 4.00/23 36.Bxg7 Kxa5 37.Bxh6 b4]

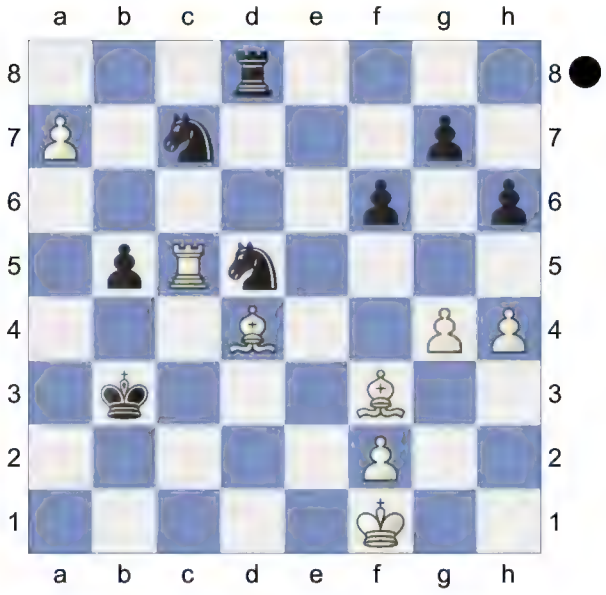


36.a6 White is clearly winning. **36...f6 37.a7 Nec7 38.Bc5 Kc4 39.Rc1+ Kb3 40.Bd4 Rd8**

(Diagram)



41.Rc5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.28 (precise)Everything is overloaded at Black's end! A fine win for the young girl who seems all set to become the Russian Champion!

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162 **D52**
□ **Gunina,Valentina** **2472**
■ **Ushenina,Anna** **2454**
2. Controceni women (4) 05.03.2011
[R.Scherbakov]

Valentina Gunina chose a simple approach but in fact it was not without poison. Black failed to recall the best continuation at a critical moment - it looked too risky - but her passive approach was punished in style.
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508" R. Scherbakov: 'Valentina Gunina chose a simple approach but in fact it was not without poison. Black failed to recall the best continuation at a critical moment - it looked too risky - but her passive approach was punished in style.' **1.d4** R. Scherbakov **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 cxd4

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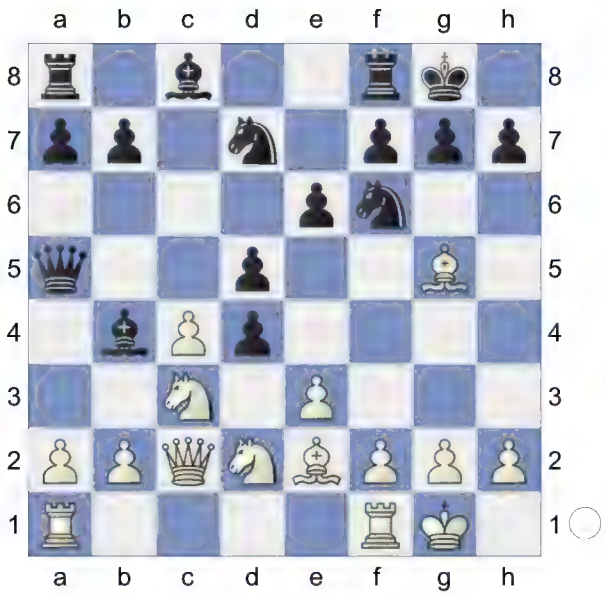

11.exd4 This is supposed to be harmless for Black but perhaps it is not so simple. R. Scherbakov: 'This is supposed to be harmless for Black but perhaps it is not so simple.'

[We considered 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.Na4! Qc7 13.Nxd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4± with somewhat the better chances for White, Bacrot - Rabiega/GER-chT Bann 2006. R. Scherbakov: 'with somewhat the better chances for White, Bacrot - Rabiega/GER-chT Bann 2006.']

11...dxc4 12.Bh4

[12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nxc4 Qc7 is fine for Black, Halkias - Luther, Fuerth 2002.]

12...Be7?! This retreat justifies White's approach.

[12...Nb6! is the best but it's not so easy to play such a move if you don't know it. R. Scherbakov: 'is the best but it's not so easy to play such a move if you don't know it.'

A) 13.Nxc4 0.19/22 13.Bh4xf6 0.62 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Bd7 0.75/21 *(14...Nd5= 0.20/17)* 15.Bxf6± gxf6 16.d5! Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxe6! 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.bxc3 Rac8 with good play. Here in the game Kramnik - Ivanchuk, Luzern 1993, a draw was agreed but White's play was still easier thanks to Black's vulnerable king. For example, R. Scherbakov: 'with good play. Here in the game Kramnik - Ivanchuk, Luzern 1993, a draw was agreed but White's play was still easier thanks to Black's vulnerable king. For example,' 20.Rac1 Rfd8 21.Rfe1 Qd5 22.Qa4 a6 23.Qg4+ 0.47/24 *(White should try 23.Qh4± 0.86/20)* 23...Kf7 though Black is still okay;

B) 13.Bxc4!? is worth considering but Black can achieve good play by R. Scherbakov: 'is worth considering but Black can achieve good play by' Bxc3!? 14.bxc3 Nfd5 followed by ...Bc8-d7 and ...Ra8-c8;

C) 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Bxc4!? 0.00/17 and perhaps White can still obtain some edge. R. Scherbakov: 'and perhaps White can still obtain some edge.' *(14.Nxc4± 0.50/20 Nxc4 15.Bxc4)*]

13.Nxc4 Qd8 White is slightly better.

14.Bf3

[14.Rad1 Nb6 15.Ne5 was natural, avoiding simplifications: Nfd5 16.Bg3 However, after Bd7 Black's position was very solid while it was not easy for White to get the initiative. R. Scherbakov: 'Black's position was very solid while it was not easy for White to get the initiative.']

14...Nb6 15.Nxb6 Qxb6

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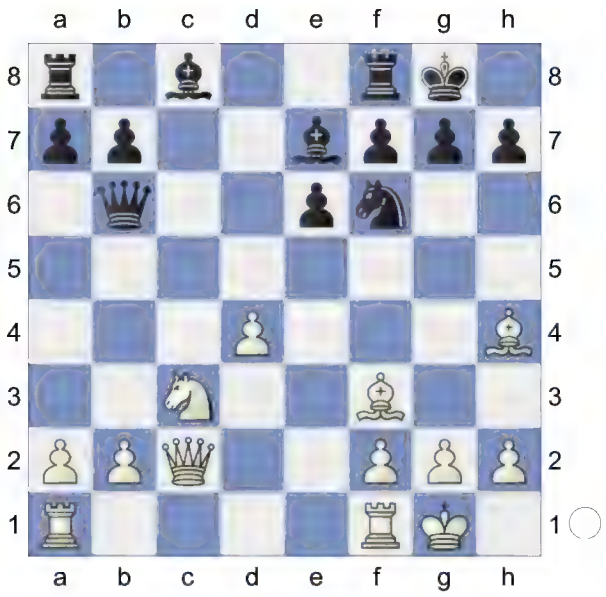


16.Rfd1 As a rule it is not recommended to exchange pieces when playing with an isolated pawn. However, White's approach is concrete - she has secured the d4-d5 pawn push, which always gives her active play. R. Scherbakov: 'As a rule it is not recommended to exchange pieces when playing with an isolated pawn. However, White's approach is concrete - she has secured the d4-d5 pawn push, which always gives her active play.' **16...Re8** Black protects her bishop on e7 but it does not solve the problems. R. Scherbakov: 'Black protects her bishop on e7 but it does not solve the problems.'

[Yet the tempting 16...Bd7 17.d5! was also better for White. R. Scherbakov: 'was also better for White. ']

17.a4 0.29/22

[17.d5!? was also worth considering.]

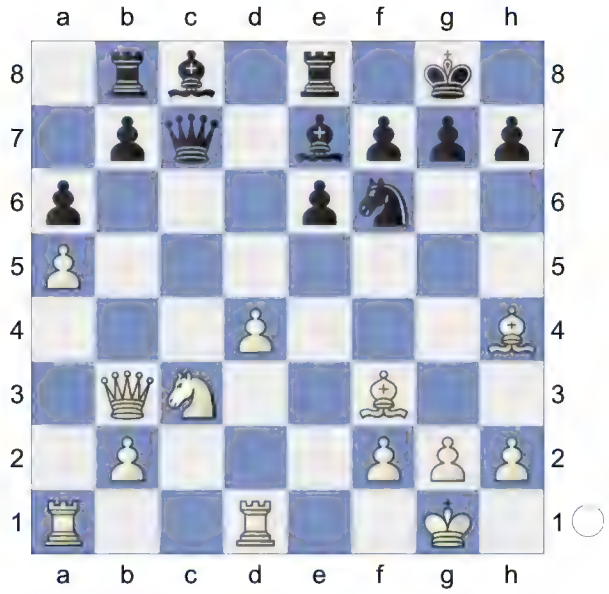
[17.d5± 0.72/19]

17...a6?! 0.87/22 This is dubious. Black is not even trying to oppose White's plans.

[17...Bd7 was much more to the point. Then 18.a5 Qb4 19.a6 would have been parried by R. Scherbakov: 'would have been parried by'. Threatens to win with Bh4xf6. Bc6!]

[17...Bd7= 0.29/22 keeps the balance.]

18.a5± Qc7 19.Qb3 Rb8



20.Rac1!? 0.35/23

[20.d5! always calls for itself in such positions but White's idea is also very interesting - she is getting maximum activity. R. Scherbakov: 'always calls for itself in such positions but White's idea is also very interesting - she is getting maximum activity.']

[20.d5!± 1.05/23]

20...Qxa5±

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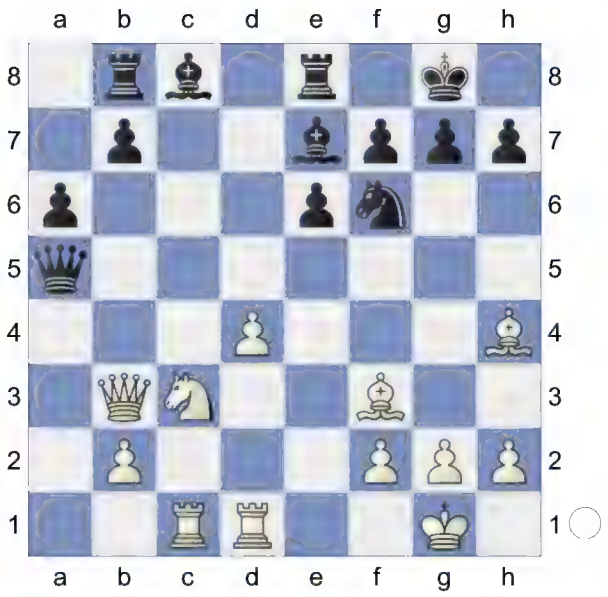

21.Bg3 Ra8 22.Na4! Nd7 Wards off Na4-b6 **23.d5!** Only now, when the army is fully mobilized! White is much more active.

[23.Bxb7? Bxb7 24.Qxb7 Qxa4-+]

23...Nc5 1.24/22

[23...exd5 24.Bxd5 0.73/22 *(⌓24.Rxd5 1.10/22 Qb4 25.Qxb4 Bxb4 26.h4)* 24...Rf8 did not look too attractive but perhaps it was more tenacious.]

[⌓23...exd5 0.86/23 24.Bxd5 Rf8]

24.Nxc5± Bxc5 25.Qc2 0.95/21

[⌓25.d6 1.44/21 aiming for Qb3-c4! Rd8 26.d7 Decoy *(26.Bxb7 Bxb7 27.Qxb7 Ra7±)* 26...Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.Qxb7]

25...Bb6

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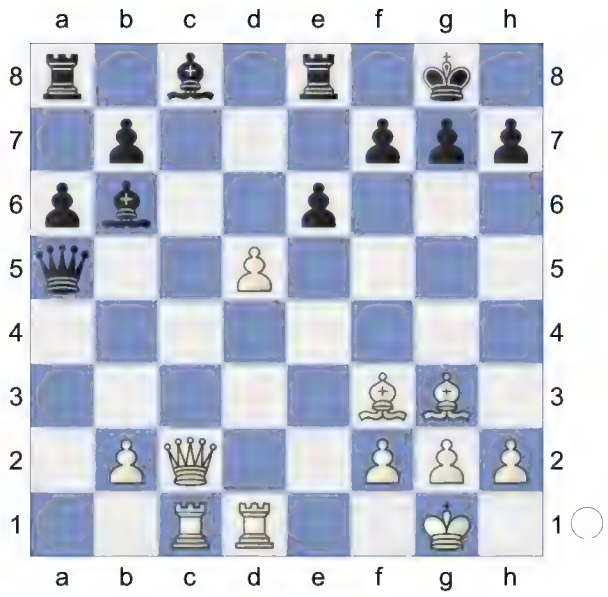
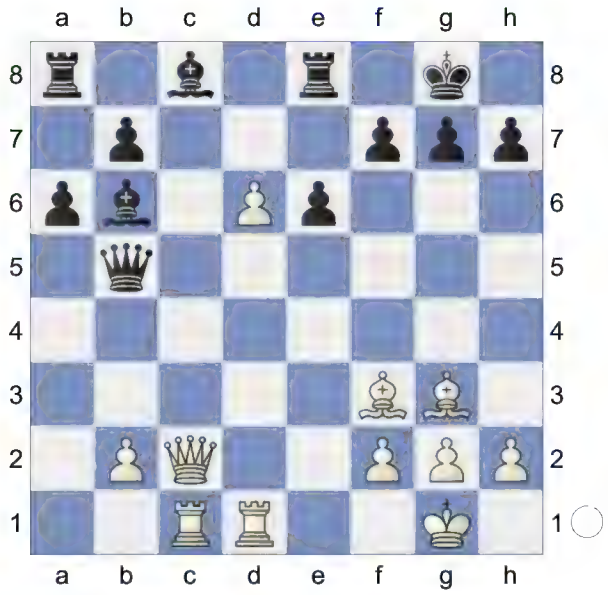


26.d6↑ And now d6-d7 would win. White is in control. **26...Qb5** 3.01/24

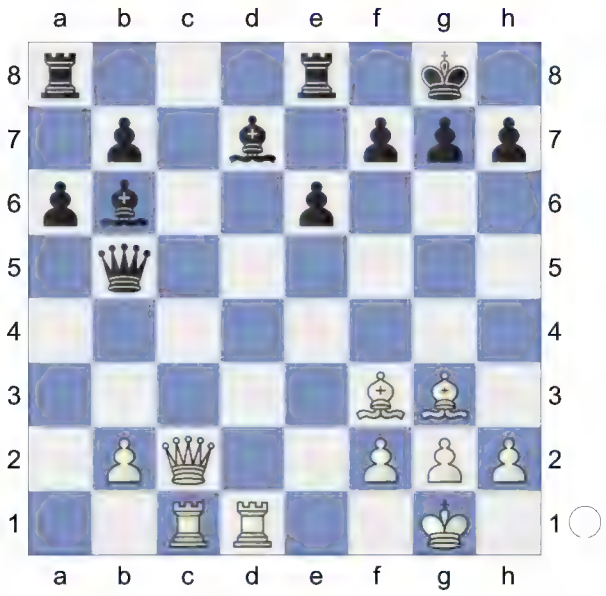
[26...Rd8 was the best defence. White had no forced win but her superiority was beyond doubt. R. Scherbakov: 'was the best defence. White had no forced win but her superiority was beyond doubt.']

[26...Rd8± 0.75/22]

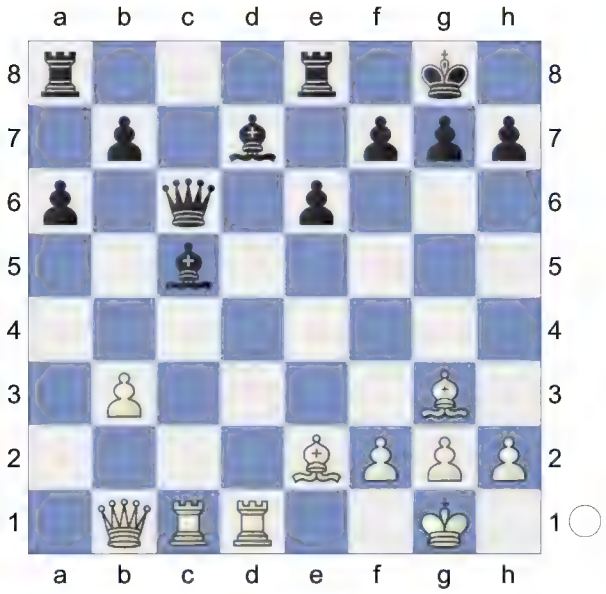


Being under pressure Black misses a rather simple tactic. R. Scherbakov: 'Being under pressure Black misses a

rather simple tactic.'. Loses the game. **27.d7!+- Bxd7**



Strongly threatening ...Ra8-c8. **28.Be2! Qa4 29.b3 Qc6 30.Qb1 Bc5**



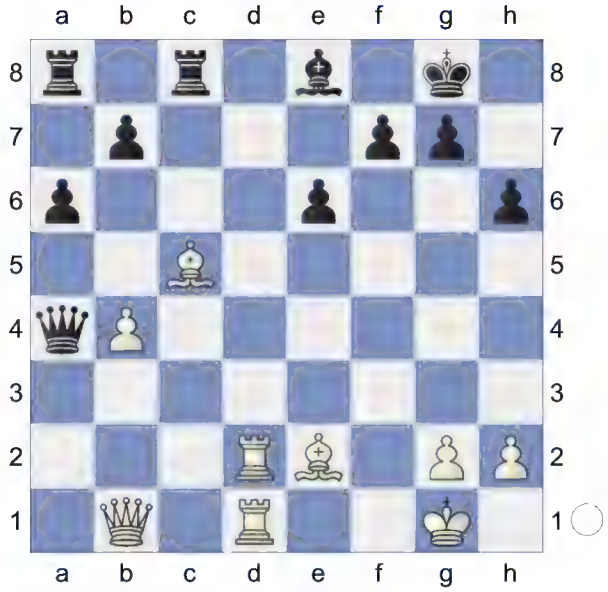
The bishop sacrifices itself to save the queen. **31.b4 Bxf2+ 32.Bxf2** Although Black has got three pawns for the bishop she cannot offer serious resistance - White's pieces are too strong. R. Scherbakov: 'Although Black has got three pawns for the bishop she cannot offer serious resistance - White's pieces are too strong.' **32...Qa4**

Black is weak on the dark squares **33.Rd2**

[33.Rc7 was calling for itself. R. Scherbakov: 'was calling for itself.']

33...Rec8 34.Bc5 Be8 35.Rcd1 h6 2.10/22

[⌓35...a5 1.65/20 36.h3 axb4 37.Qxb4 h6]



36.Rd4 Bb5 37.Bf3 Bc6 38.Bh5 Bd5? 5.18/22

[38...Be8 2.20/19 39.Qb2 a5]

39.Rg4 Hoping for Bh5xf7+!

[39.Bxf7+! Kxf7 40.Qh7 was strong enough.]

39...Rc7 40.Rg3 Rac8

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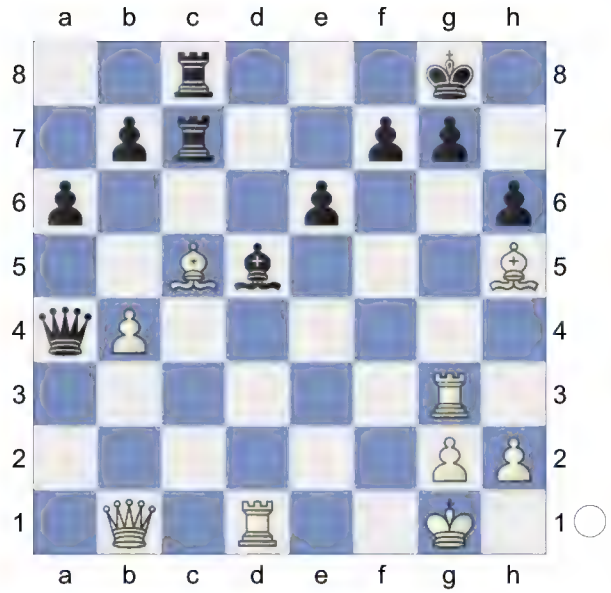

41.Rf1 Rg3xg7+! would kill now. **41...f5**
42.Qb2 Rd7 3.39/22
[42...Qd7 2.26/20 was worth a try. 43.Qe5 Rxc5 44.bxc5 Rxc5]
43.Qe5 1.84/22
[⌓43.Qf6 3.39/22 Threatening mate with Bc5-e7! Kh8 44.Qg6]
43...Qc2 2.30/19
[⌓43...Qc6 1.84/22 44.Rg6 Bc4]
44.Bf3 Bf3xd5 would now be deadly. This pair of bishops is nice. **44...Qb3** 3.43/21
[44...Rxc5 2.32/21 is a better defense. 45.bxc5 Qxc5+ 46.Kh1 Qe7]
45.Be2 Qc2 5.23/22
[45...Qa4 2.72/21 46.Bd4 Rcc7 47.Rxf5 Qxb4 *(47...exf5? perishes. 48.Qe8+ Kh7 49.Bxg7+-* Pin *)*]

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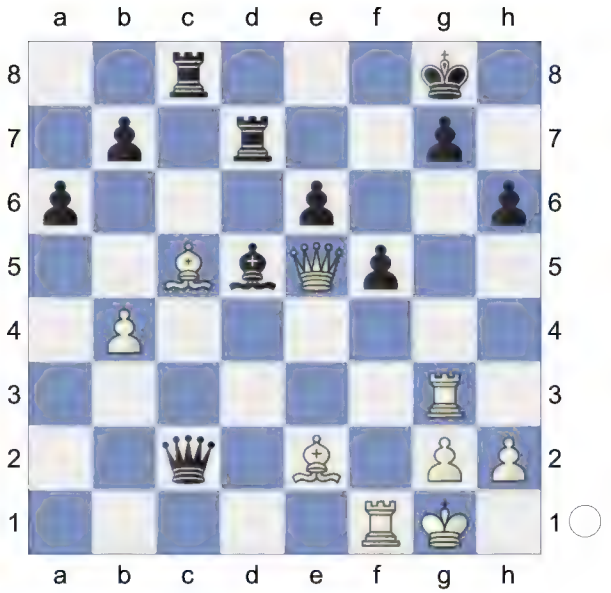
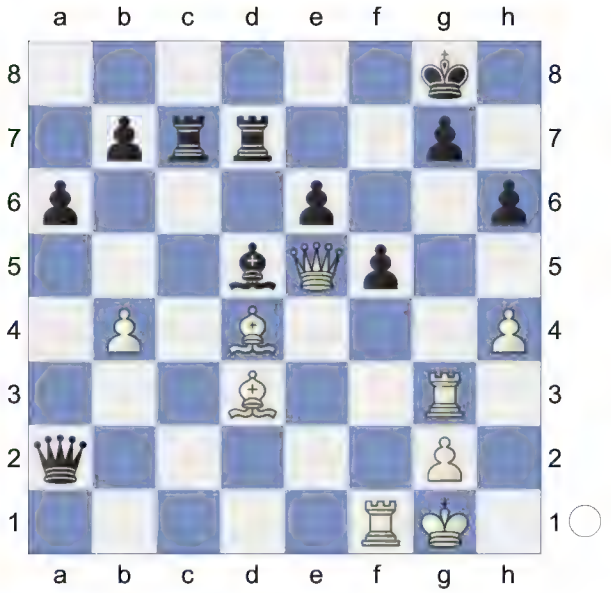


46.Bd3 Qd2 47.h4 Qa2 9.59/22
[⌓47...Rxc5 4.82/20 48.bxc5 Qa5 49.Bxf5 Qxc5+ 50.Kh2 Qe7]
48.Bd4 Rcc7



49.Rxf5! Finally White commits the decisive blow. **49...Qb3**
[49...exf5 led to a quick mate after 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.Bxf5+]
[49...Bxg2 50.Rxg2]
50.Rf4 Qxb4

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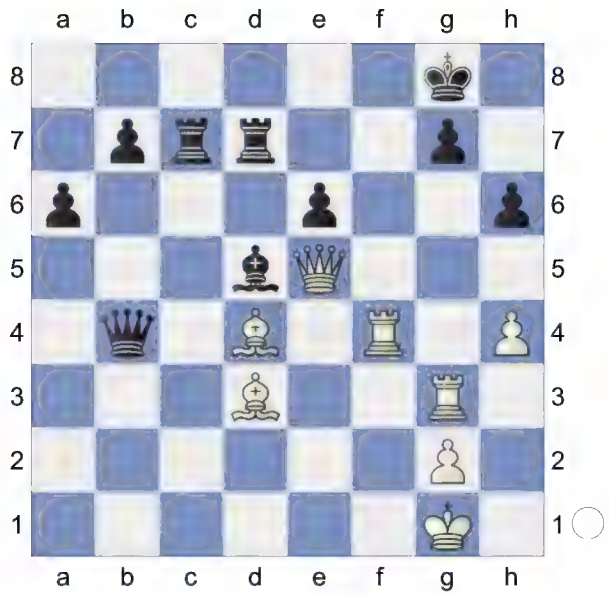
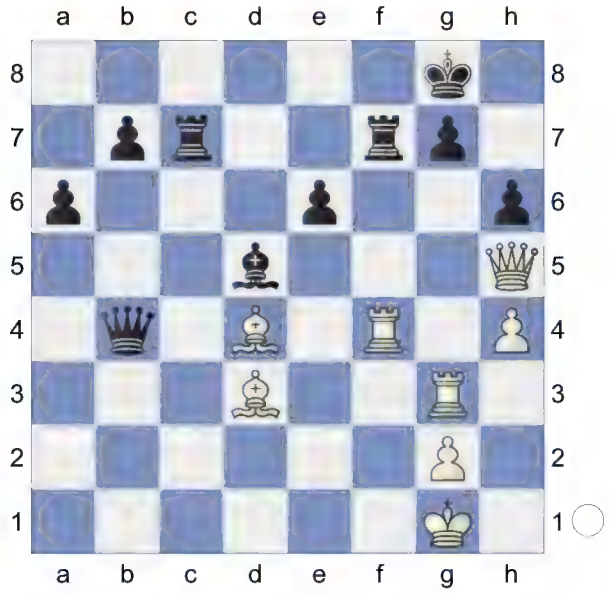


51.Qh5 Rf7



52.Rxg7+!

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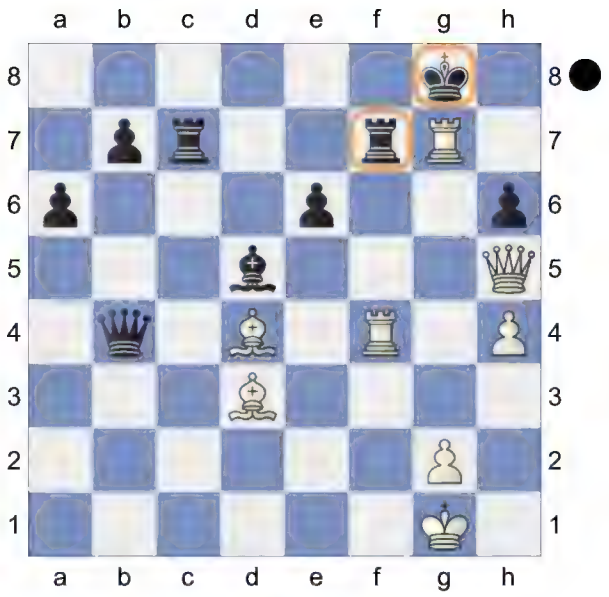

Black resigned. Double Attack.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.71
1-0

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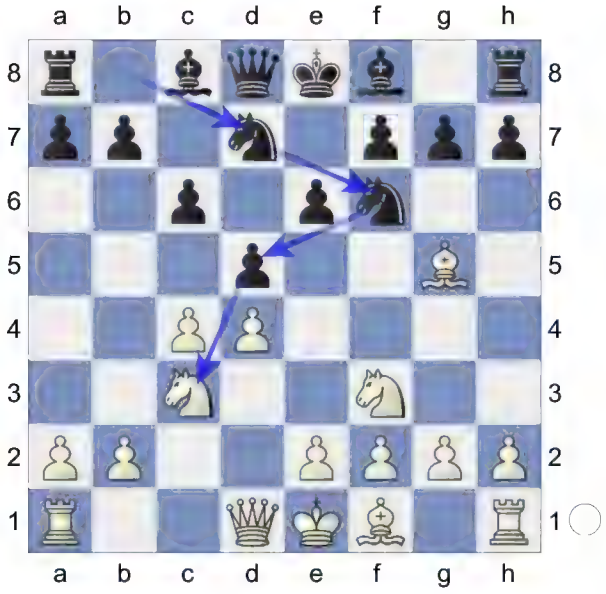
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

' **1.d4** R.Scherbakov **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



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7...dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7

10.Rc1 Another good possibility in preventing an early ...c6-c5 and thus keeping Black passive. R.Scherbakov: 'Another good possibility in preventing an early ...c6-c5 and thus keeping Black passive.' **10...Be7**

[10...Bd7 deserves attention not only so as to advance ...c6-c5 but also not to allow White to develop his Bishop to the long diagonal immediately. After R.Scherbakov: 'deserves attention not only so as to advance ...c6-c5 but also not to allow White to develop his Bishop to the long diagonal immediately. After' 11.Be2 *(11.g3 c5!)* 11...Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.a3 Here in the game Rashkovsky - Smagin, USSR (ch) 1986 Black tried to realise ...c6-c5 regardless but only got into trouble: R.Scherbakov: 'Here in the game Rashkovsky - Smagin, USSR (ch) 1986 Black tried to realise ...c6-c5 regardless but only got into trouble:' *(13.Bf3* R.Scherbakov *Rfd8*

14.g3 Rac8 15.Qb3 Qb8 16.Rfd1 b6 17.Ne5 Be8 18.Nc4 c5 19.a4 cxd4 20.exd4 Bc6 21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.Ne5 Rcc8 23.Nb5 Qb7 24.Qf3 Qxf3 25.Nxf3 a6 26.Na7 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Nd5 F-F (58) 7.♘1f3 ♗d6 8. ♕e2 h6 (2425)-Khodashenas,M (2240) CZE-chT 0001 2000 (2)) 13...c5?! 0.50/20 *(*both *13...Rfd8;* and *13...Nd5* 0.33/17 13...Rf8-d8 -0.03 were normal continuations R. Scherbakov: 'were normal continuations'*; 13...a5*= 0.12/18 (R.Scherbakov) is more appropriate.*)* 14.dxc5 R.Scherbakov: ' ±' Qxc5 15.b4 Qc7 16.Na5! Bc6 Inhibits Nc3-d5. R.Scherbakov: ' Repels Nc3-d5' 17.Na4! *(17.Bf3?!* 0.10/22 R.Scherbakov: '17.Nc3-a4 0.60' *Rad8! 18.Qe2* R.Scherbakov: ' Threatens to win with Bf3xc6.' *Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Rd7!* =, quiet R.Scherbakov: '=!' *)* 17...Rfd8 18.Qc2 0.25/21 *(18.Qe1±* 0.61/21 R.Scherbakov*)* 18...Bd6 0.84/22 *(18...Rac8*= 0.25/21 R.Scherbakov*)* 19.g3 R.Scherbakov: '±' Nd5 1.51/23 *(⌓19...Bxa4* 0.91/23 *20.Qxa4 Qd7 21.Qxd7 Rxd7)* 20.Nxc6± bxc6 21.Qxc6 Qxc6 22.Rxc6 a5! 23.Nb6! Nxb6 24.Rxb6 +/- with an extra pawn up in the ending. Of course White can just play a later Be2-f3 but he often needs to have the possibility f2-f4 to prevent ... e5 so he had to play g2-g3 and Bf3-g2 as we'll see later in the featured game. In fairness, extraordinary technique and understanding of the position is needed to recognise that such little subtleties to be really valuable. R. Scherbakov: ' ±' R.Scherbakov: 'with an extra pawn up in the ending. Of course White can just play a later Be2-f3 but he often needs to have the possibility f2-f4 to prevent ...e5 so he had to play g2-g3 and Bf3-g2 as we'll see later in the featured game. In fairness, extraordinary technique and understanding of the position is needed to recognise that such little subtleties to be really valuable.']

[Immediate 10...Nd5!? also springs to mind. After 11.a3 *(*in case of *11.Bd3* Black has got a possibility to close the c-file by *Nxc3 12.bxc3* and after *Be7* followed by ...b6, Bb7, c5 he seems to be okay *)* 11...Nxc3 12.Rxc3 and so on we can probably reach the game in a couple of moves.]

11.Be2

[11.g3!? deserves attention. This was played a couple of times in the 20's but then was completely forgotten. However it appeared again in the game Damljanovic - Gligoric, Belgrade 1999: R.Scherbakov: 'deserves attention. This was played a couple of times in the 20's but then was completely forgotten. However it appeared again in the game

Damljanovic - Gligoric, Belgrade 1999:' 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 *(13...Nd5 R.Scherbakov 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 25.Rc3 Qxa5 26.Rc1 b6* Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19. ♗e4*)* 14.a3 *(14.Qc2 R.Scherbakov Be8 15.Ne4 Nd5 16.a3 b6 17.Ne5 Rac8 18.Nd3 h6 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Nc3 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b3 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bf6 25.Qc2 Qa5 26.a4 c4 27.bxc4 Bxa4 28.Qa2 Bc3* 0-1 (43) Bratosevic,M (2072)-Rogic,D (2501) Split rapid op 6th 2024 (3)*)* 14...Be8 15.b4 Rac8 16.Qe2 then Rfd1 with an advantage. This position also arose in the game Capablanca - Michell, Hastings 1934 but with a different move order. R. Scherbakov: 'then Rfd1 with an advantage. This position also arose in the game Capablanca - Michell, Hastings 1934 but with a different move order.']

11...Nd5!? R.Scherbakov: 'N' **12.0-0 Nxc3!**

[In the case of 12...0-0 White could think about R.Scherbakov: 'White could think about' 13.Ne4]

13.Rxc3 White is slightly better. **13...0-0 14.a3 Rd8 15.b4 Bf8**

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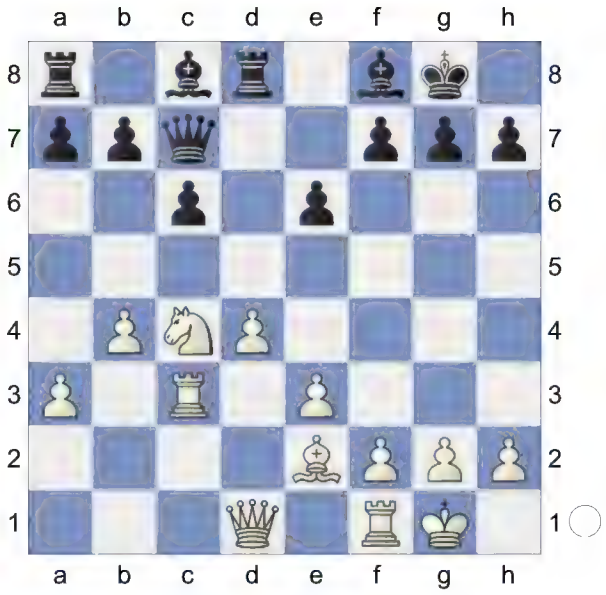
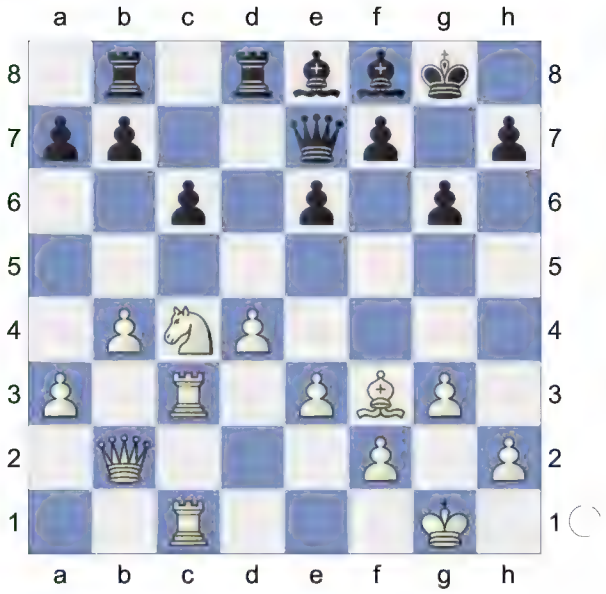


16.Qc2 Bd7 17.Bf3

[17.Ne5 Qd6 was nothing special.]

17...g6 18.Qb2 Be8 19.Rfc1 Qe7 20.g3 Rab8



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[21.Bg2 was more accurate keeping everything protected.]

21...b6!? Surprisingly enough both players have found themselves in time pressure so I decided to undertake more concrete action. R.Scherbakov: 'Surprisingly enough both players have found themselves in time pressure so I decided to undertake more concrete action.' **22.Rb3!**

[22.Ne5?! 0.12/23 could be strongly met by R.Scherbakov: '22.Nc4-d2 0.50 could be strongly met by' c5! and after 23.dxc5 -0.89/26 *(23.Kg2=* 0.01/23) 23...Bg7 ! White is suffering from his unstable pieces. R.Scherbakov: '!' R. Scherbakov: 'White is suffering from his unstable pieces.']

22...Rbc8 **23.Qa2!?** 0.02/22 White prefers to keep manoeuvring. R. Scherbakov: 'White prefers to keep manoeuvring.'

[The complications could be initiated with 23.Ne5 c5 □ R.Scherbakov: '□' 24.bxc5 bxc5 25.Rb7 Here deserves attention

A) 25...Qd6 0.55/25 R.Scherbakov: '±' R.Scherbakov: ' was preferrable.' 26.Rxa7 cxd4 *(26...Rb8 27.dxc5 Qxc5 28.Rxc5 Rxb2 29.Rca5)* 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Qxd4!? Qxd4 29.exd4 Rd8?! 1.19/24 *(⌓29...Rc3* 0.81/23) 30.Bc6!;

B) 25...Qd6± 0.37/25;

C) 25...Qf6!? 1.03/24 and after 26.Rxa7 0.60/25 *(26.Kg2±* 1.03/24) 26...Rb8± *(26...cxd4* 0.96/25 26...Rc8-b8 0.57 *27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.exd4)* 27.Qc3 *(27.Bb7* 0.20/22 R.Scherbakov: '27.Qb2-c3 0.68' *cxd4 28.exd4)* 27...Rbc8! R.Scherbakov: ' aiming for ...c5xd4.' 28.Qa1!? cxd4 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.exd4 Qd8 += it looks impossible for White to convert his extra pawn to a full point. R.Scherbakov: ' ±' R. Scherbakov: 'it looks impossible for White to convert his extra pawn to a full point.']

[23.Ne5± 0.54/24]

23...Bg7 0.40/20

[23...c5= 0.03/21 (R.Scherbakov) should be considered. 24.bxc5 bxc5]

24.a4?! An impatient move.

[24.Bg2 was more to the point.]

24...b5! A very unexpected and, for these positions, rather unusual breakthrough. R.Scherbakov: 'A very unexpected and, for these positions, rather unusual breakthrough.'

[White was probably hoping for something like R.Scherbakov: 'White was probably hoping for something like' 24...e5?! 25.dxe5 Bxe5 26.a5 -0.17/20 ↑ with an initiative on the queenside. R.Scherbakov: '↑' R. Scherbakov: 'with an initiative on the queenside.' *(⌓26.Nxe5* 0.30/20 *Qxe5 27.Rbc3)*]

25.Nb2 -0.12/24

[25.Na5!? deserved attention, a possible continuation being R. Scherbakov: 'deserved attention, a possible continuation being' bxa4! 26.Rbb1 e5! Black's pawns are ruined but there are complications. White

should be careful about the passed pawn on a4 which cannot be easily captured because of ...c5) R. Scherbakov: 'Black's pawns are ruined but there are complications. White should be careful about the passed pawn on a4 which cannot be easily captured because of ...c5)' *(26...Rb8?!* 1.19/23 26...e6-e5 0.22 R.Scherbakov: '26...e6-e5 0.35' *27.Bxc6 Rxb4 28.Bxe8 Rxb1 29.Bxf7+ Qxf7 30.Rxb1)* 27.dxe5

A) 27...c5?! 0.81/22 27...Bg7xe5 0.27 28.bxc5 Rxc5? 3.96/26 *(* R.Scherbakov: ' Black should play' *28...Bxe5±* 0.73/21 R.Scherbakov: '±' *29.c6 a3)* 29.Rxc5+- Qxc5 30.Nb7;

B) 27...Bxe5 and Black has enough counterplay, for example: R.Scherbakov: 'and Black has enough counterplay, for example:'

B1) 28.Nxc6 Bxc6 29.Bxc6 -0.26/23 *(29.Rxc6±* 0.31/23 *Rxc6 30.Bxc6)* 29...Rc7!? FF R.Scherbakov: 'F!?' *(29...a6!?)*;

B2) 28.Nc4= 0.23/24 remains equal. R.Scherbakov: '⩲';

B3) 28.Bxc6 -0.72/22 28...Rd3!∓ FF R.Scherbakov: 'F!?' 29.Bxa4? -2.38/23 *(29.Bxe8∓* -0.63/21 *Rxc1+ 30.Rxc1 Qxe8 31.h5;* *29.Rc5∓* -0.38/19 R.Scherbakov*)* 29...Rxc1+!-+ 30.Rxc1 Bxa4! 31.Qxa4 Bxg3! → with an attack. R.Scherbakov: '→!']

[⩲25.Na5 0.30/23]

25...e5=

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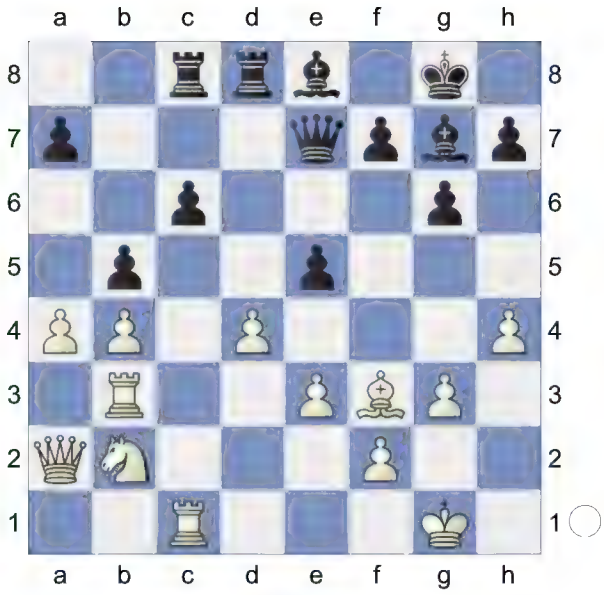


26.axb5

[26.dxe5?! -0.50/24 26.a4xb5 0.01 was too risky for White as after Bxe5

A) R.Scherbakov: ' Better is' 27.axb5= -0.15/22 R.Scherbakov: '∓!' Rd2 *(27...Qf6* R.Scherbakov *28.Kg2)* 28.Qb1 Rxb2 29.Rxb2;

B) 27.Nd3 -0.71/24 27...bxa4!∓ it is impossible to capture the pawn by R.Scherbakov: 'it is impossible to capture the pawn by'

B1) 28.Ra3! -1.10/24 R.Scherbakov: ' ⩲ ' Bd6 29.Rxa4? -0.69/24 *(29.Rc4=* -0.28/22 R.Scherbakov: '=!' R. Scherbakov: ' remains equal.'*)* 29...Bxg3!;

B2) 28.Ra3∓ -0.66/25;

B3) 28.Qxa4? -1.63/23 due to 28...Bxg3!]

26...e4? 1.39/23 FF To my misfortune this intermediate move has come into mind! White stays focused until the end. R.Scherbakov: ' ⊕?' R.Scherbakov: 'To my misfortune this intermediate move has come into mind! Black is now going downhill.'

[After simple 26...cxb5 0.11/22

R.Scherbakov: '=' R.Scherbakov: ' keeps the balance.' 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.dxe5! Bxe5 Threatens to win with ...Qe7-f6. *(28...Rc2!? R.Scherbakov 29.Qb1□ Qc7∓)* 29.Nd3 R.Scherbakov: '=' Bd6 30.Ra3 -0.41/21 *(30.Bd5!? 0.09/20* R.Scherbakov: '=') 30...Rc7 0.07/20 =+ Black could have obtained slightly the better chances. R.Scherbakov: ' ∓' R.Scherbakov: 'Black could have obtained slightly the better chances.' *(30...a5!∓ -0.41/21 R.Scherbakov 31.Rxa5 Bxg3)*]

[26...cxb5= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.dxe5 Bxe5 *(28...Rc1+ 29.Kg2±* R.Scherbakov: '=' *)*]

27.Bg4!± Totally underestimated. **27...f5** 2.04/20

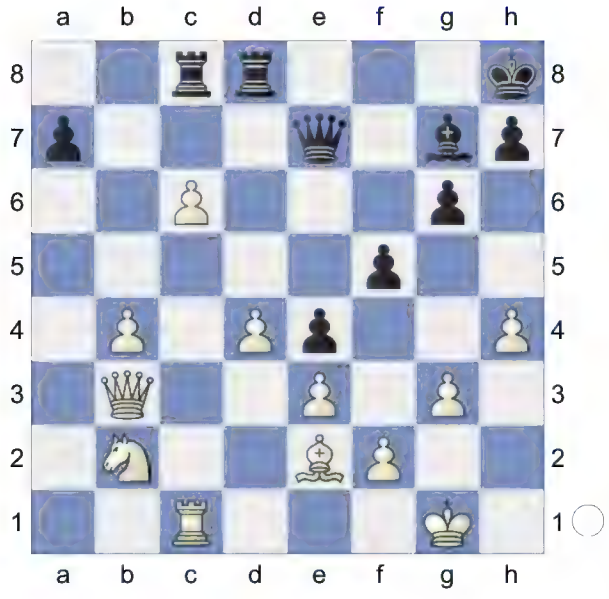
[27...Rc7± 1.49/21 R.Scherbakov]

28.Be2 R.Scherbakov: '+-' **28...Bf7 29.bxc6 Bxb3** 2.93/21

[29...Kh8 1.88/20 might work better. 30.b5 a6]

[⌓29...f4 2.06/18 R.Scherbakov 30.b5 g5]

30.Qxb3++- Kh8



31.Ba6?! Missing Black's counterplay. R. Scherbakov: 'Missing Black's counterplay.'

[31.b5 +/- could have secured a big advantage. R.Scherbakov: '±']

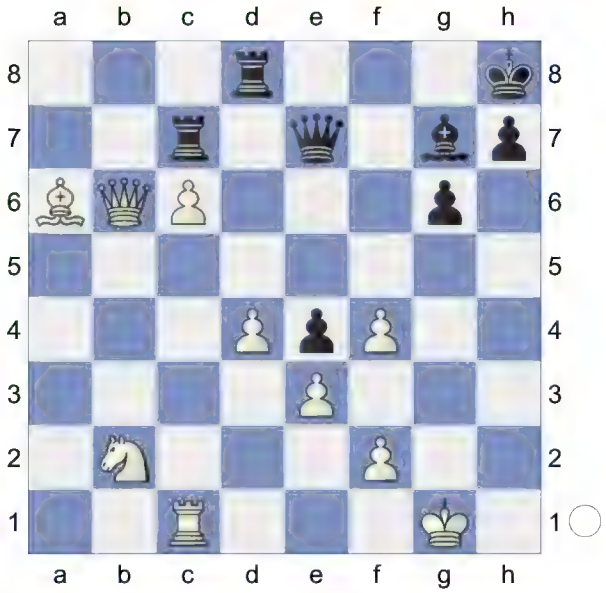
31...Rc7 32.b5 f4! The only but not so bad chance to create a counterplay since White's King has a lack of defenders. R.Scherbakov: 'The only but not so bad chance to create a counterplay since White's King has a lack of defenders.' **33.gxf4**

[33.exf4?! Rxd4 34.Qe3 Rd8±]

[33.Nc4 g5= R.Scherbakov: '≅']

33...Qxh4 34.b6! axb6 35.Qxb6 Qe7

[Reject R.Scherbakov: ' Much weaker is' 35...Qg4+ 36.Kf1 Rcc8 *(36...Qh3+? 37.Ke1+-)* 37.Bxc8 Rxc8 38.Nd1+- *(38.c7+-* R.Scherbakov *)*]



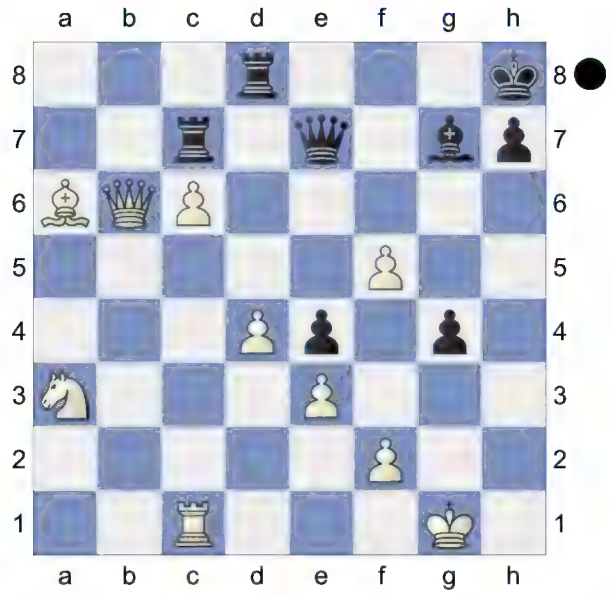
36.Nc4 g5! 37.f5 Black is weak on the light squares **37...h5?!** 3.18/22 A desire to make some space for the King is quite understandable but it is in fact a decisive waste of tempo. basically speaking I completely missed White's idea in the time trouble. R.Scherbakov:

'A desire to make some space for the King is quite understandable but it is in fact a decisive waste of tempo. basically speaking I completely missed White's idea in the time trouble.'

[37...Rd5? 4.30/21 37...Rd8-f8 2.87 was bad because of R.Scherbakov: '37...Rd8-f8 2.49 was bad because of' 38.Na3! Rxf5 *(38...Qxa3?? 5.94/23* 38...Bg7xd4 3.69 R. Scherbakov: '38...Rd5xf5 4.06' *39.Qb8+)* 39.Nb5 Rxb5 40.Qxb5 +- R.Scherbakov: '+-']

[37...g4! should have been played and after

A) 38.Na3?? -1.68/23 38.Nc4-d2 2.62



R.Scherbakov: '38.Nc4-d2 2.40 [#]' Qxa3? 0.01/24 R.Scherbakov: '??' *(38...g3!-+* -1.68/23 aiming for ... Qe7-h4! R.Scherbakov: ' avoids the disaster.' *39.Kg2 gxf2 40.Kxf2 Bxd4 41.exd4 Qxa3 42.Qxc7 Qf3+ 43.Ke1 Qe3+ 44.Be2 Qxc1+ 45.Kf2 e3+ 46.Kg2 Rg8+ 47.Kh3 Re8)*;

B) in the case of 38.Rd1 Rd5 1.67/22 (Better is *38...Rf8±* 0.39/22) 39.Na3?? -4.65/25 Black was just in time: R.Scherbakov: '?' *(39.Nd2!+-* 1.67/22 and all is fine.; *39.Rd2!±* 0.87/19 (R.Scherbakov) and life is bright.) 39...Rxf5-+ And now ...Qe7-h4! would win.

B1) 40.Rf1-+ -3.70/22 R.Scherbakov: ' ∓' Bf8 *(40...g3* R.Scherbakov *41.fxg3)* 41.d5;

B2) 40.Nb5? -#10/22 40...Qh4!;

C) 38.Nd2! Rd5 39.Nxe4 Rxf5 40.Ng3 Rf3 FF White's chances are better but Black is still fighting. R.Scherbakov: 'F' R.Scherbakov: 'White's chances are better but Black is still fighting.']

[37...Re8 1.85/20 (R.Scherbakov) was called for. 38.Ra1 g4]

38.Rd1! Not only so as to advance d4-d5 but also to move the Rook from c1. Black must now prevent d4-d5. R. Scherbakov: 'Not only so as to advance d4-d5 but also to move the Rook from c1. Strongly threatening d4-d5.'

[38.Nd2!? also looked good but it would make things more complicated: R.Scherbakov: 'also looked good but it would make things more complicated:' Rd5 39.Nxe4 R.Scherbakov: ' f5-f6! is the strong threat.' Rxf5 40.Ng3 2.10/21 *(⌓40.Bd3* 3.63/21 R.Scherbakov) 40...Rf3 ...Rf3xg3+! is the strong threat. R.Scherbakov: '+-' R. Scherbakov: '

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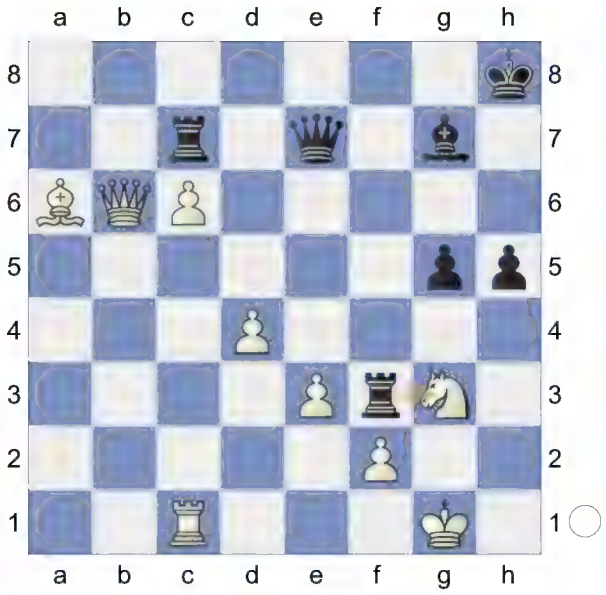
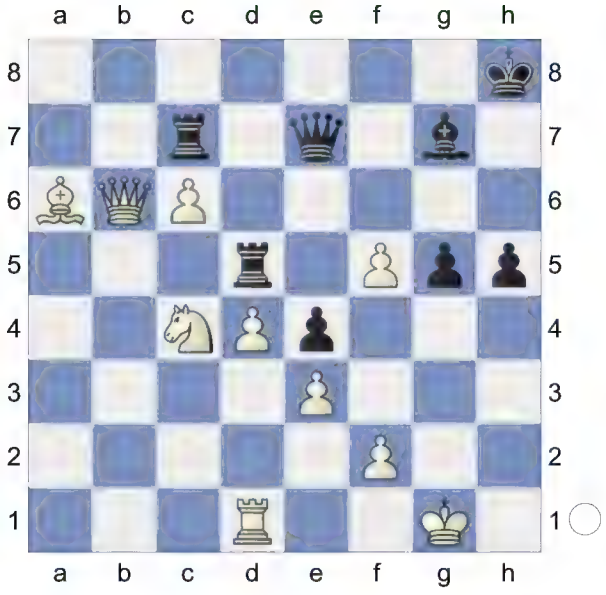


' 41.Nxh5? 0.83/20 *(41.Kg2+- 2.68/19* has better winning chances. R. Scherbakov: '+-!' *Rf6 42.Bd3)* 41...Rh3 with some counter chances.]

38...Rd5



39.Na3! This came as a shock. Deflection, Promotion **39...Rxf5** 3.34/21 R.Scherbakov: '?'

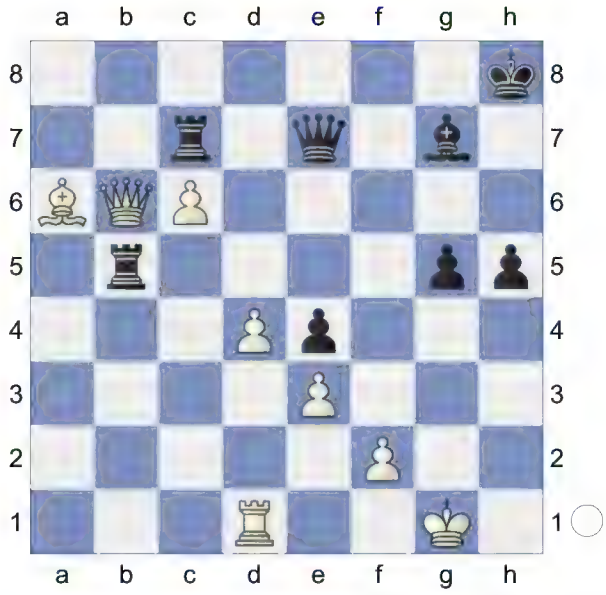
[39...Qd6 3.49/22 could not save the game:. Hoping for ...Rc7xc6! R. Scherbakov: '39...Rd5-d6 2.30 could not save the game:' 40.Qb8+ Qd8 41.Qxd8+ Rxd8 42.Rc1 Rd6 43.Bb7 +- winning easily R.Scherbakov: '+-']

[only 39...g4!? 40.Nb5 Be5! would have prolonged the resistance. R.Scherbakov: 'would have prolonged the resistance.']

[39...g4 40.Nb5]

[⌓39...Rd6 2.19/23 R.Scherbakov]

40.Nb5 Rxb5



41.Bxb5 +- Now Black has no pieces to create a counter play - he is just helpless. R.Scherbakov: 'Now Black has no pieces to create a counter play - he is just helpless.' **41...g4**

[The sad alternatives were: R. Scherbakov: 'The sad alternatives were:' 41...Bf8? 4.69/21 41...g5-g4 2. 43 R.Scherbakov: '41...g5-g4 2.82' 42.d5 Qe5 8.42/23 R.Scherbakov: '?' *(⌓42...Qd6 4.09/20 43.Qd4+ Kg8 44.Qxe4 Re7)* 43.Qd4+- Qxd4 44.Rxd4 +- R.Scherbakov: '+-']

[or 41...Qe6 42.Qxc7 Qc7-d7 would now be deadly. Qg4+ 43.Qg3 Qxd1+ 44.Kg2 +- R.Scherbakov: '+-']

42.Qc5! The most confident way. R. Scherbakov: 'The most confident way.' **42...Qh4** 5.55/20

[42...Qxc5 was losing due to 43.dxc5

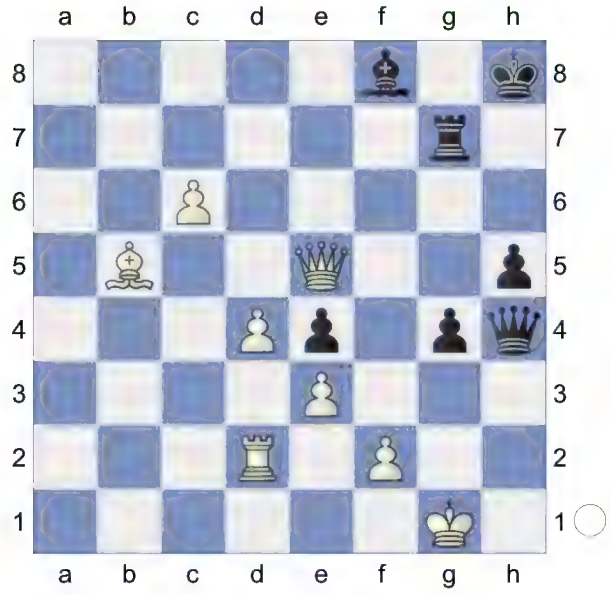
Strongly threatening Rd1-d5. R. Scherbakov: ' Black must now prevent Rd1-d5.' Be5 3.80/24 *(⌓43...Kh7* 2.61/24 R.Scherbakov *44.Rd6 Bf8)* 44.Rd5 R.Scherbakov: '+-' Re7 45.Ba6! with idea Re5!]

[42...Qxc5 2.62/23 43.dxc5 h4]

43.Qd6 R.Scherbakov: 'White is clearly winning.' **43...Rf7 44.Rd2 Bf8**

[Or 44...g3 45.Qxg3 Qxg3+ 46.fxg3 Bh6 47.Rc2 R.Scherbakov: ' d4-d5 would now be deadly.' Bxe3+ 48.Kg2 R.Scherbakov: ' Hoping for d4-d5.' Rc7 49.d5 +- winning. R.Scherbakov: '+-']

45.Qe5+ Rg7



46.c7 g3 47.fxg3 White wants to mate with Qe5xg7+! R.Scherbakov: ' Intending Qe5xg7+! and mate.'

[47.c8B? loses. Qh2+ *(47...gxf2+? 48.Kf1-+)* 48.Kf1 g2+ 49.Ke2

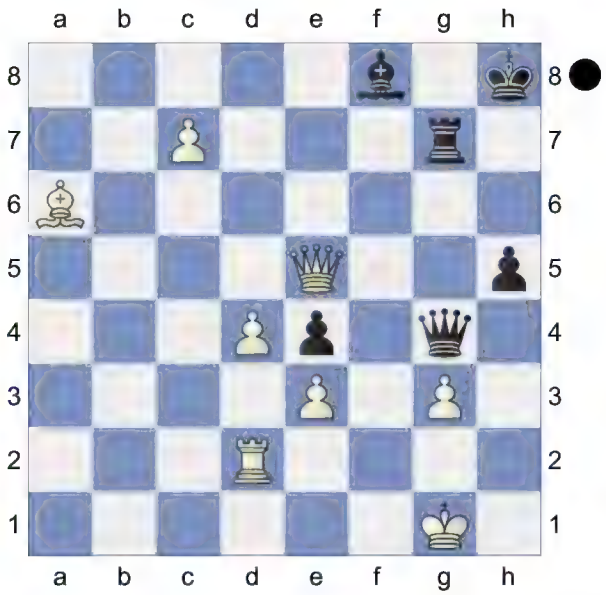
A) 49...g1Q? 50.Qxh2 Qxh2 51.Bf5-+ *(51.Bca6-+* R.Scherbakov *)*;

B) 49...Qxe5 50.dxe5

B1) 50...g1R 51.Bc6= *(51.Bf5=* R.Scherbakov *)*;

B2) 50...g1Q-+]

47...Qg4 48.Ba6



Black resigned. An interesting and instructive game for a better understanding of these kind of positions. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.33 R.Scherbakov: 'Black resigned. An interesting and instructive game for a better understanding of these kind of positions. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.40'

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□ **Ratkovic,Miloje** **2456**

■ **Basso,Pier Luigi** **2596**

13. Paracin Summer Open (4.1) 06.07.20

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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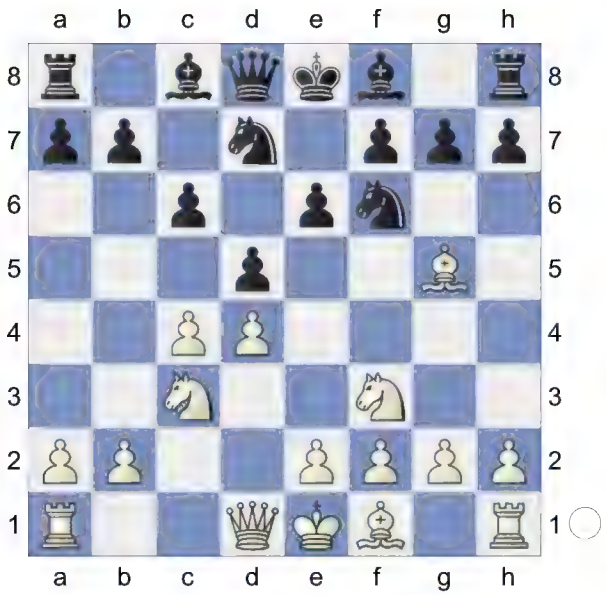


6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

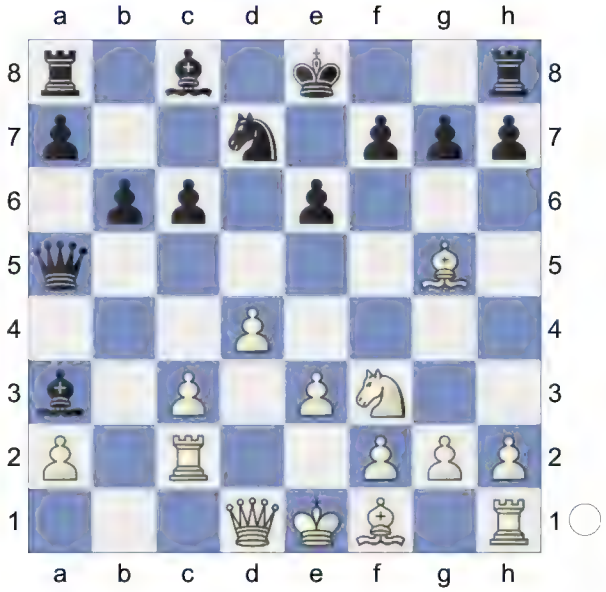
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

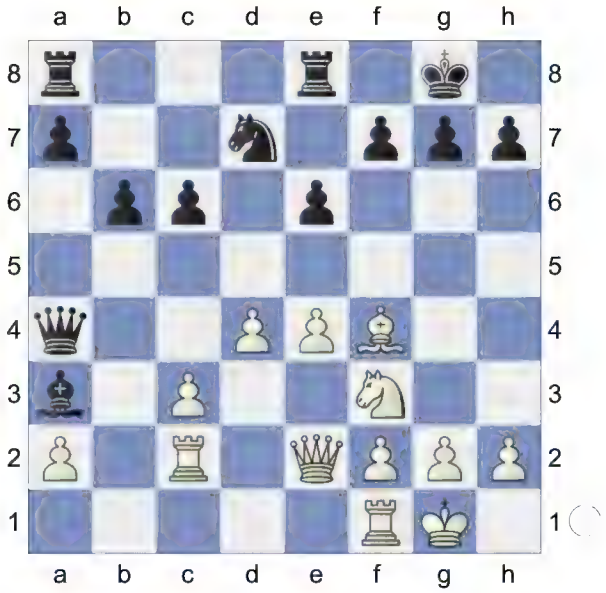
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2

The position is equal. **10...b6**

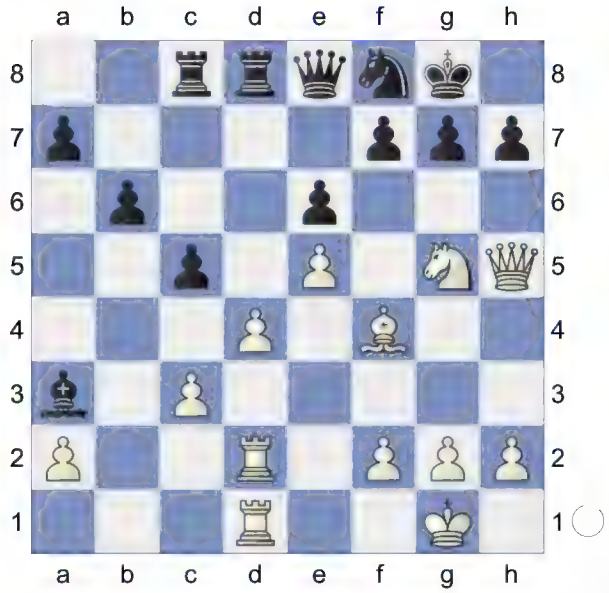


11.Be2 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.Bf4 Qa4



16.Rd1 Rac8 17.e5 c5 18.Ng5 Nf8

19.Rcd2 Red8 20.Qh5
[20.Qf3 simplifies cxd4 21.Rxd4 Rxd4 22.Rxd4 Qc2 23.Nxf7 Qxc3 24.Qxc3 Rxc3 25.Nd6]
20...Qe8 0.06/19
[20...Rc7∓ -0.45/21]



21.Ne4= Strongly threatening Ne4-d6.
21...cxd4 22.cxd4 Bc1 23.Nd6
[23.Bg5 simplifies Bxd2 24.Bxd8 Bb4 25.Bg5]
23...Rxd6 24.exd6 Bxd2 25.Bxd2 -0.81/21
[25.Rxd2= -0.01/21 remains equal. f6 26.Qd1]
25...Qa4∓

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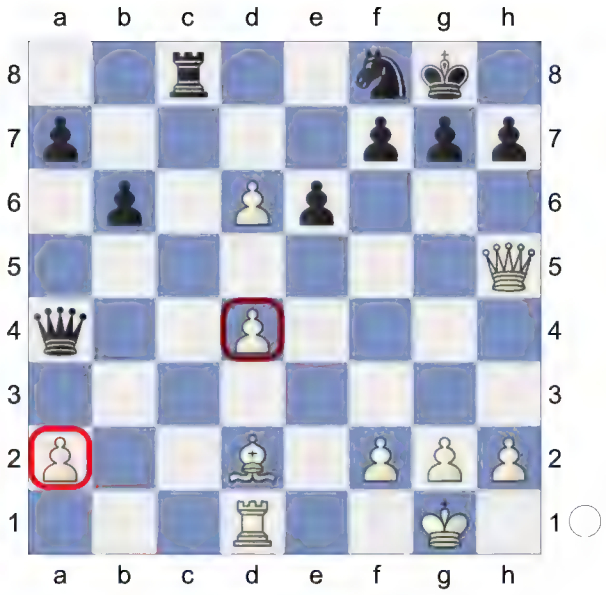
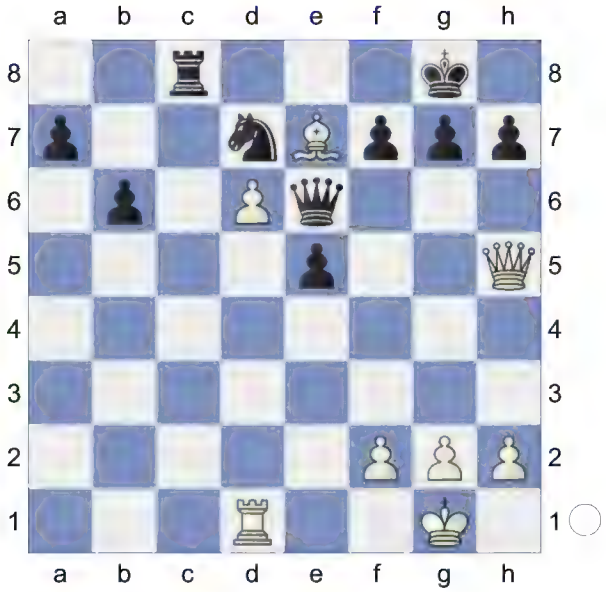
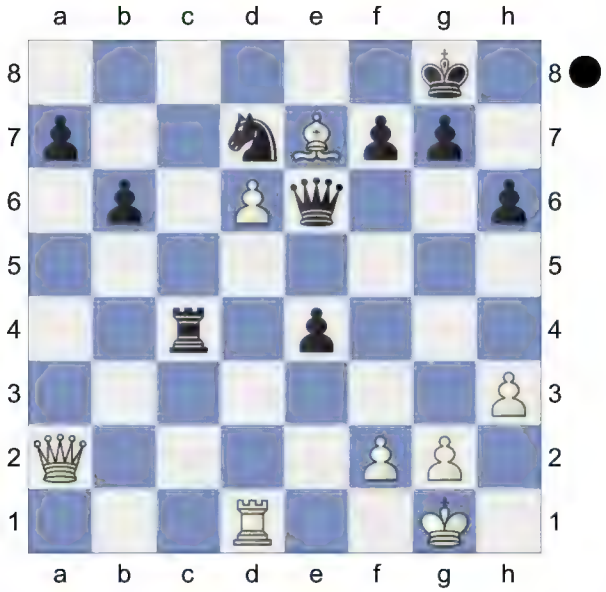


26.d5 e5 -0.09/20
[26...Qxa2∓ -0.53/21 is superior. 27.dxe6 Qxe6]
27.Re1 -1.21/20
[27.h3!= -0.09/20]
27...Qxa2 28.Bg5 Qxd5 29.Rd1 Qe6
30.Be7 -2.14/23
[30.Qe2∓ -1.35/19]
30...Nd7-+

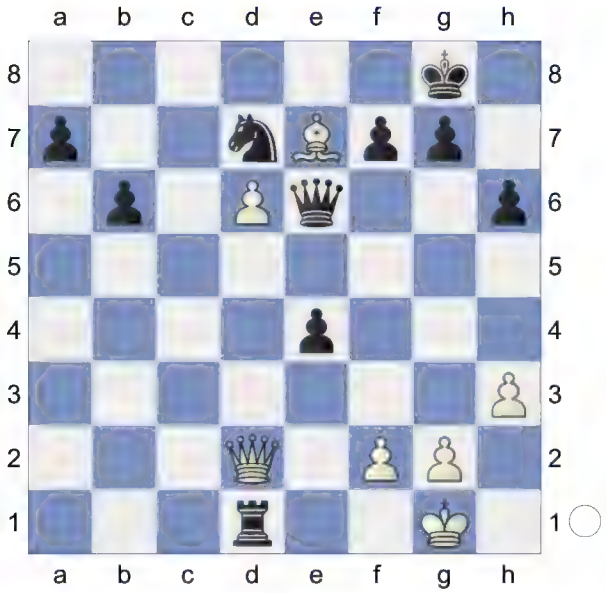


31.h3 h6 32.Qf3 -2.35/21
[⌓32.Qe2 -1.95/19]
32...e4 33.Qe2 Rc4 34.Qa2 -3.25/22
[34.Qe3 -2.27/20 is a better

defense.]



34...Rc1!! Discovered Attack **35.Qd2 Rxd1+**



36.Qxd1 Qc4 Dodges Qd1-a4 **37.Qg4** -2.55/24

[37.Qf1 -1.86/22 keeps fighting. Qxf1+ 38.Kxf1]

37...Qc6

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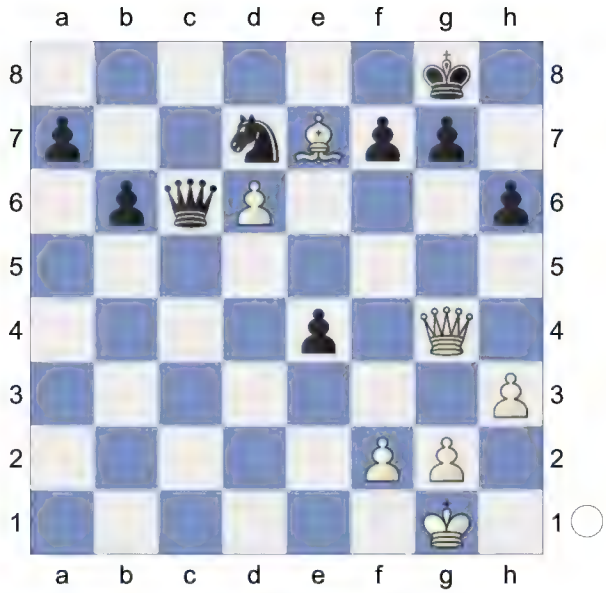

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□ **Sadikin The,Irwanto** **2441**

■ **Pelletier,Yannick** **2557**

Olympiad-38 Dresden (9) 22.11.2008

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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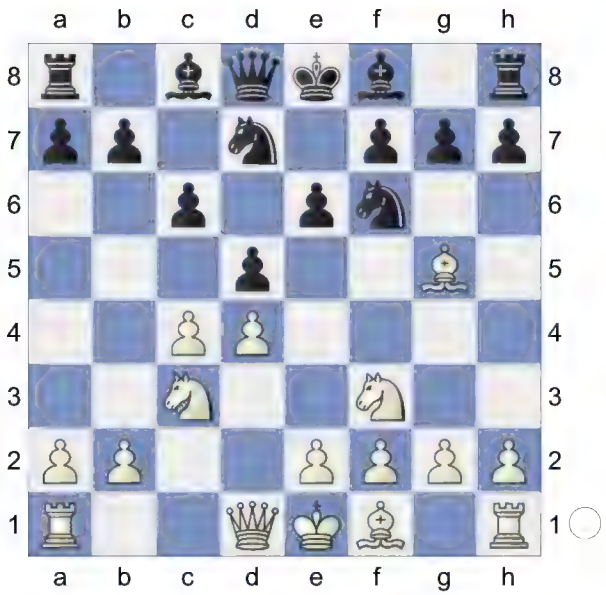


6.e3 Qa5

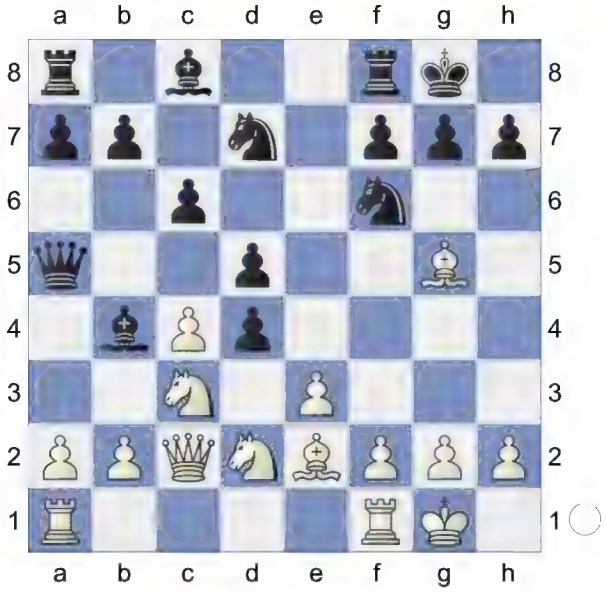
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5) Qd5 22.Qxd5 cxd5 23.axb5 axb5 24.Rc6 Ra2 25.Rb6 f6 26.Bh2 Bxb4 27.g4 Ba5 28.Ra6 Ng7 29.Rxb5 Ra3 30.Kg2 Bb4 31.Rxa3 Bxa3 32.Rxd5 Be7 33.Ra5 Rd8 34.d5 Bb4 35.Rb5 Bc3 36.Kf1 1-0 (43) Pelletier,Y (2583)-Bruzon Batista,L (2667) Biel GM 2006 (8)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

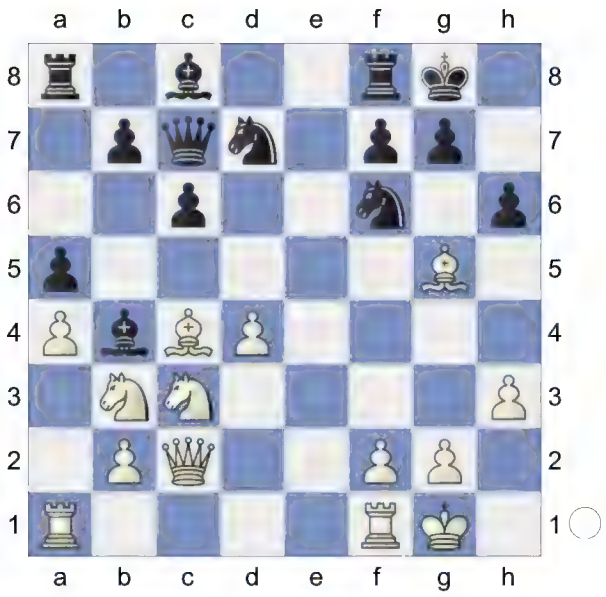
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4

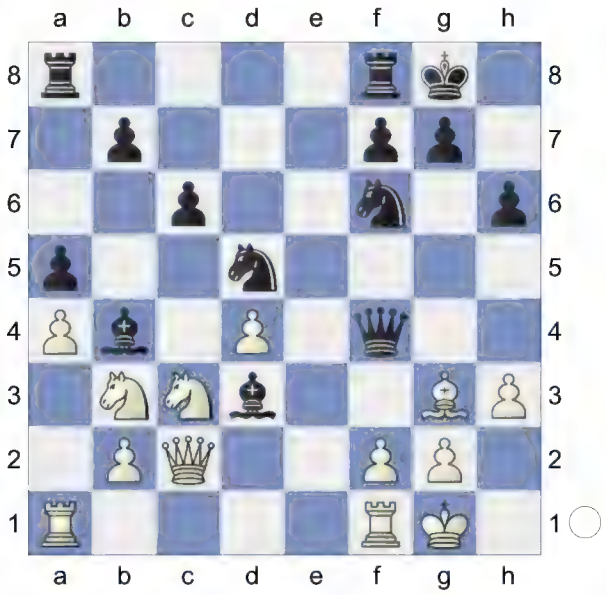


11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5 The position is equal. **14.a4 Qc7 15.h3 h6**

(Diagram)



16.Bh4 Nb6 17.Bd3 Nbd5 18.Bc4 Qf4 19.Bg3 Bf5 20.Bd3 Bxd3



21.Qxd3 Qg5 22.f4 Qg6 23.f5 Qg5 24.Rf3 Prevents Qg5-e3+. **24...Rfe8 25.Be5! Rad8**

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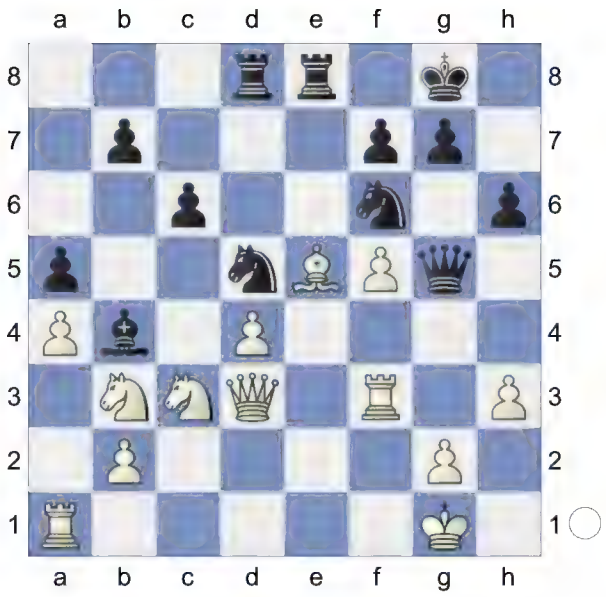
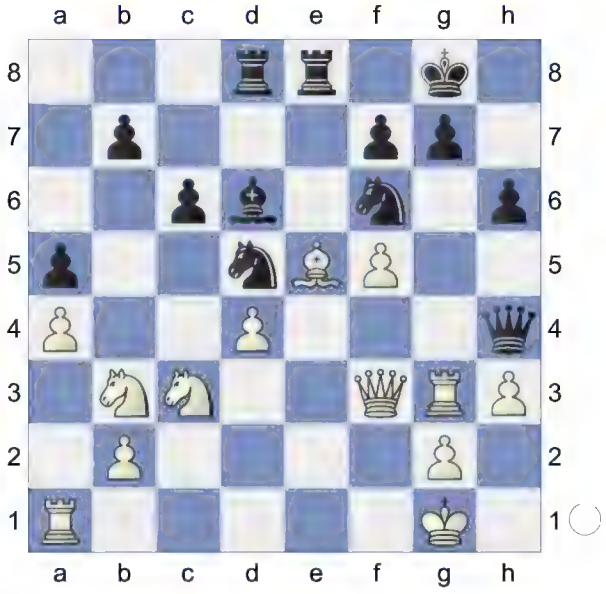


Threatens to win with ...Nd5xc3. **26.Rg3 Qh4↑** Hoping for ...Nd5xc3. White is under pressure. **27.Qf3 Bd6**

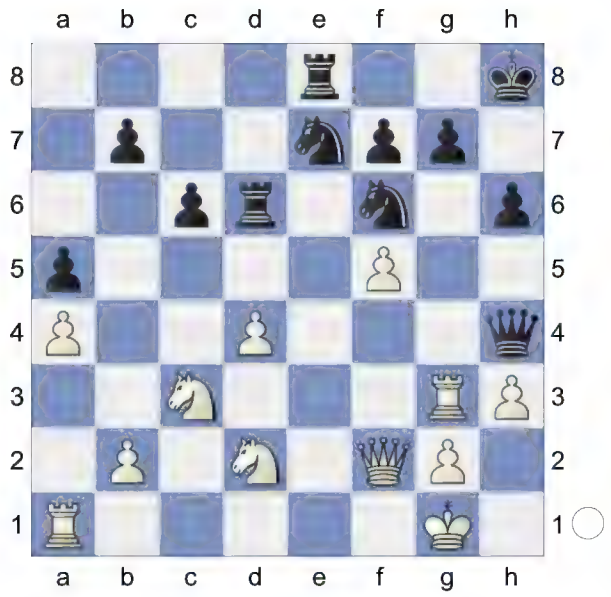


aiming for ...Re8xe5. **28.Qf2 Kh8 29.Bxd6 Rxd6 30.Nd2** -1.08/22

[30.Rf3∓ -0.55/22 Qxf2+ 31.Rxf2]

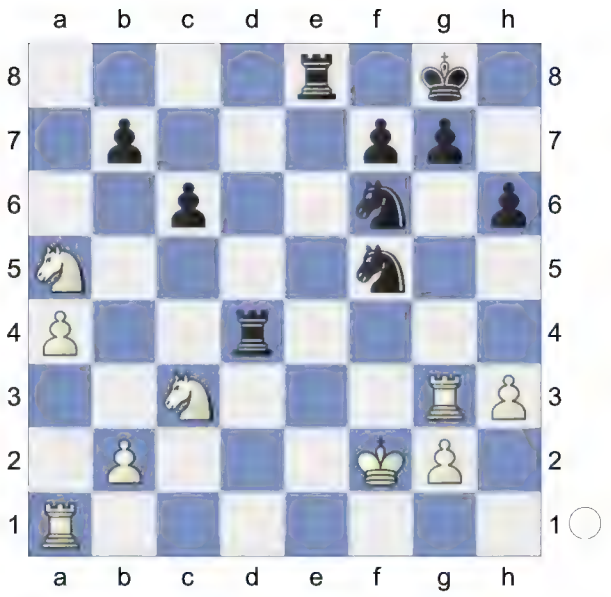
30...Ne7∓

(Diagram)

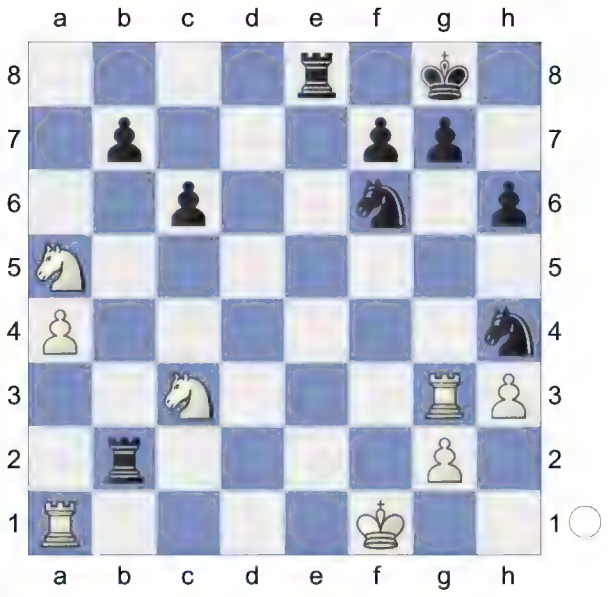


Black has more active pieces. **31.Nf3** -1.34/25
[⌓31.Re3 -0.97/24 Qxf2+ *(31...Qxd4 32.Nf3∓; 31...Rxd4 32.Qxh4 Rxh4 33.Rae1=)* 32.Kxf2]
31...Qf4 32.Ne5 Qxf2+
[32...Qxd4? too greedy. 33.Nxf7+ Kg8 34.Nxd6 Qxd6 35.Re3+-]
33.Kxf2 Kg8
[33...Nxf5? perishes. 34.Nxf7+ Kh7 35.Nxd6 Nxd6 36.Re1 Nde4+ 37.Nxe4 Rxe4 38.Rb3 Rxd4 39.Rxb7+-]
34.Nc4? -3.07/22
[34.Rd1∓ -1.05/21]
34...Rxd4-+ 35.Nxa5 Nxf5

(Diagram)



36.Rf3 Nh4 37.Rg3 Nf5? 0.01/21
[Black should try 37...Rd2+-+ -3.64/24 38.Kg1 Nh5 *(38...Rxb2? 39.Nc4-+)*]
38.Rf3= Nh4 0.01/20
[38...Re5-+ -3.17/23 39.Nxb7 Rb4]
39.Rg3! Rd2+ 40.Kf1 Rxb2
[40...Nf5 41.Rf3 Ne3+ 42.Rxe3 Rxe3 43.Nc4=]



And now ...Nf6-h5 would win. **41.Rb1 Ree2**

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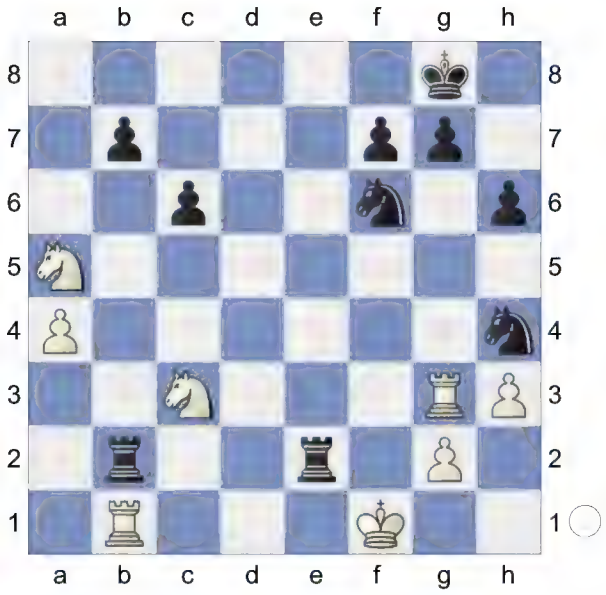
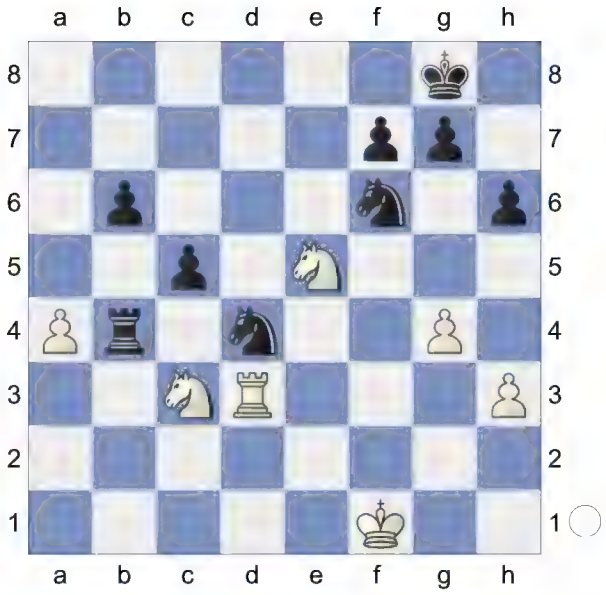


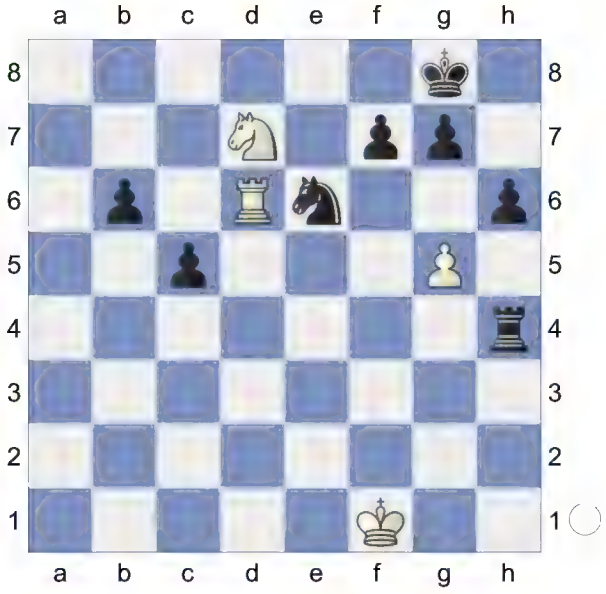
Deflection **42.Nc4** -4.65/22
[42.Rxb2 -3.12/22 might work better. Rxb2 43.Re3]
42...Rf2+-+
[42...Rxg2 43.Rxg2 Rxg2 44.Rxb7-+]
43.Ke1 Rxb1+ 44.Kxf2 Rb4 45.Nd6 Rb2+

46.Kf1 b6 47.Nc4 Rb4 48.Ne5 Nf5 49.Rd3 Nd4 50.g4 c5

(Diagram)

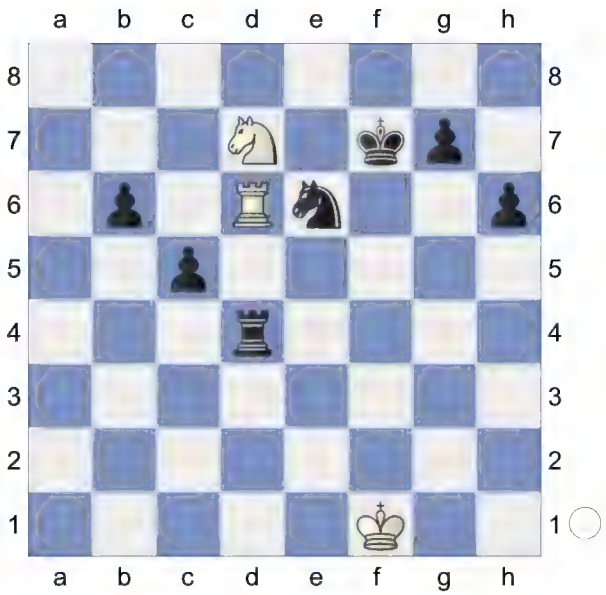


51.h4 Ne6 52.Rd6 Ne4 Black is clearly winning. **53.Nxe4 Rxe4 54.Nd7 Rxa4 55.g5 Rxh4**



56.g6 -7.69/23
[⌓56.gxh6 -4.57/20 Rh1+
(56...gxh6? 57.Rxb6 Kg7 58.Rb3-+)
57.Kg2 Rxh6 58.Rxb6]
56...Rd4 57.gxf7+ Kxf7

(Diagram)



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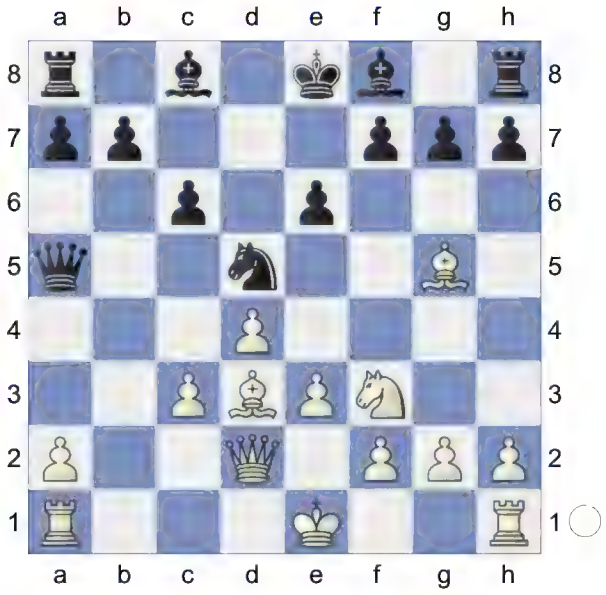
□ **Borisenko,Georgy Konstantinov**
■ **Panchenko,Alexander N** **2435**
URS Cup Tbilisi (1.1) 11.1973
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3
[10.Qxc3? Bb4 11.0-0 Bxc3-+]
10...Nd5 0.38/20
[10...Na4= 0.02/21]



11.0-0± Qxc3 12.Qe2 Bd6 Inhibits Nf3-e5. White is slightly better. **13.Nd2** White has compensation. **13...Qa5 14.f4** -0.15/17
[14.Nc4± 0.31/18 is superior. Qc7 15.Nxd6+ *(15.Qh5 h6 16.f4 Be7 17.Ne5 Rf8 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qe2*

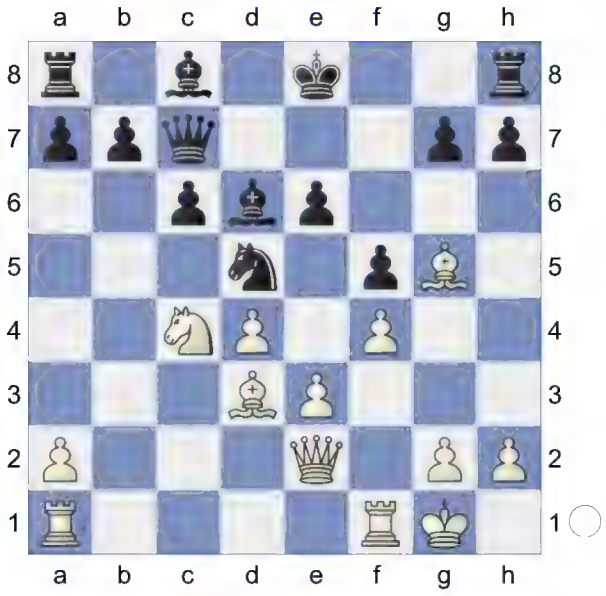
Rg8 20.e4 Nb6 21.Rab1 Bd7 22.a4 f6 23.Nf3 Rb8 24.a5 Nc8 25.Qc2 Nd6 26.e5 Nb5 27.d5 f5 28.dxe6 Bxe6 29.Bxf5 Bxf5 1-0 (49) Deuer,M (2374)-Stijve,N (2088) Biel HTO 56th 2023 (1) *)* 15...Qxd6 16.Bh4]

14...Qc7= 15.Nc4N

[15.Bh4 0-0 16.Rac1 Bd7 17.Bb1 Rac8 18.Nc4 f5 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Qb6 21.Kh1 c5 22.e4 Bb5 23.Qe1 Bxf1 24.exd5 Bb5 25.Be7 cxd4 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.d6 d3 28.Qc3 Qe3 29.Rd1 Qe2 0-1 Van Den Berg, C - S t a h l b e r g , G A m s t e r d a m Wereldschaaktoernooi 1950 (19)]

15...f5 0.41/19

[15...h6= -0.11/17 16.Bh4 Bd7]



16.e4 Nc3 17.Qh5+ g6 18.Qf3 Strongly threatening e4xf5. **18...0-0 19.e5 Bb4 20.a3 Be7**

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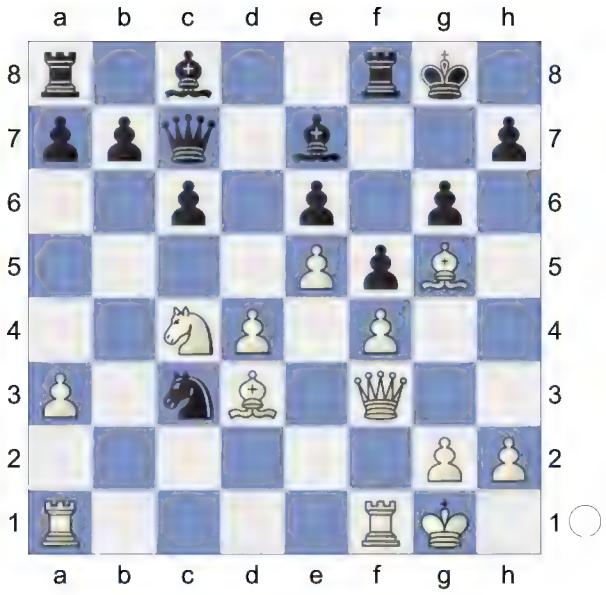
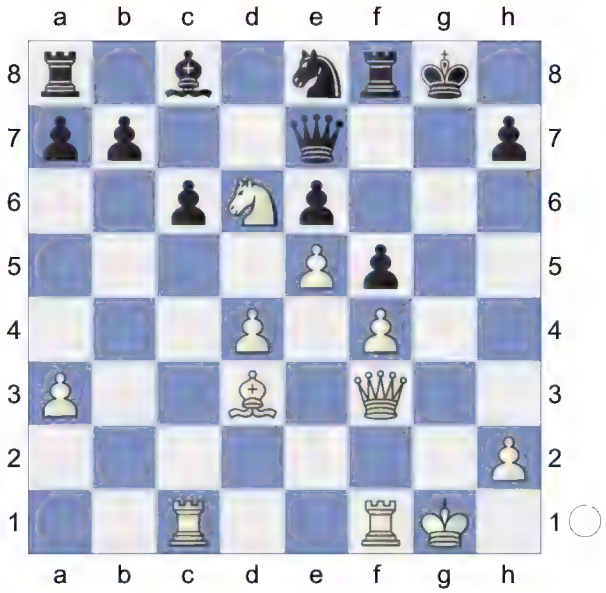


21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Nd6 Repels Nc3-b5 **22...Nd5 23.Rac1 Nc7 24.g4 Ne8 25.gxf5** -0.59/20

[25.Nxe8= -0.21/18 was preferrable. fxg4 26.Qxg4 Rxe8 27.Be4]

25...gxf5∓



26.Nc4 b6 27.Kf2 -0.83/18

[27.Qxc6? Bb7 28.Qa4 Kh8-+]

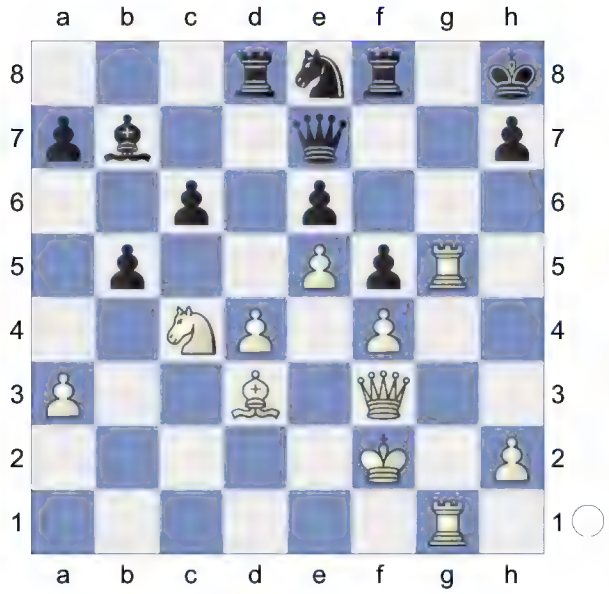
[27.h3∓ -0.46/19 is more appropriate.]

27...Kh8!∓ 28.Rg1 Bb7 -0.28/20

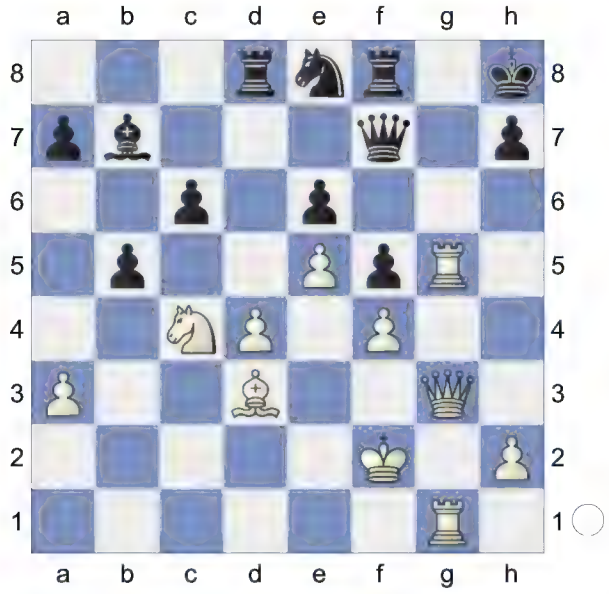
[28...Ba6∓ -0.81/19 29.Rcd1 Rc8]

29.Rg5= And now Rc1-g1 would win.

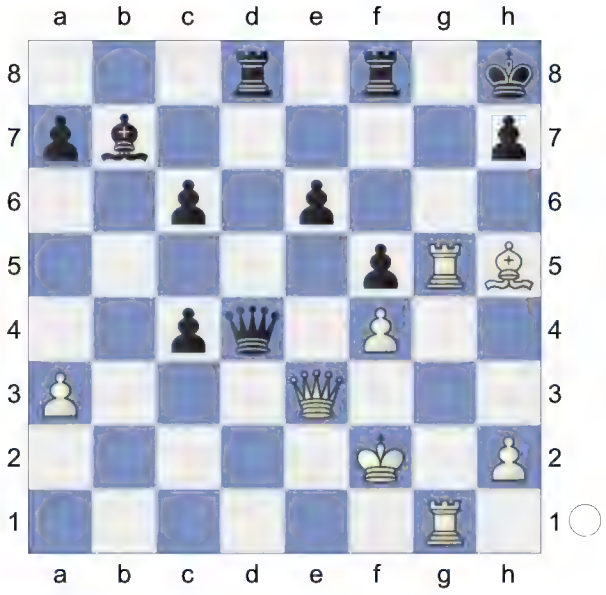
29...Rd8 30.Rcg1
[30.Qe3 Qd7 31.Ke2 Qxd4∓]
30...b5? 2.57/25
[30...Rxd4? 31.Qg3 Qf7 32.Be2+-]
[30...Ba6!= -0.01/22]



31.Qg3!+- Qf7



Inhibits Rg5-g8+. **32.Be2** -0.01/23 **bxc4= 33.Bh5→** Zwischenzug. White has some attack. **33...Nf6! 34.exf6 Qxf6 35.Qe3** -3.50/22
[35.Rg7= 0.01/23 and White stays safe. Qxd4+ 36.Kf1 Qa1+ *(36...c3 37.Rxh7+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxh7 38.Qg6+ Kh8 39.Qh6#)* 37.Kf2 Qb2+ 38.Kf1 Qc1+ *(38...c3 39.Rxh7+* Decoy, Clearance *Kxh7 40.Qg7#)* 39.Kg2 Qb2+ 40.Kf1 Qa1+ *(40...c3 41.Rxh7+* Decoy, Clearance *Kxh7 42.Qg7#)* 41.Kf2 Qd4+ 42.Kf1 Qa1+ *(42...c3 43.Rxh7+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxh7 44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.Qh6#)*]
35...Qxd4
[35...Rxd4 36.Qg3 Rd2+ 37.Be2 Rxe2+ *(37...Qd4+ 38.Kf1=)* 38.Kxe2 Qb2+ 39.Kf1 Qb1+ 40.Kg2 c5+ 41.Kh3=]



36.Rg7 Qb2+ 0.96/22
[36...Qxg7 37.Rxg7 Kxg7 38.Be2±]
[Better is 36...Qxe3+-+ -2.01/23 37.Kxe3 Rd3+ 38.Kf2 Bc8]
37.Be2± White threatens Rg7xh7+! and mate. The board is on fire. White is more active. **37...Qxg7** 3.46/20
[37...Rf6!± 0.65/22]
38.Rxg7+- Kxg7

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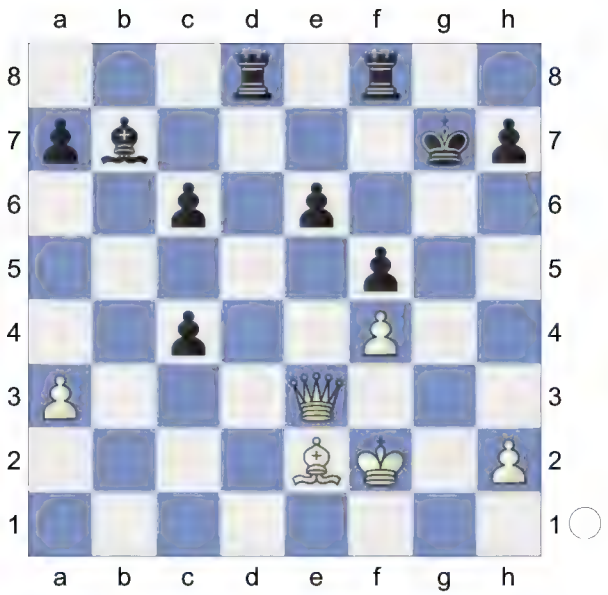

39.Qxe6 0.01/20
[39.Qxa7 Rd7±]
[39.Bxc4 Bc8±]
[White must play 39.Qe5+!+- 2.71/21 Kg8 40.Qxe6+ *(40.Bxc4 Bc8=)* 40...Rf7 41.Bxc4]
39...Kh8? 4.90/25
[39...Rfe8!= 0.01/20 40.Qxc4 *(40.Qxf5 Rd2=)* 40...Kg6]
40.Qxc4? 0.90/20
[Don't do 40.Qe5+ Kg8 41.Bxc4+ Rd5+-]
[40.Bxc4+- 4.90/25 has better winning chances. Qe6-e5+ would kill now. Rde8 41.Qd7]
40...Rc8? 9.42/24
[40...Rd7± 0.90/20 41.Qc3+ Rg7]

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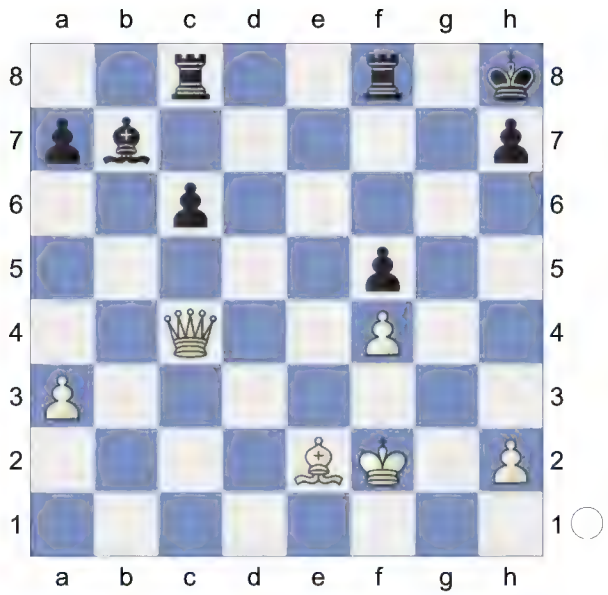
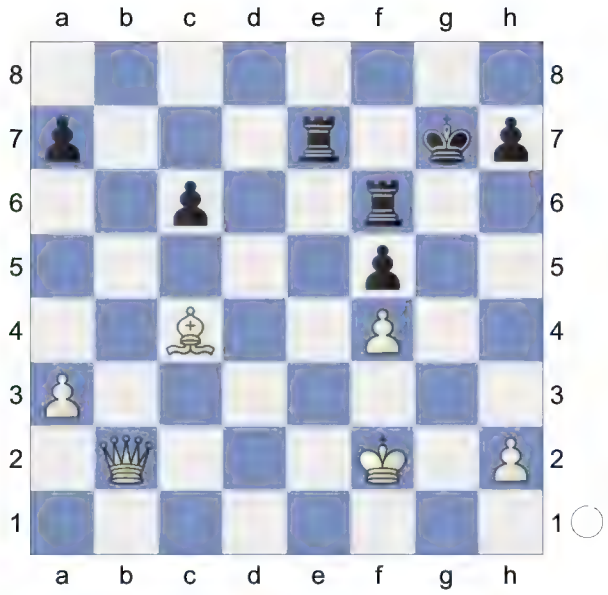
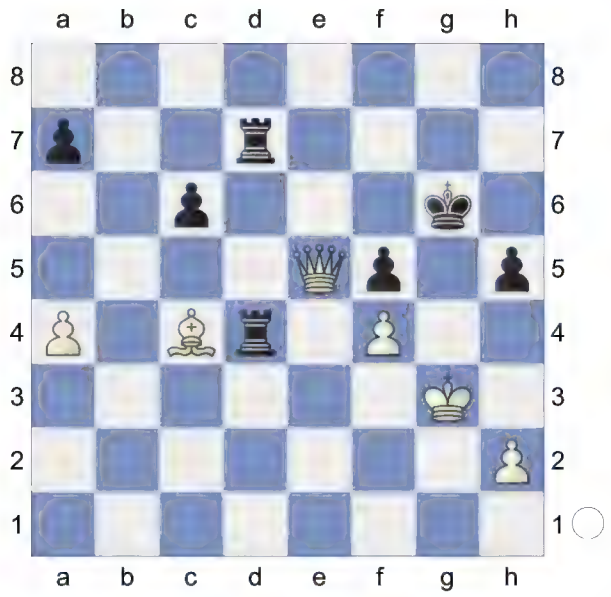


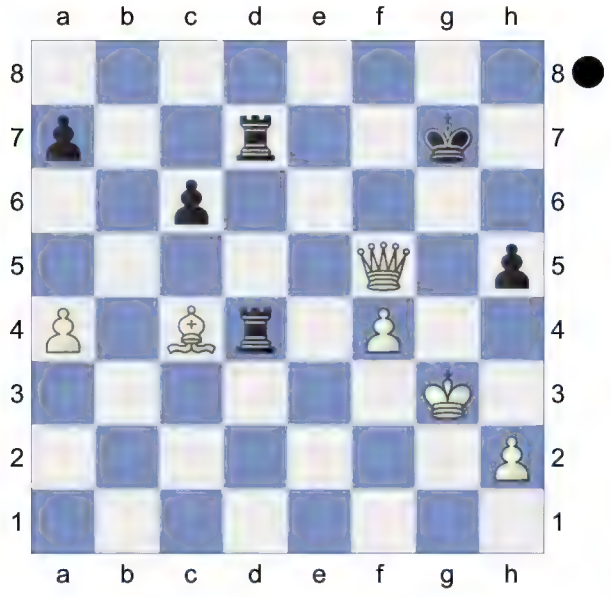
41.Qc5? 2.63/23
[41.Qc3+ 9.42/24 Kg8 42.Bc4+ Rf7 43.Bxf7+ Kxf7 44.Qb3+ Kf8 45.Qxb7]
41...Rf6? 6.68/23
[41...Rf7 2.63/23 42.h4 *(42.Qxa7 c5±)* 42...Rd8]
42.Qe7 White is clearly winning.
42...Rcf8 43.Qxb7 R8f7 44.Qb2 Kg7 45.Bc4 Re7



46.Qb4 Rd7 47.Qc5 Kg6 48.a4 h5 49.Kg3 Rfd6 50.Qe5 Rd4
(Diagram)



51.Qe6+ Kg7 52.Qxf5



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167 **D52**

□ **Bosboom,Manuel** **2439**

■ **Gurevich,Mikhail** **2694**

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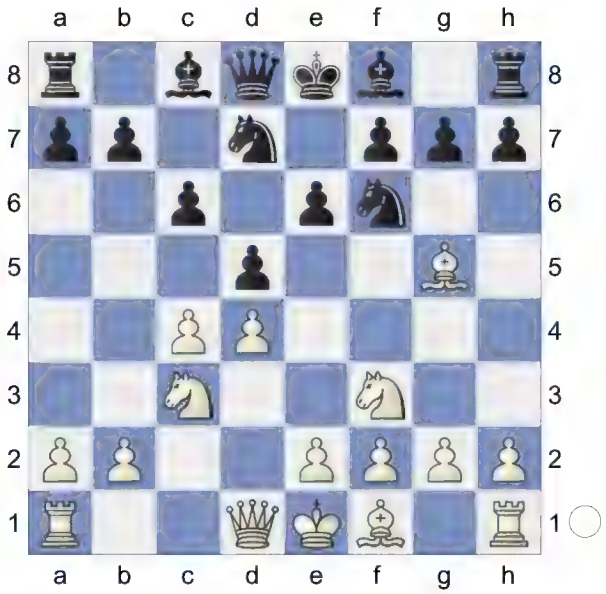
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

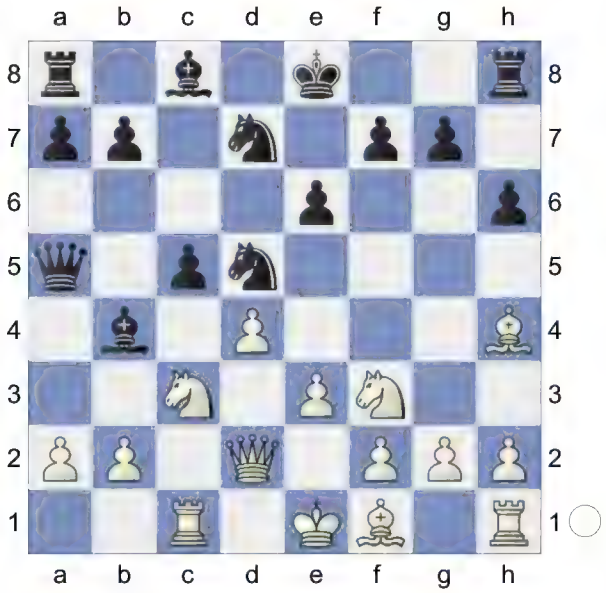
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA

Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

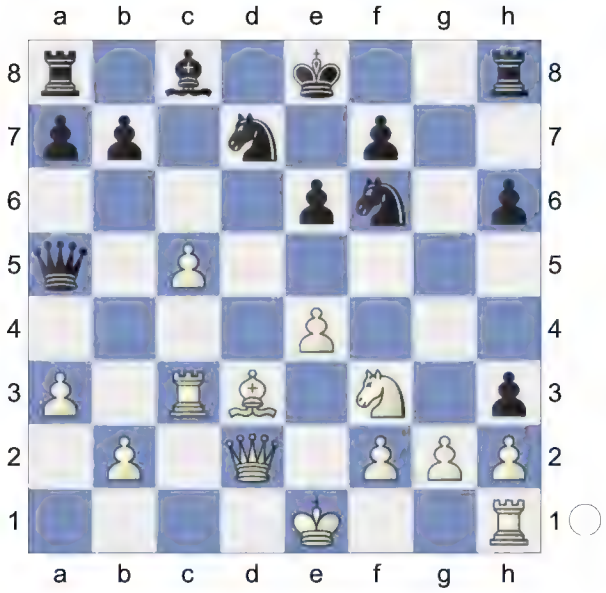


11.e4 -0.13/19

[⩲11.a3 0.25/17 Bxc3 12.bxc3]

11...N5f6= 12.Bd3 g5! 13.a3 Black has an edge. **13...Bxc3 14.Rxc3 gxh4 15.dxc5 h3**

[15...Nxc5 16.0-0 Ke7 *(16...Ncxe4? 17.Rxc8+* Discovered Attack *Rxc8 18.Qxa5+-)* 17.Qf4∓ *(17.Nxh4 Ncxe4 18.Bxe4 Nxe4-+; 17.e5 Nfe4∓)*]

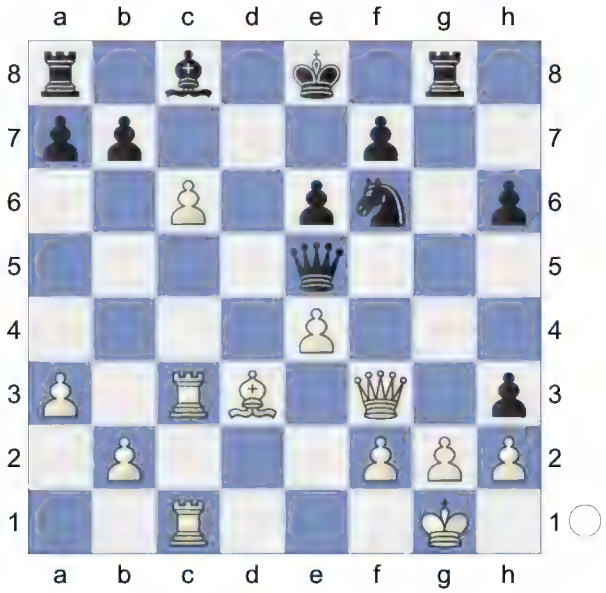


16.0-0 Qc7

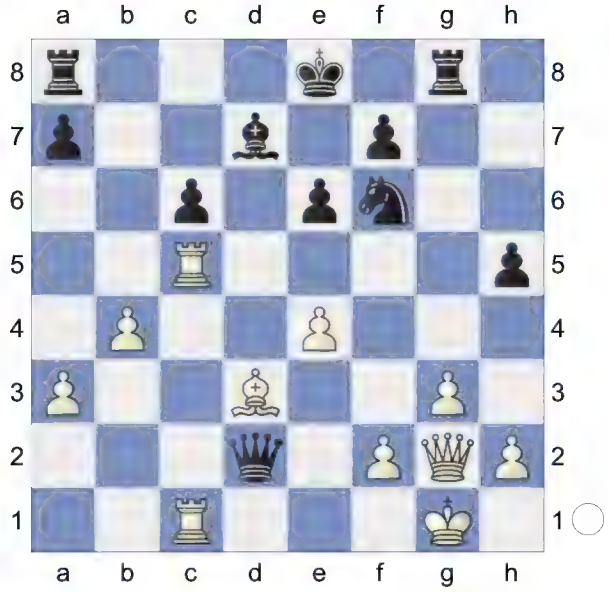
[16...Nxc5 17.b4 Ncxe4 18.Bxe4= *(18.bxa5 Nxd2 19.Nxd2 hxg2∓)*]

17.Rfc1 Ne5 ...Rh8-g8 is the strong threat. **18.Qf4! Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3 Qe5 20.c6 Rg8**

[20...Qg5 looks sharper. 21.Bb5 0-0 22.c7 hxg2 23.Bc4 e5]



21.Qxh3 bxc6 22.b4 -1.77/20
[22.Rxc6∓ -1.05/18 is a better defense. Bb7 23.Rc7 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.R7c4]
22...Bd7 -1.19/20
[Black should try 22...Bb7-+ -1.77/20 23.Qf3 Ng4]
23.Rc5 Qf4 24.g3 h5 -0.88/20
[Don't play 24...Nxe4 25.Bxe4 Qxe4 26.Qxh6]
[24...a5-+ -1.70/20 ...a5xb4 would now be deadly. 25.b5 cxb5 *(25...Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Qxe4 27.bxc6=)*]
25.Qg2 -1.61/20
[25.e5∓ -0.88/20 was called for. Qg4 26.Qxg4 Nxg4 27.Be4]
25...Qd2



26.Qf3 h4 27.Ba6 -1.72/20
[27.Qxf6∓ -1.02/19 Qxd3 28.Qxh4]
27...Qh6 28.Bb7 Rd8 29.Rd1 -2.76/21
[⌓29.Bxc6 -1.78/19 Bxc6 30.Rxc6]
29...hxg3-+ 30.hxg3 Rh8

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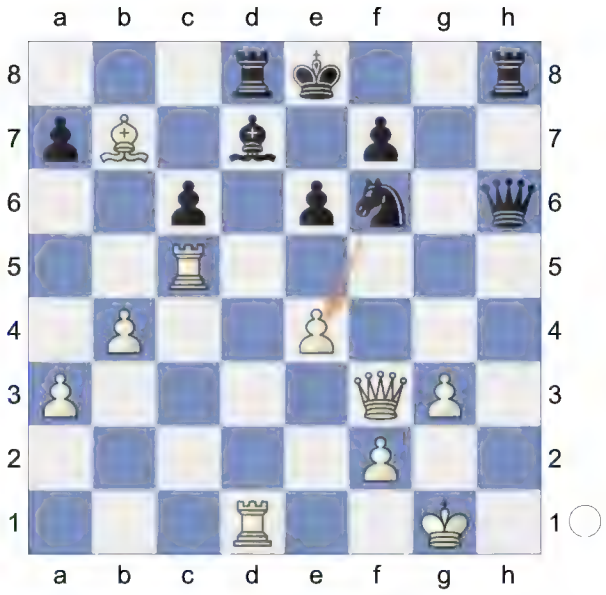
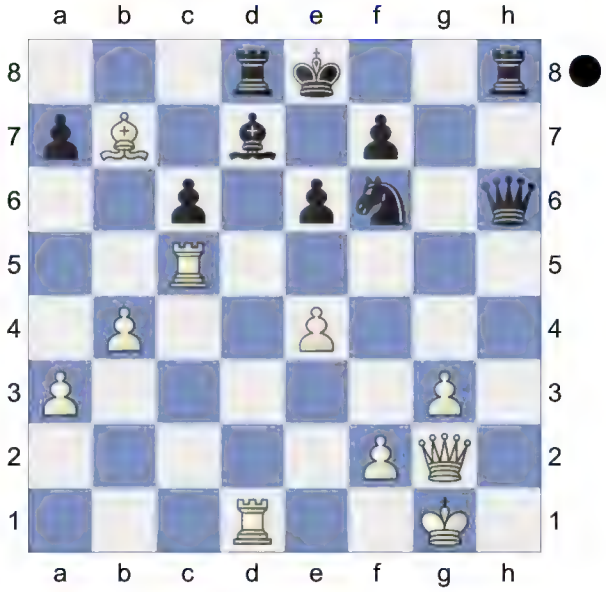
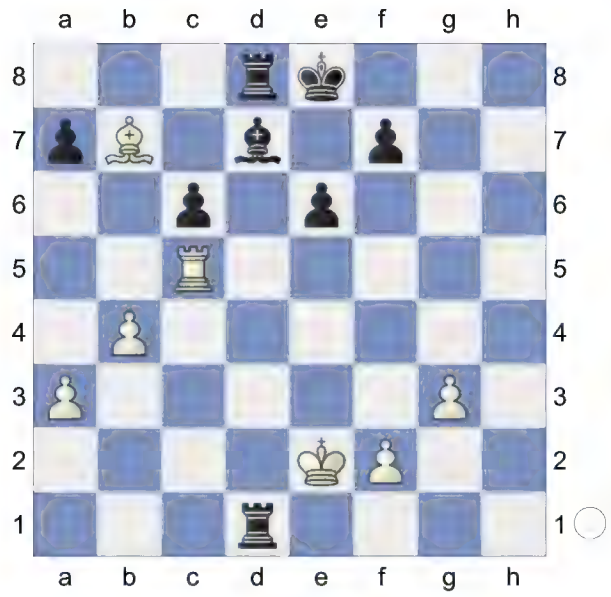


31.Qg2 -3.56/22
[⌓31.Rd4 -2.42/21]

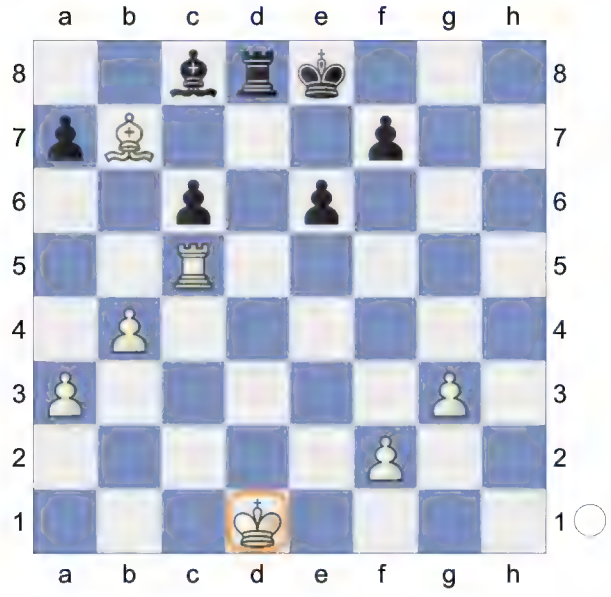


31...Nxe4! Deflection **32.Qxe4**
[32.Rcc1 f5]
32...Qh2+ 33.Kf1 Qh1+ Skewer. Black is clearly winning. **34.Qxh1 Rxh1+ 35.Ke2 Rxd1**

(Diagram)



36.Kxd1 Hoping for Kd1-e2. **36...Bc8+**



Discovered Attack (Check) **37.Ke2 Bxb7**

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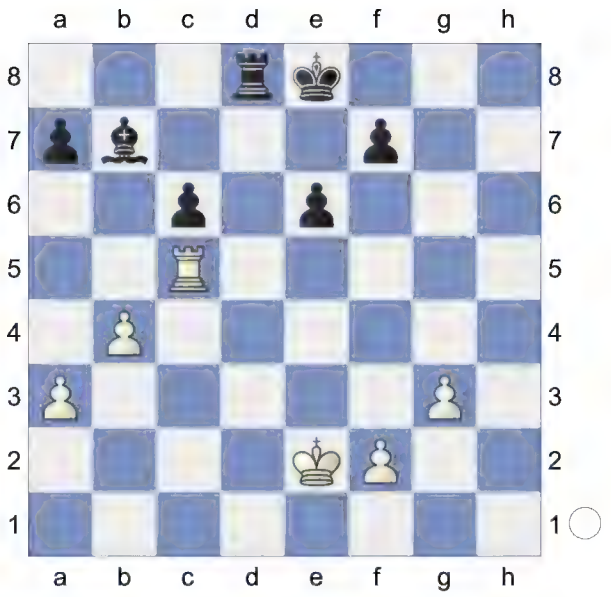

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168 **D52**
□ **Haugen,Arild** **2427**
■ **Johansen,John Martin** **2345**
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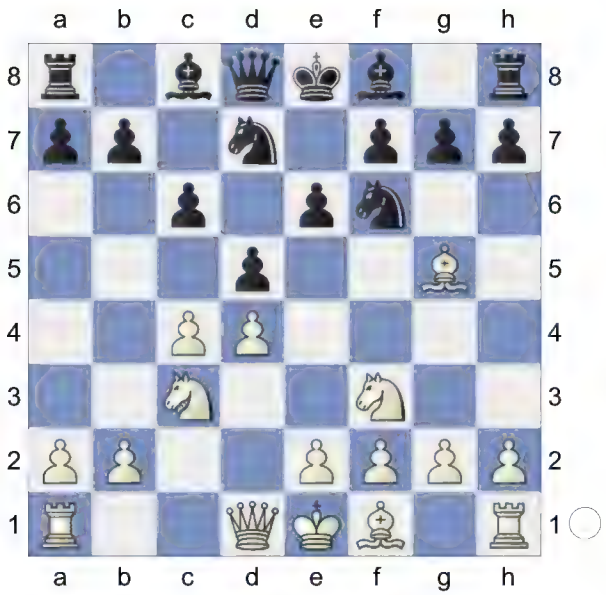
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

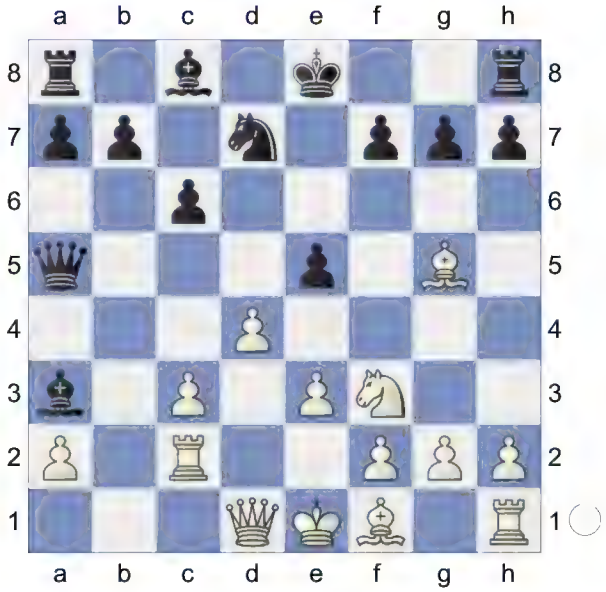
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

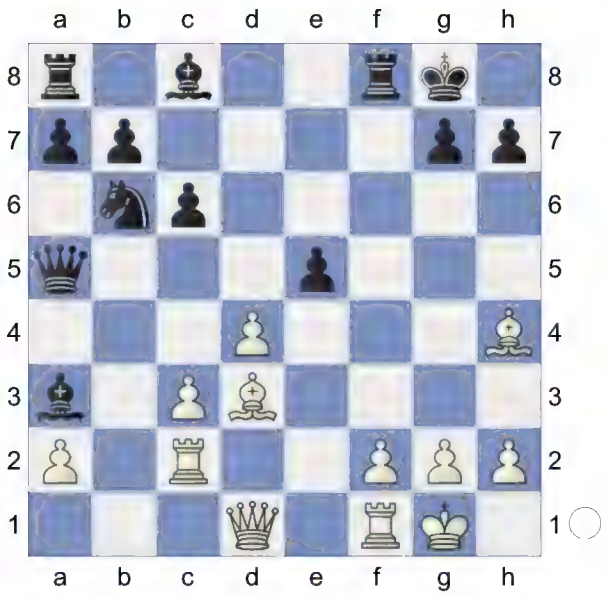
8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2 The position is equal. **10...e5**



11.Bd3 f6 12.Bh4 exd4 13.exd4 0-0 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Ne5 Against Bc8-g4 **15...fxe5** 1.25/20

[15...g6± 0.59/18 16.Nc4 Nxc4 17.Bxc4+ Kg7]

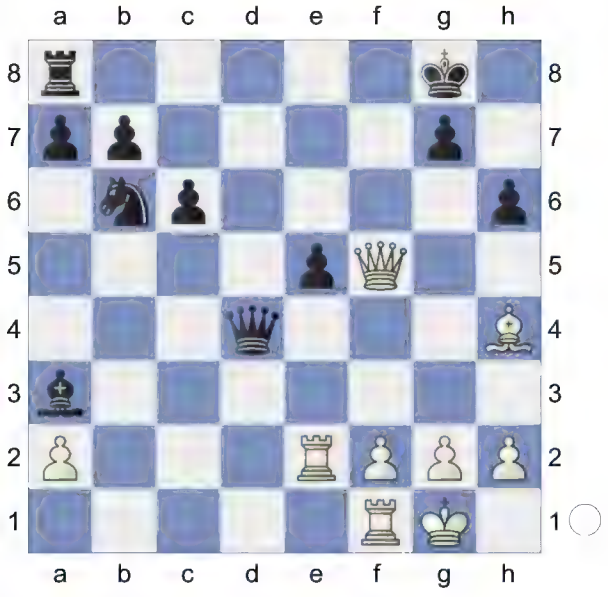
(Diagram)



Black is now going downhill. **16.Qh5!±** **h6** Threatens to win with ...Rf8-f4. **17.Re2** **Qxc3** **18.Qg6** Strongly threatening Qg6-h7+. **18...Rf5** **19.Bxf5** White is more active.

[19.Re3 is interesting. Nd5 20.Rg3 Bf8 21.Bxf5 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Qxd4 23.Bg5]

19...Bxf5 **20.Qxf5** **Qxd4**



21.Qe6+

[21.Qxe5 Qxh4 22.Qe6+ Kh8-+]

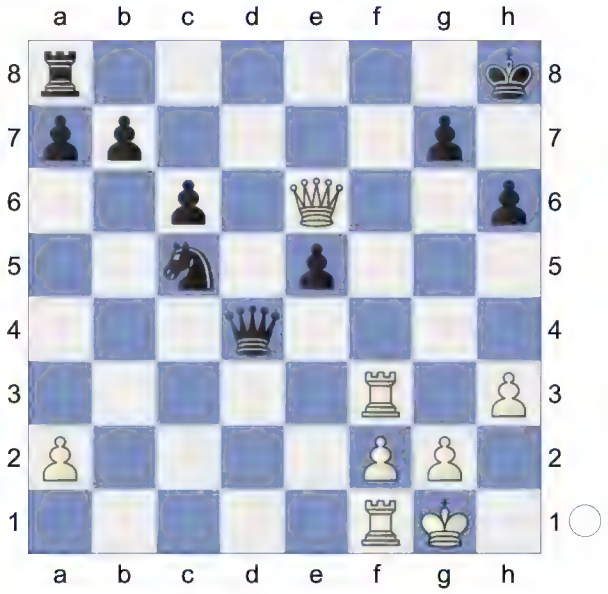
21...Kh8 **22.Re3**

[22.Qxe5? Qxh4 23.Re4 Qd8-+ *(23...Bd6? 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7 25.Rxh4-+)*]

22...Qxh4 1.64/21

[22...Nc4± 1.21/20 23.Rh3 Bf8]

23.Rxa3+- **Qd4** **24.Rf3** White has strong compensation. **24...Nd7** **25.h3** **Nc5**



26.Qe7 **e4** **27.Rf7** **Rg8** **28.Rf5** Wards off Qd4-d5 **28...b6** **29.Qxa7** **e3** 2.28/24

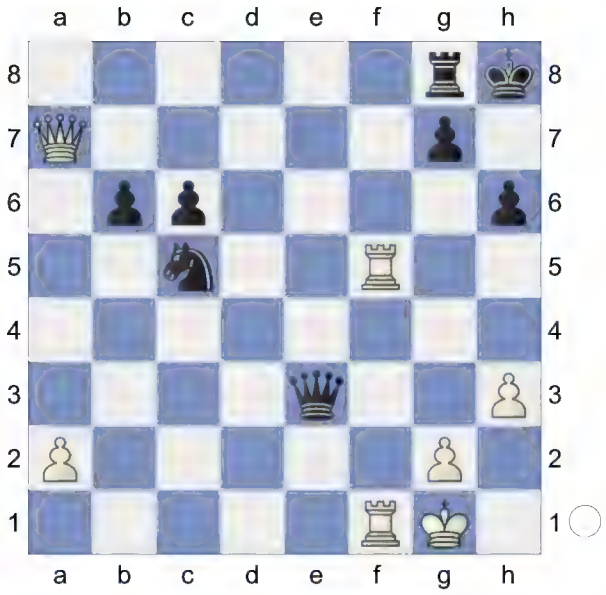
[29...Nd3± 1.57/20 30.a4 Qb4]

30.fxe3

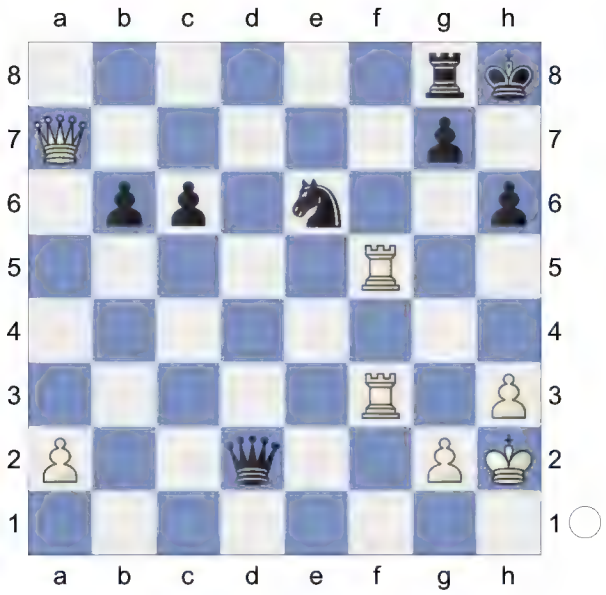
[30.Qxb6 e2 31.Rb1 *(31.Qxc5? exf1Q+ 32.Kh2 Qfxf2-+)* 31...Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Ne4-+ *(32...e1Q 33.Rxd1 Qxd1 34.Qxc5±; 32...e1Q 33.Rxd1 Qxd1 34.Qxc5±)*]

30...Qxe3+

(Diagram)



31.Kh2 Ne6 32.R1f3 Deflection
32...Qd2



33.Rg3!
[33.Qxb6?! Nd4±]
33...Qd6

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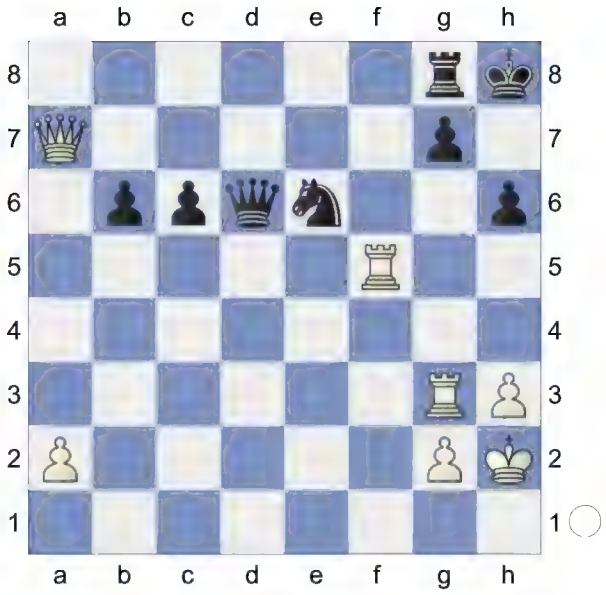
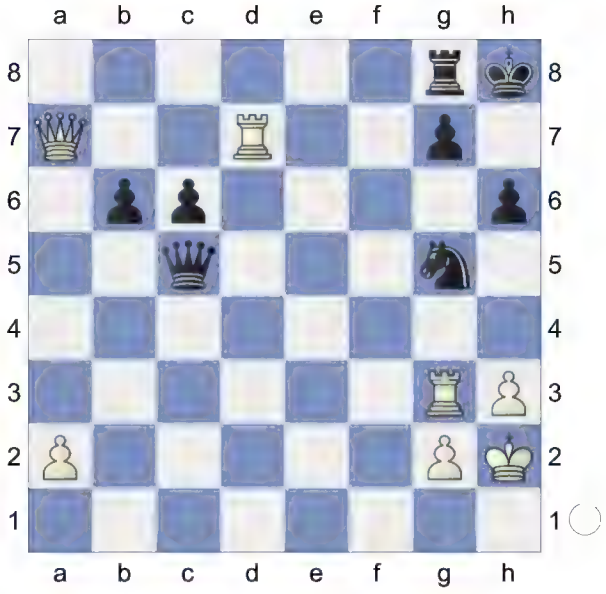
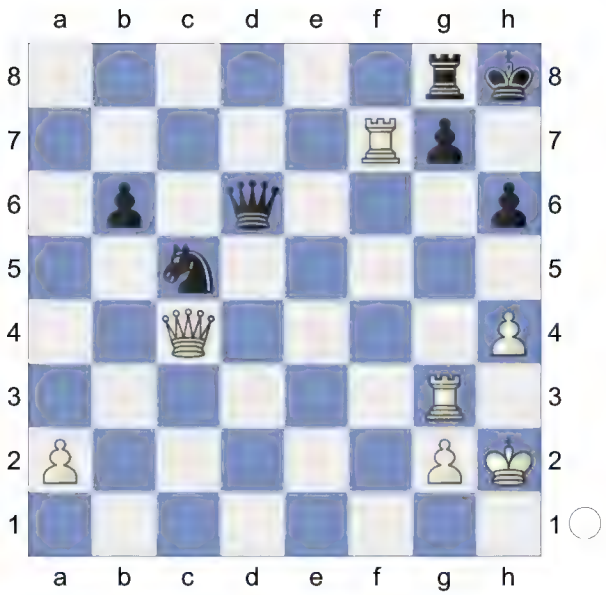


34.Rf7!
[34.Qxb6 Nd4 35.Rf2 h5=]
34...Ng5 35.Rd7 Qc5

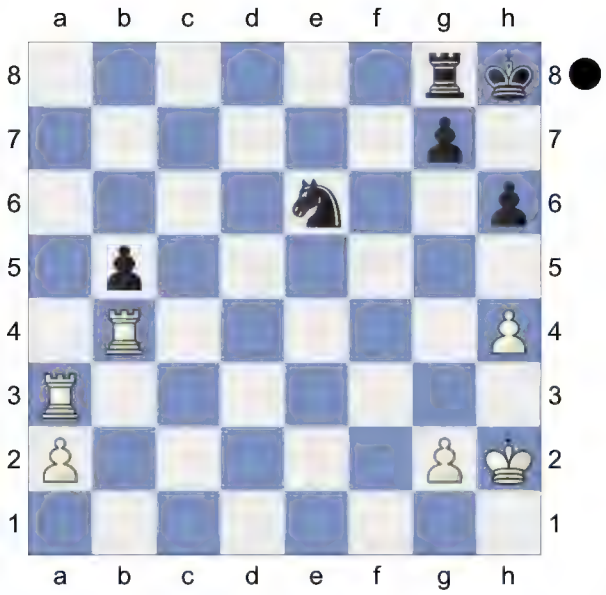


36.Qc7 Qf5 37.h4
[Weaker is 37.Qxc6 Ne4±]
37...Ne6 38.Qxc6 Qf6 39.Qc4
Black must now prevent Rd7-d6.
[Stronger than 39.Qxb6 Qxh4+ 40.Rh3 Qf4+ 41.Rg3 Qh4+ 42.Rh3 Qf4+ 43.Kh1 Rb8=]
39...Nc5 40.Rf7 Qd6

(Diagram)



41.Qf4 Qxf4 42.Rxf4 b5 43.Ra3 Ne6 44.Rb4



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169 **D52**

□ **Ornstein,Axel** **2425**

■ **Bagirov,Vladimir** **2495**

Kirovakan 1978

[Bagirov,Vladimir]

Bagirov,V: 'Inf 26/568'

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5N

[5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6 9.e4 c5

A) 10.d5 c4 11.dxe6 *(11.Bc2 Qc7 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Qe2 e5 14.Bd2 0-0 15.a3 Ne8 16.b4 Bd4 17.a4 Rb8 18.axb5 axb5 19.Ra5 Nd6 20.Rfa1 Bb6 21.R5a3 Bb7 22.Be3 Ra8 23.Bxb6 Qxb6 24.Qe1 Rxa3 25.Rxa3 Ra8* ½-½ (38) Id2 (2740)-Kantele,J (2605) Lyngby 1989*)* 11...fxe6 12.Bc2 Qc7 13.Nd4 Nb6 14.f4 e5 15.fxe5 Bg4 16.Nf3 Nfd7 Mujagic,R-Berliner,H 77/532 Batumi 1999;

B) 10.e5 cxd4 11.Nxb5 Ng4 12.Qa4 Bb7 13.Nbxd4 Qb6 14.0-0 Bc5 15.h3 Bxf3 16.hxg4 Bd5 17.Nf3 Qb7 18.Qf4 0-0 19.Qh2 f5 (23) D 49/07 2003]

5...Nbd7

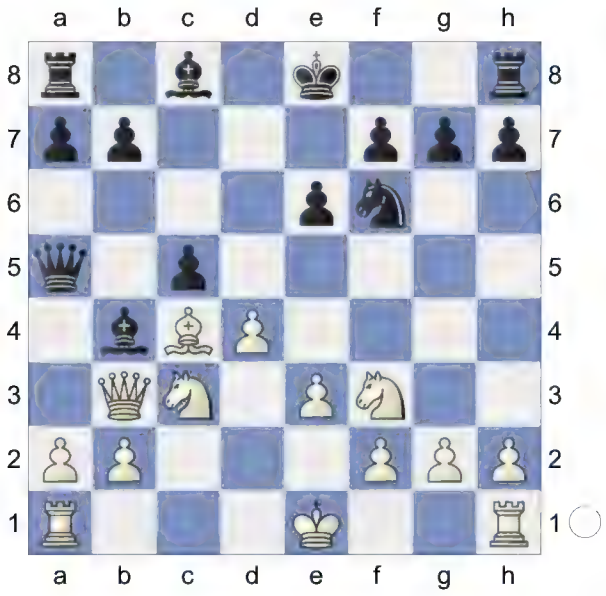
(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.Qb3 dxc4 10.Bxc4

[10.Qxc4 looks sharper. e5 11.Ng5 0-0 12.dxe5 Qxe5 13.Qxb4 Qxg5 14.Ne4]

10...c5!N

[10...0-0]

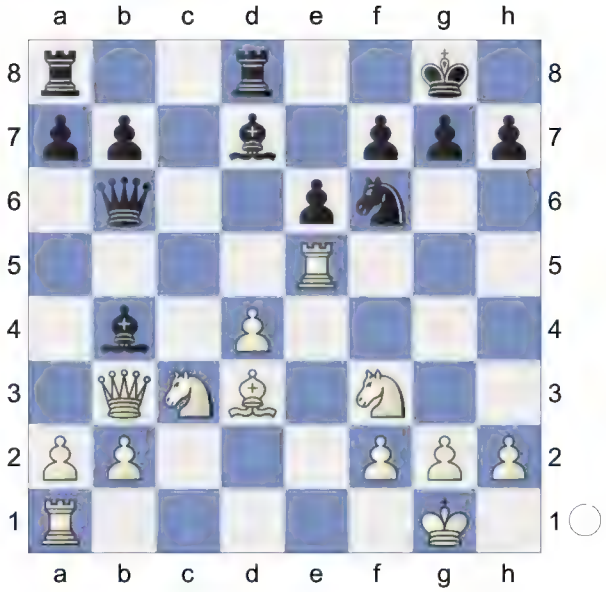


Bagirov,V: '!' Bagirov,V: 'N' **11.0-0 cxd4** The position is equal. **12.exd4 0-0 13.Bd3?**

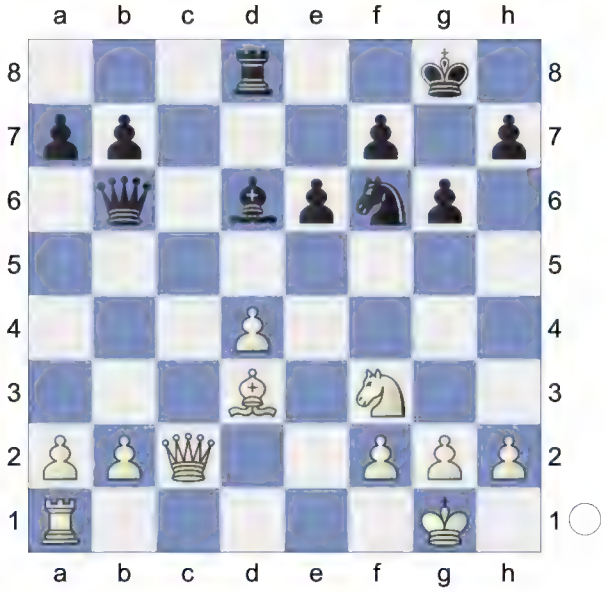
[13.Rfe1]

[13.Ne5=]

13...Rd8 14.Rfe1 Bd7 15.Re5 Qb6



16.Na4 Bxa4 17.Qxa4 Bd6 18.Re2 Rac8 19.Rc2 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 g6∓



21.g3 Bf8 22.Qd2 -0.64/19

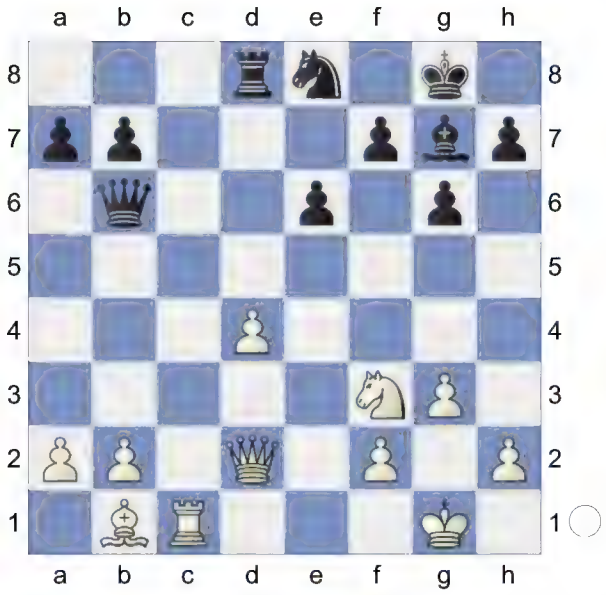
[22.a4= -0.24/19 is superior.]

22...Nd5 Black is more active. **23.Be4 Bg7 24.Rc1 Nf6 25.Bb1** -1.13/22

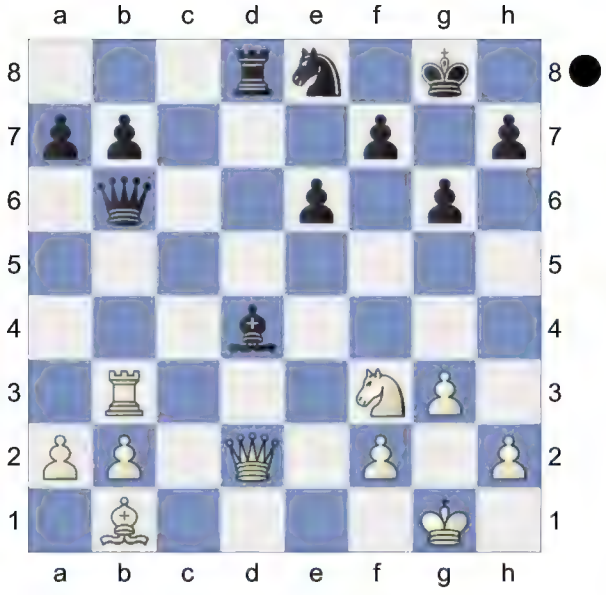
[25.Qe2∓ -0.45/21]

25...Ne8 -0.40/20

[25...Ng4!∓ -1.13/22 White must now prevent ...Bg7-h6! 26.Rc4 Ne5 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 Pin]

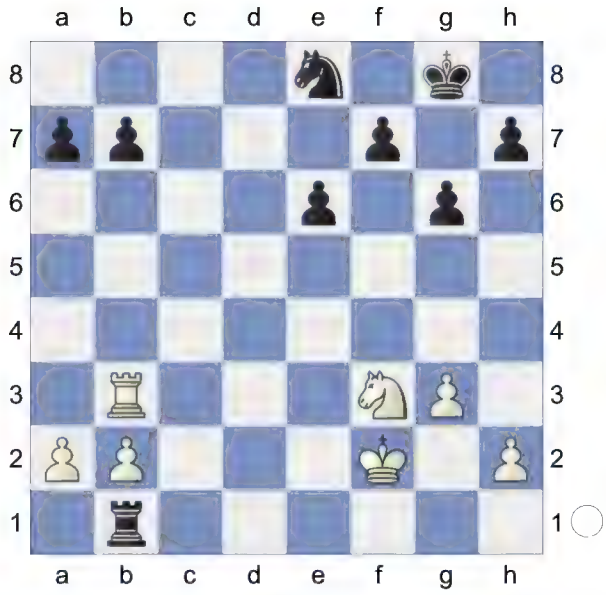


26.Rc3? -1.25/19
[26.Rc4∓ -0.40/20]
26...Bxd4!∓ 27.Rb3
[27.Rd3 Bf6! 28.Rxd8 Bxd8∓]



27...Bxf2+ Deflection **28.Qxf2 Rd1+**
[28...Qc7 simplifies 29.Bc2 Nf6 30.Rc3 Qb8]
29.Kg2 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rxb1

(Diagram)

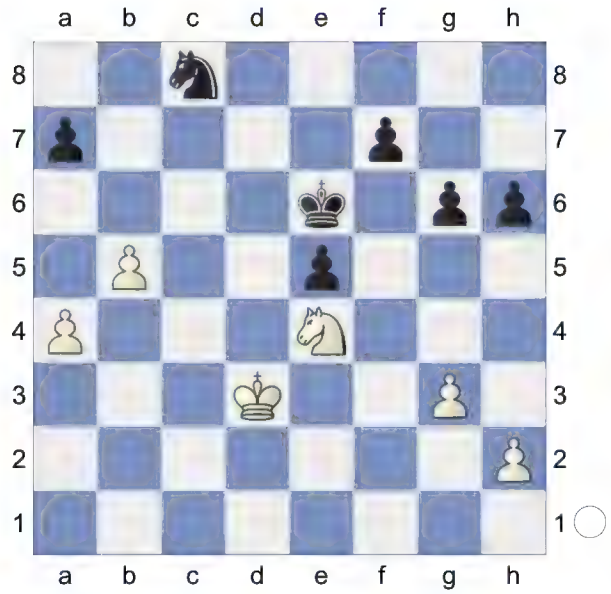


31.Rxb7 Endgame. KRN-KRN **31...Nd6**
32.Rb8+ Kg7 33.Nd2 Dodges Nd6-c4
33...Rc1
[33...Rh1?? 2.12/19 33...Rb1-d1 -1.41 34.Nf1!+-]
34.Ke2 Kf6 35.Kd3 Rc7 -1.19/18
[⌓35...e5 -1.57/20 36.Rb4 Rc6]

36.b4 e5 37.a4 Ke6 38.b5 -2.54/22
[38.Ne4∓ -1.25/20]
38...Rc8?! -1.31/18
[Black should play 38...f5!-+ -2.54/22
And now ...e5-e4+ would win. 39.a5?

-2.81/23 (⌓39.Nb3 -1.80/19 e4+ 40.Kd2 Kd5) 39...Rc5-+]

39.Rxc8 Nxc8 KN-KN **40.Ne4 h6**



Repels Ne4-g5+ **41.a5 Kd5** Strongly threatening ...f7-f5. **42.Nf6+ Kc5 43.Nd7+! Kd6!**

[43...Kxb5 44.Nxe5

A) ⌓44...Nd6 -1.43/25 45.Kd4 Kxa5 Hoping for ...Ka5-b5. 46.Kc5= -1.80/22 (46.Kd5∓ -1.04/24 was necessary. Nf5 47.Ke4);

B) ⌓44...Nd6 -1.43/25 45.Kd4 Kxa5;

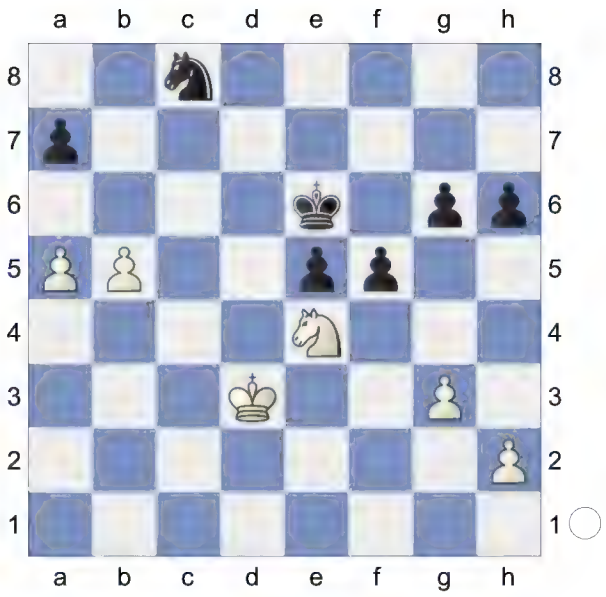
C) 44...f6! -1.01/23 45.Nxg6∓ Kxa5 46.Kc4 Kb6∓]

44.Nf6 Ke6 0.01/19

[44...h5!∓ -0.60/22 45.Kc4 Ke6]

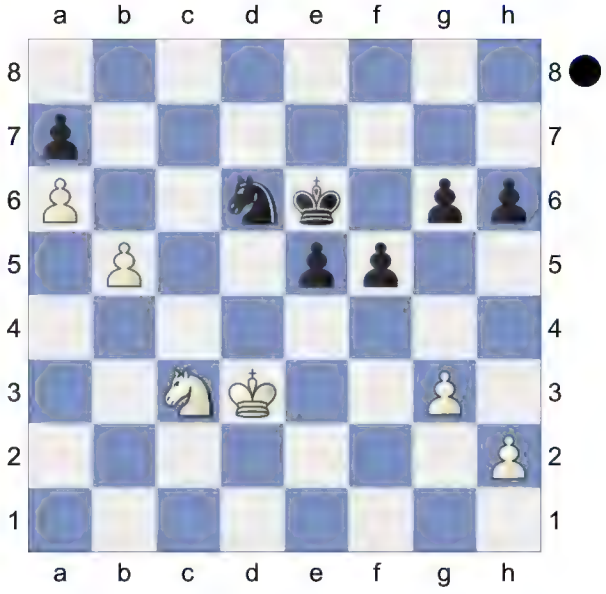
45.Ne4= f5 -1.42/21

(Diagram)



46.Nc3∓ Nd6 47.b6? -1.46/25

[47.a6



Nc8! 48.Kc4 Kd6 49.Nd5 g5∓]

[⌓47.h3 -0.78/23]

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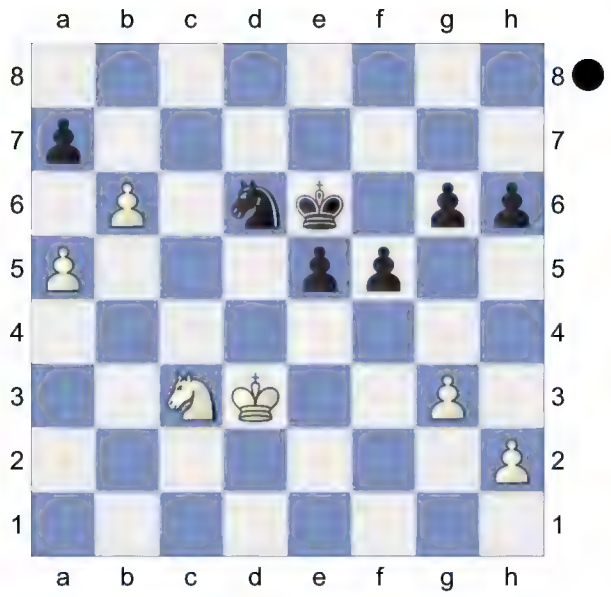
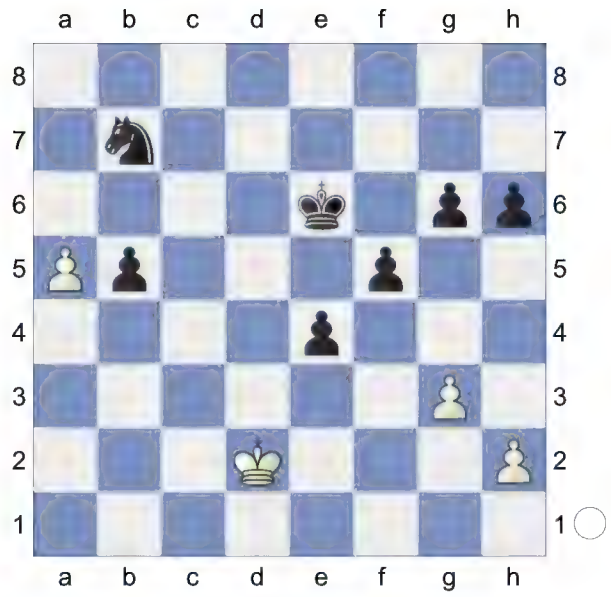
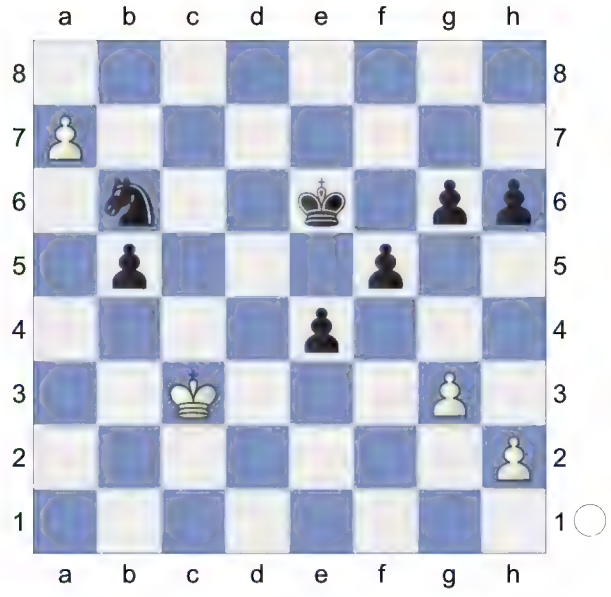


47...a6!
[47...axb6 -0.62/24 47...a7-a6 -1.71 48.a6 Nc8 49.Nb5= Dodges Nc8-a7]
48.Nb5? -13.13/22
[48.h4∓ -1.36/23]
48...e4+!!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.10 (very precise) Bagirov,V: '!!'
[48...Nxb5? 10.39/22 48...e5-e4+ -12.02 too greedy. 49.b7+-]
[48...axb5? is the wrong capture. 49.a6!+-]
49.Kd2
[49.Ke2 Nxb5 50.b7 Nd4+ 51.Ke3 Nc6-+]
49...axb5 50.b7 Nxb7

(Diagram)



51.a6 Nd6 52.a7 Nc4+ 53.Kc3 Nb6-+



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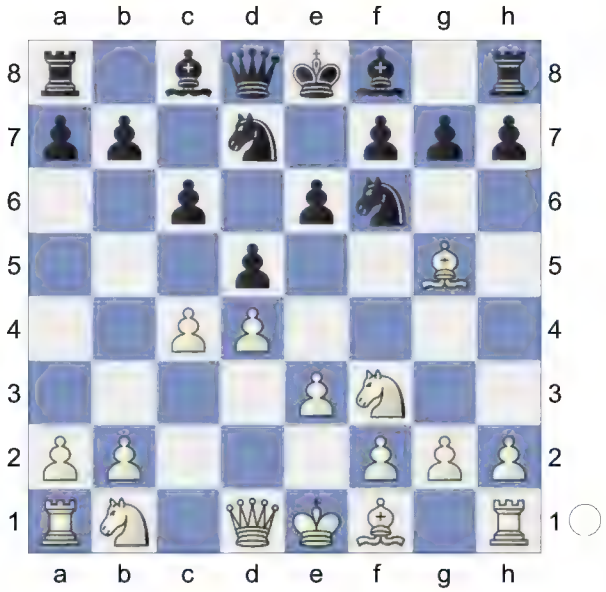
170 **D52**
□ **Fiala,Jaroslav** **2417**
■ **Petrovic,Djordje** **2311**
corr WC.2009.T.00003 15.04.2008
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6



6.Nc3N

[6.Nbd2

A) 6...h6 7.Bh4 *(7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Qc2 Bd6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.h3 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Bb4+ 12.Nfd2 c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0-0 Qc7 15.Nf3 b6 16.Nce5 Bb7 17.Kb1 Bd6 18.Nc4 Bb4 19.a3 Be7 20.Rhg1 Rac8 21.Rc1 Bd5* ½-½ (38) Grabner,H-Kling,K EU/M/716 corr ICCF 1985*)* 7...g5 8.Bg3 Nh5 9.Bd3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Bg7 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.Rc1 0-0 13.0-0 e5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.b4 Bg4 18.Nf3 Qb2 19.Qxb2 Bxb2 20.Rc7 Bxf3 21.gxf3 1-0 (58) 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 53147 (2719)-Seebacher,O (2642) corr M1628 E 1997 (6);

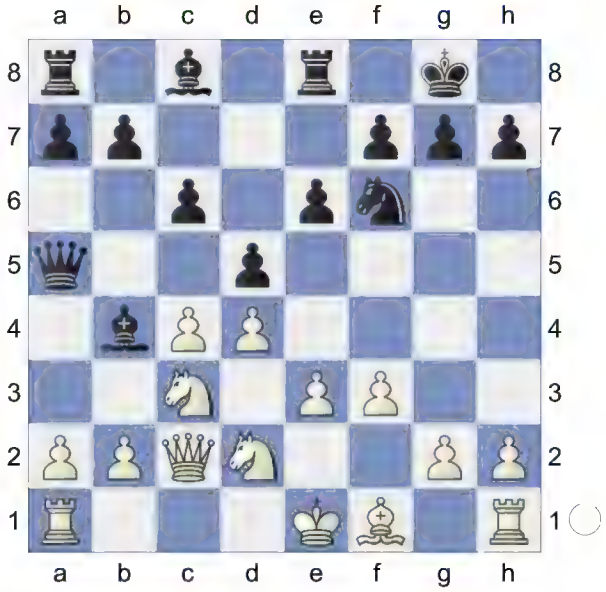
B) 6...Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 *(8.Qc2 h6 9.h4 c5 10.a3 b6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bf4 cxd4 14.exd4 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Ng4 16.Bg3 Bd6 17.Bf5 Bxg3 18.Bxg4 Re8+ 19.Kf1 Qf6 20.Nb3 Ba6+ 21.Kg1 Re2* 0-1 Grabner,H-Kievelitz,B EU/M/716 corr ICCF 1985 *)* 8...Re8 9.Qc2 Nf8 10.Ne5 N6d7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.Rac1 Rad8 14.Rfd1 Bc8 15.Nf3 g6 16.Qc3 Nd7 17.Qa5 a6 18.Be2 dxc4 19.Rxc4 b6 20.Qb4 Qxb4 21.Rxb4 1-0 (55) Holloway,N (2557)-Chmielewski,T (2357) 56/226 Tilburg 1992 (3);

C) 6...Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Bxh7+ Kh8 14.Bc2 D 30/16 2003]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.f3 -0.63/17

[Better is 10.Bd3= 0.00/17]

10...Re8



11.Bd3 e5 12.0-0 Black is slightly better. **12...exd4 13.exd4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qd8 15.Ne2 Be6**

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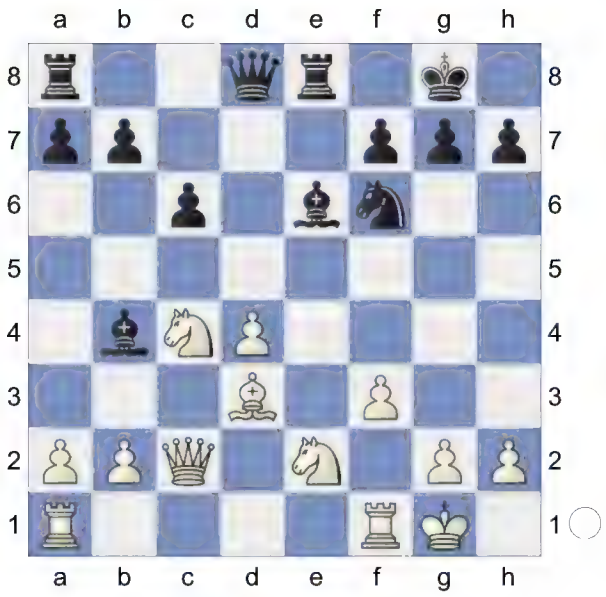
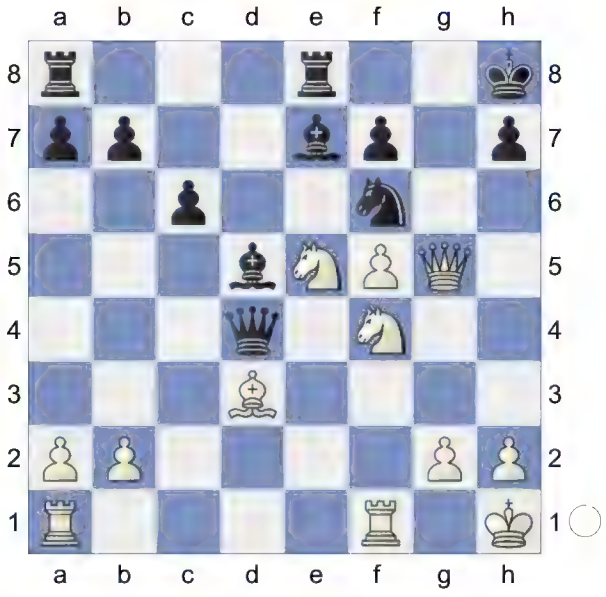


16.Ne5 g6 -0.46/19
[16...a5∓ -0.94/16 17.f4 Qb6]
17.f4∓ Qb6 0.01/19
[17...Bd5∓ -0.44/19]
18.Kh1= Bd5 19.f5 And now f5xg6 would win. **19...g5 20.Qc1! Kh8?** 2.49/19
[20...h6∓ -0.45/20 stays ahead. 21.h4 Rxe5 Remove Defender 22.dxe5 Ng4]

21.Qxg5+- Be7
(Diagram)

22.Nf4! Excellent horsemanship.
22...Qxd4 16.31/25
[22...Ne4 2.16/20 23.Qh6 Bf8 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Nxf7+ Kg8 26.Qxb6 axb6]



23.Ne6!

(Diagram)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.37. Loss on time!?
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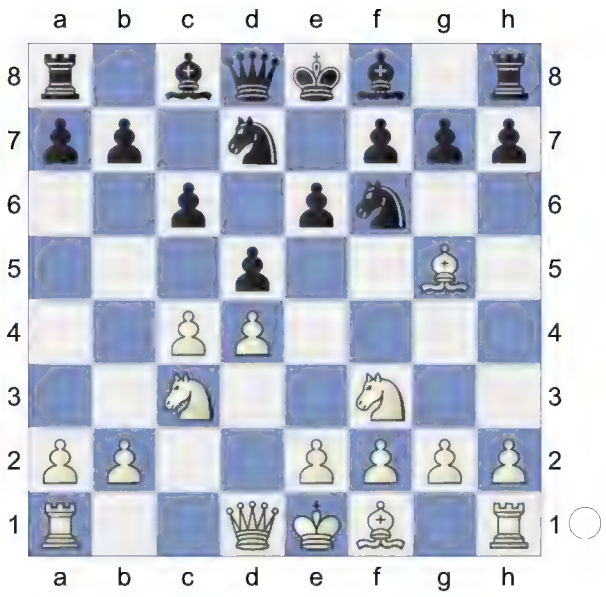
171 **D52**
□ **Baum,Jonasz** **2412**
■ **Richterova,Natasa** **2171**
17th Open 2024 (4.32) 18.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4** 0.16 **d5** 0.24 **2.c4** 0.19 **c6** 0.21 **3.Nf3** 0.25 **Nf6** 0.27 **4.Nc3** 0.21 **e6** 0.14 **5.Bg5** 0.14 **Nbd7** 0.26

(Diagram)



6.e3 0.21 **Qa5** 0.16
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10.d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/(6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]
[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]
7.Nd2N 0.03
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 0.38 **8.Rc1** 0.39 **dxc4** 0.04 **9.Bxf6** 0.45 **Nxf6** 0.44 **10.Nxc4** 0.38 The position is equal. **10...Qd8** 0.06

11.a3 0.55 **Be7** 0.06 **12.Be2** 0.47 **0-0** 0.42 **13.Bf3** 0.47 **Nd5** 0.05 **14.Ne4** 0.45 **h6** 0.57 **15.0-0** 0.62 **a5** 0.54

(Diagram)

16.Qb3 0.45 **a4** 0.53 **17.Qc2** 0.48 **Nb6** 0.62 **18.Ne5** 0.59 **Nd7** 0.77/21

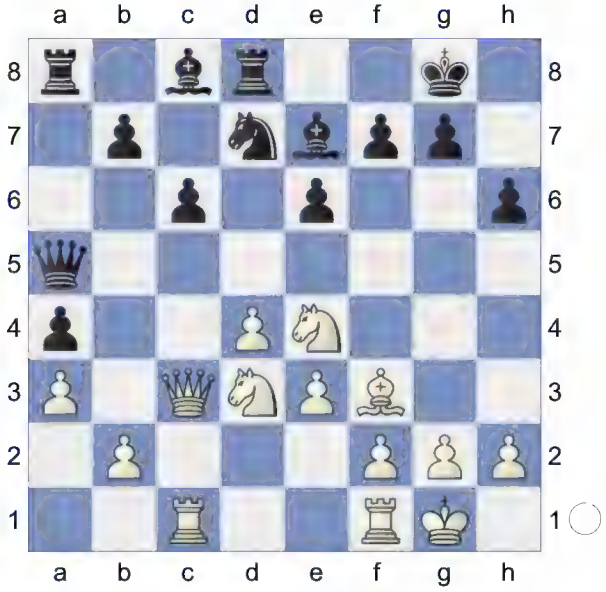
[18...Ra5± 0.34/18]

19.Nd3?! 0.36/20 Inaccuracy. Nxd7 was best. White is much more active. Excellent horsemanship.

[19.Nxd7]

[19.Nxd7± 0.77/21 Bxd7 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.dxc5 *(21.Qxc5 Qc7±)*]

19...Qa5± 0.44 **20.Qc3** 0.11 **Rd8** 0.13



21.Bd1 0.06 **Qd5** 0.15

(Diagram)

22.Bc2! 0.13 **g5?!** 0.74/21 Inaccuracy. Qa5 was best.
[22...Qa5]
[22...Qxe4? 23.Nf4+-]
[22...Qa5= 0.10/20 keeps the balance.]
[22...Qb5 23.Rfd1]
23.Ndc5± 0.89 **b6** 0.96 **24.Nxd7** 0.71 **Qxd7** 1.13 **25.f4?!** 0.12 Inaccuracy. Ng3 was best. And now f4xg5 would win.
[25.Ng3 f5 26.Bd1 g4 27.b4 Bb7 28.Nh5 Qe8 29.Nf4 Bg5 30.Be2 Kh7]
25...Ba6 0.12

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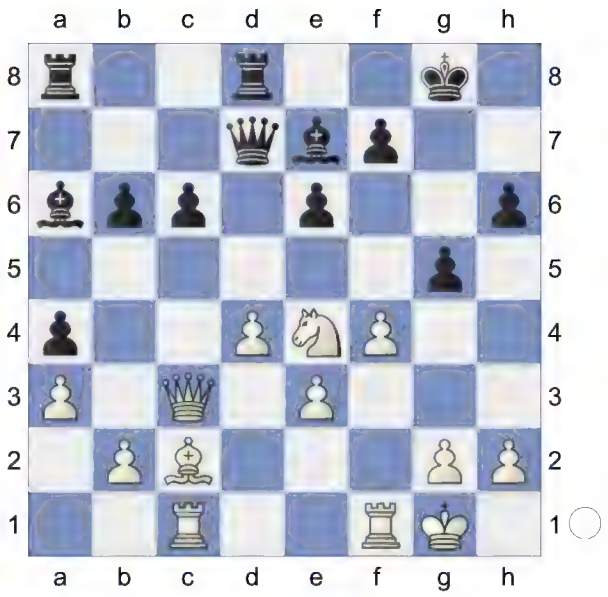
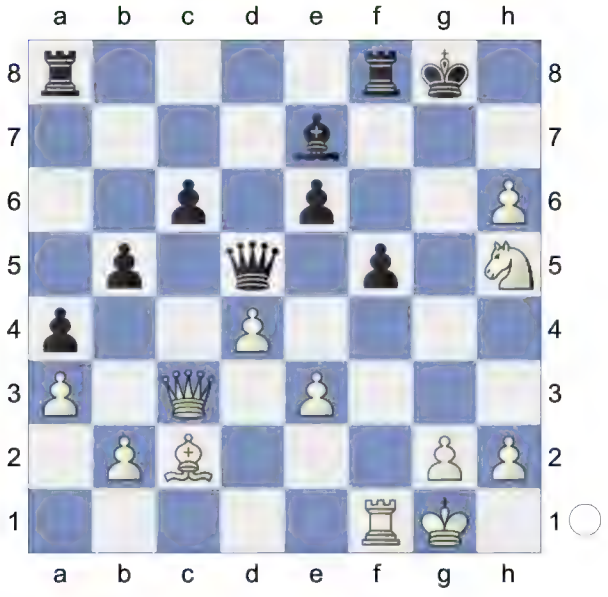


26.fxg5 0.08 **Bxf1** 0.01 **27.gxh6** 0.07
[27.Rxf1 Bxg5 28.Nxg5 hxg5=]
27...Qd5 0.07 **28.Rxf1** 0.00 **f5** 0.01
29.Ng3 0.00 **Rf8** 1.53/18
[⌓29...Rd6 1.04/20]
30.Nh5 0.07 **b5??** 1.58/20
[30...Bg5]
[Black should play 30...Bg5!± 0.70/19]



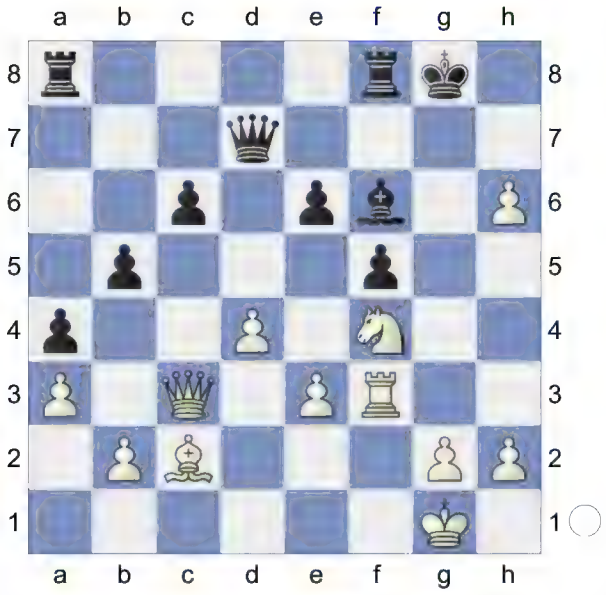
Blunder. Bg5 was best. **31.Nf4** 2.06 **Qd7** 3.34/23
[31...Qc4± 1.36/21]
32.Rf3?! 1.76 Inaccuracy. d5 was best.

[32.d5 Bf6 33.dxe6 Bxc3 34.exd7 Bxb2 35.Ne6 Bxa3 36.g4 Rf6 37.d8Q+ Rxd8]

32...Bf6?! 3.18/20

[32...Rf7 33.h7+]

[32...Rf7 2.07/21 is a better defense. 33.Ng6 Bf6]



Inaccuracy. Rf7 was best. **33.h7+!** 2.42 **Kf7** 2.09

[33...Kh8 34.g4]

34.Bb1 3.06 **c5** 3.02 **35.Qxc5??** 1.05/22 Blunder. Qe1 was best.

[35.Qe1 d4-d5 is the strong threat. Rae8 3.90/19 *(⌓35...Bg5* 2.53/16 *36.Nd3 Qd6 37.Nxc5 Rac8 38.Bxf5* Promotion *exf5 39.Rxf5+ Kg7 40.Rxg5+ Kh8)* 36.d5+- e5 37.Ne6 e4 4.66/22 *(37...Qxd5* 3.03/20 was worth a try. *38.Nc7 Qd6)* 38.Rxf5+- Rxe6 39.dxe6+ Qxe6 40.Qf1 aiming for g2-g4! Kg7]

[35.Qe1+- 2.56/19]

35...Rac8 0.01

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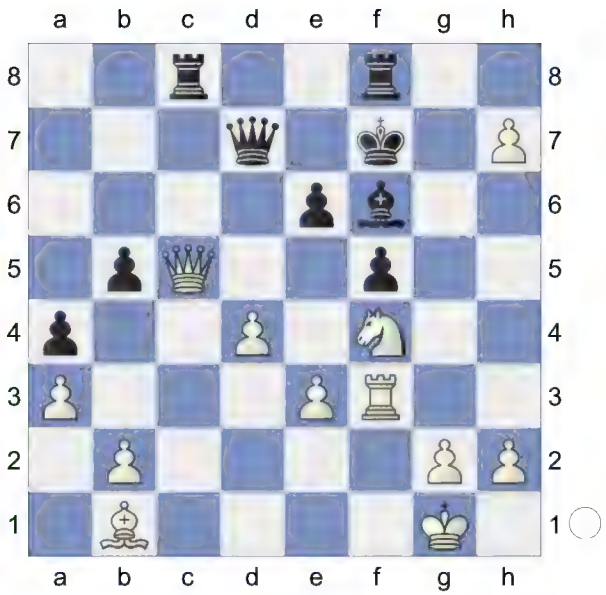
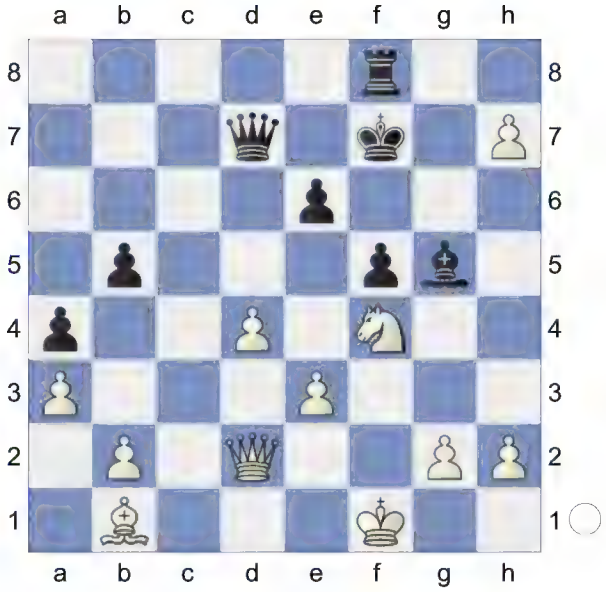


Against d4-d5 **36.Qb4** 0.06 **Rc1+** 0.05 **37.Rf1** 0.13 **Rxf1+** 1.87/5 Inaccuracy. Be7 was best.

[37...Be7 38.Qd2 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1 Bg5



40.d5! Bxf4 41.dxe6+ Qxe6 42.exf4 Kg7

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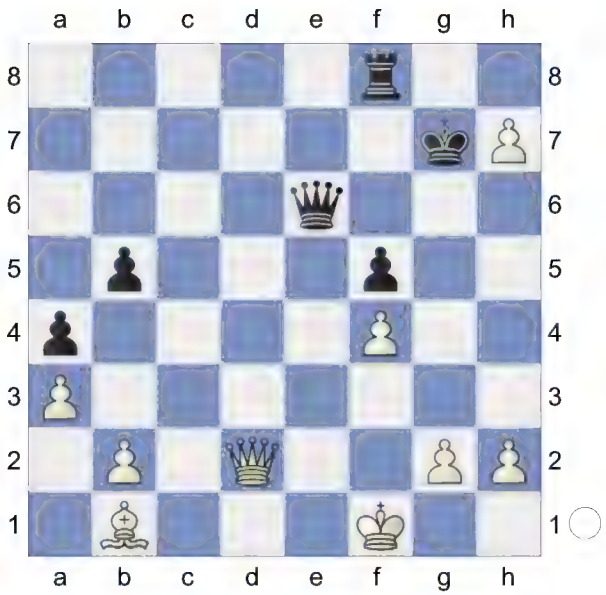
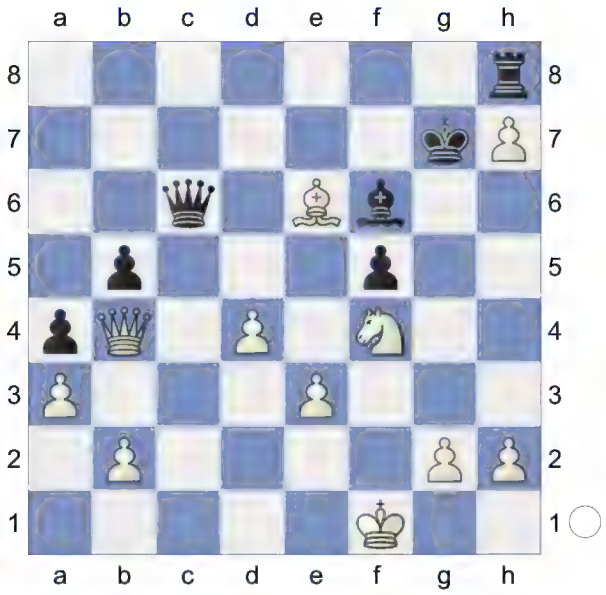
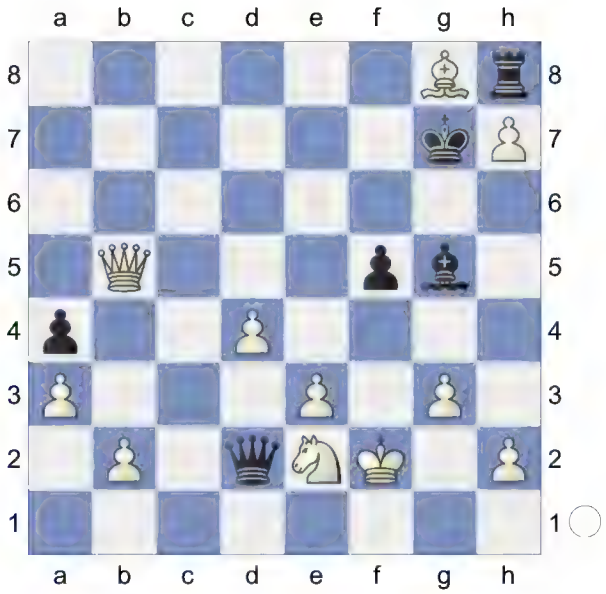


43.h3!]
[37...Be7± 0.89/25 was called for. 38.Qd2 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1 Bd6]
38.Kxf1+- 1.27 Threatens to win with Bb1-a2. **38...Rh8??** 4.64/19 Blunder. Be7 was best.
[38...Be7 39.Qc3]
[⌓38...Be7 1.79/23 39.Qc3 Bd6]
39.Ba2 4.47 **Qc6** 4.04 **40.Bxe6+** 4.32 **Kg7** 4.34

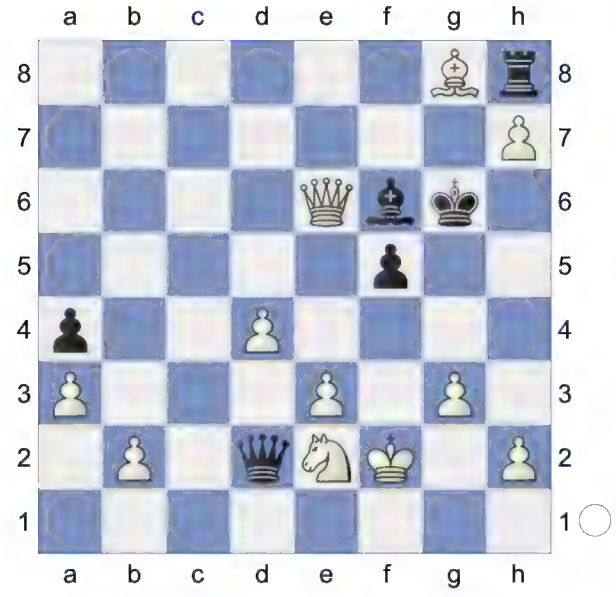


41.Bg8 4.02 **Qc1+** 5.62/22
[⌓41...Rxg8 3.97/21 42.hxg8B *(42.hxg8R+ Kxg8 43.Qc5 Qxc5+-)* 42...Kxg8]
42.Kf2 4.61 Black must now prevent Nf4-h5+. **42...Bh4+** 7.70/22
[⌓42...Qc2+ 4.99/20 43.Ne2 *(43.Kg3 Qc1+-)* 43...Qc6]
43.g3 5.08 Intending Nf4-h5+ and mate. **43...Qc2+** 5.11 **44.Ne2** 5.08 **Bg5** 5.28 **45.Qxb5** 5.17 **Qd2??** #26
[45...Rxh7 46.Bxh7 Kxh7 47.Qd7+ Kh8 48.h4 Bf6 49.Qe6 Bg7 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.h5]



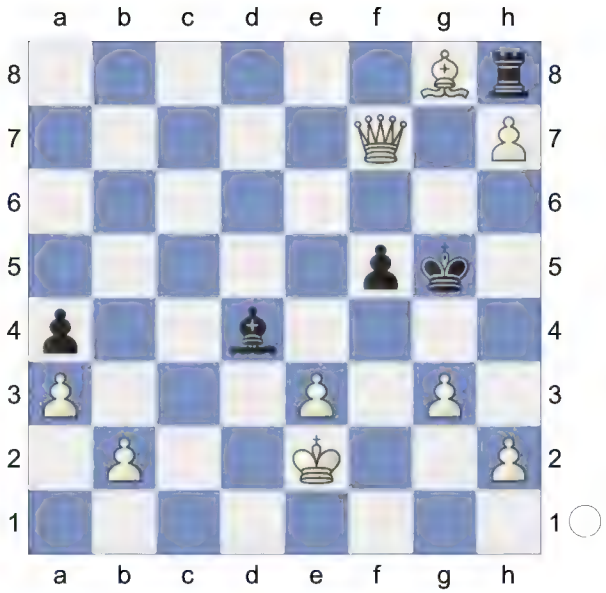
Checkmate is now unavoidable. Rxh7 was best. **46.Qe5+** 13.88 **Bf6?!** #12 Checkmate is now unavoidable. Kh6 was best.
[46...Kh6 47.h4]
47.Qc7+ #10 **Kh6** #10 **48.Qd6?** 29.03/24 Lost forced checkmate sequence. Qc6 was best.
[⌓48.Qc6 #10/21 Kg6 49.Qe8+ *(49.Qxa4 Rxh7 50.Qe8+ Kh6+-)* 49...Kh6 50.Qe6 *(50.Qxa4 f4+-)* 50...Kg5 51.Kf3 *(51.h4+ Kg4 52.Qxf6 Qd1 53.Be6 Qc2 54.h5 Qxe2+ 55.Kxe2 Kxg3 56.Qxf5 Kg2 57.Qf2+ Kh1 58.Bd5#)* 51...Qxe2+ 52.Kxe2 Bg7 53.Kf3 *(53.h4+ Kg4*

54.Qg6+ Kh3 55.Qxf5+ Kxg3 56.Qf4+ Kh3 57.Kf3 Rxg8 58.Qg3#)]
48...Kg7? #9 Checkmate is now unavoidable. Kg6 was best.
[48...Kg6 49.Qd7 Qd7-f7+ would kill now. Bg5 50.Qe6+ Kg7 51.h4 Bxe3+ 52.Qxe3 18.23/21 *(⌓52.Kf3* #10/22 *Bxd4 53.Qf7+ Kh6 54.Nxd4 Qd3+ 55.Kg2 Qe4+ 56.Kh2 Qe5 57.Nxf5+ Qxf5* Remove Defender *58.Qxf5 Kg7 59.Qf7+ Kh6 60.Qf6+ Kh5 61.Qg5#)* 52...Rxh7 53.Qxd2 Kxg8 54.Ke1 26.89/21 *(⌓54.d5* #13/21 *Kf7 55.Qd4 Rg7 56.d6 Rg8 57.Nf4 Rg7 58.d7 Rg8 59.d8Q)*]
49.Qd7+ #26 **Kh6 50.Qe6 Kg6**



51.Qf7+ Kg5 52.Kf3 Qxe2+ 53.Kxe2 Bxd4

(Diagram)



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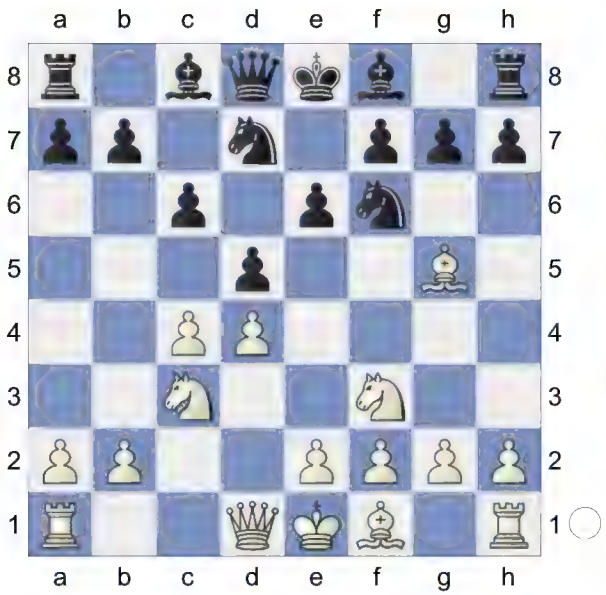
172 **D52**
□ **Fiorito,Joaquin** **2409**
■ **Ibarra,Juan Martin** **2212**
5. Villa Constitucion Open (3.4) 18.08.23
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Short,N: 'Inf 73/508' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

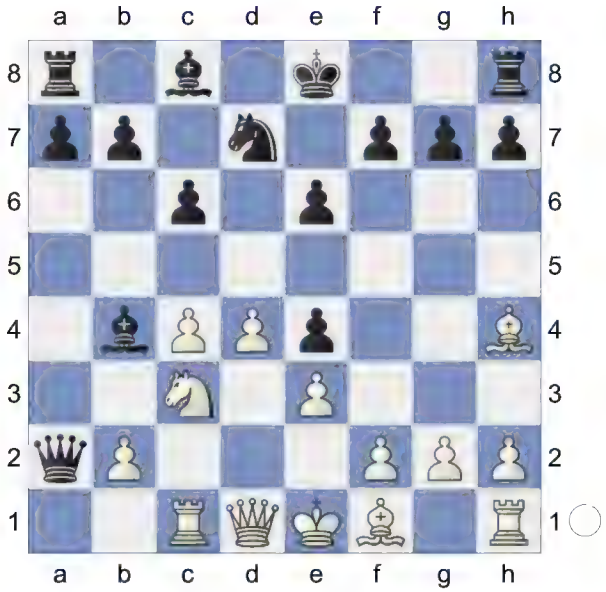
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Nd2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 The main line 8... Ne4 scores better than 8...0-0. Die Hauptvariante 8...Se4 punktet besser als 8...0-0. **9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4** The position is equal. **10...Qxa2**

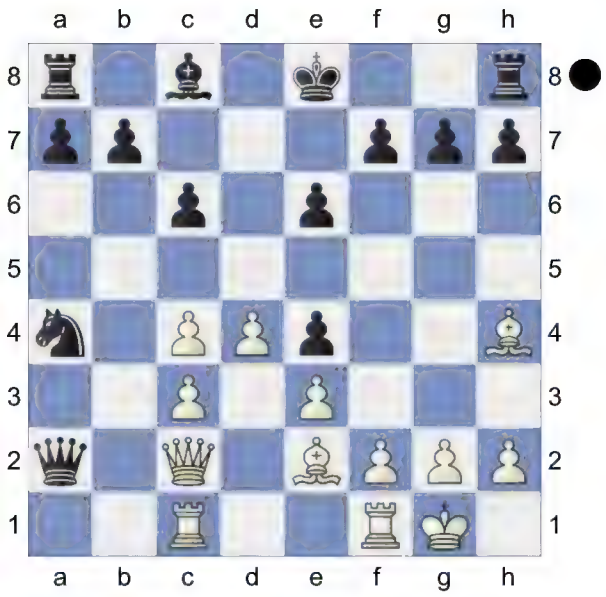


11.Qc2 Nb6 12.Be2

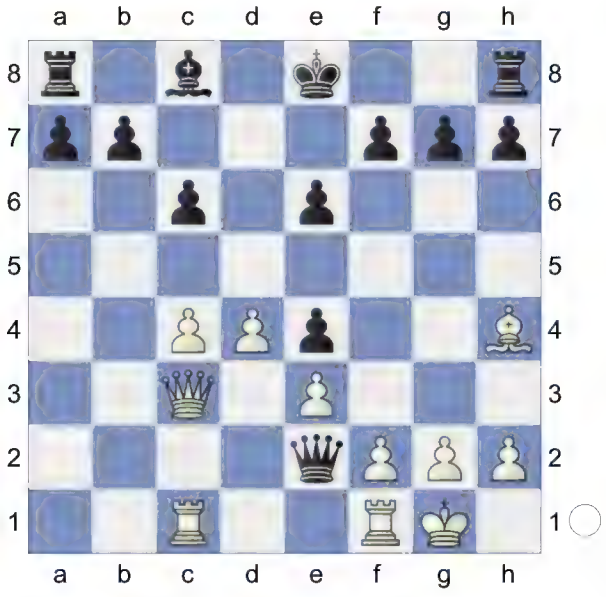
[12.Qxe4 Qxb2 *(12...Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Qg4∓)* 13.Qc2 Qxc2 14.Rxc2 Na4∓]

12...Na4 13.0-0 Bxc3 Remove Defender **14.bxc3**

(Diagram)

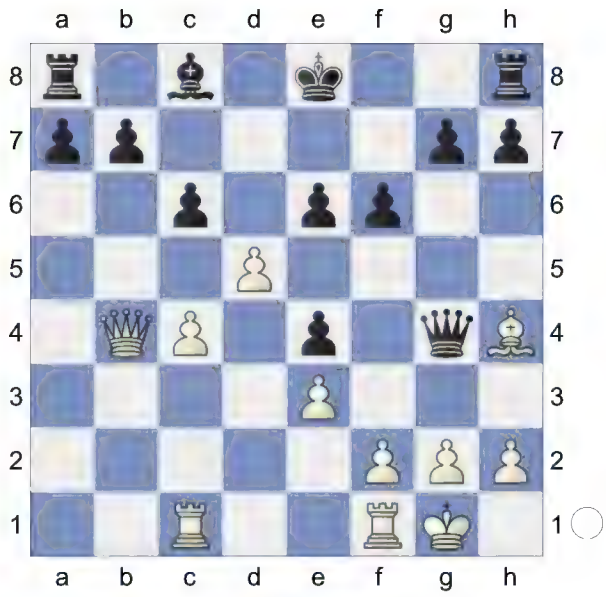


Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxe2



16.Qb4N
[16.Qb4!? f6□ 17.d5=]
16...f6 17.d5P And now d5xc6 would win. White puts up resistance **17...Qg4** 0.91/21
[17...a5= -0.01/20 18.Qd6 cxd5 *(18...Qh5 19.dxc6 Kf7 20.Qc7+ Kg6 21.cxb7±)* 19.cxd5 Qa6 20.Qxa6 bxa6]

(Diagram)

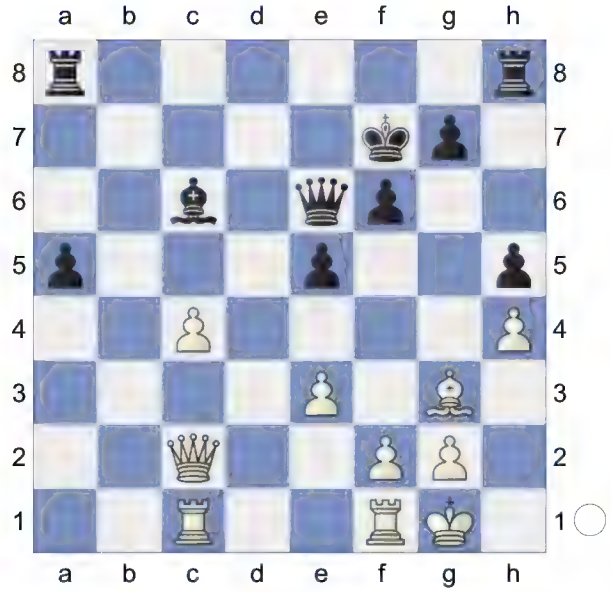


18.Bg3 -0.36/19
[18.dxc6!± 0.91/21 bxc6 19.Qd6]
18...Kf7 0.26/22
[18...a5∓ -0.36/19 19.Qa4 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7]
19.dxc6= Black is weak on the dark squares **19...bxc6 20.Qd6 e5**

21.Qxc6
[21.Rfd1 with more complications. a5 22.Qxc6 Be6 23.h3]
21...Bd7 22.Qd5+ Qe6 Hoping for ... Qe6xd5. **23.Qxe4** -0.83/20
[23.Qa5!= -0.20/20 keeps the

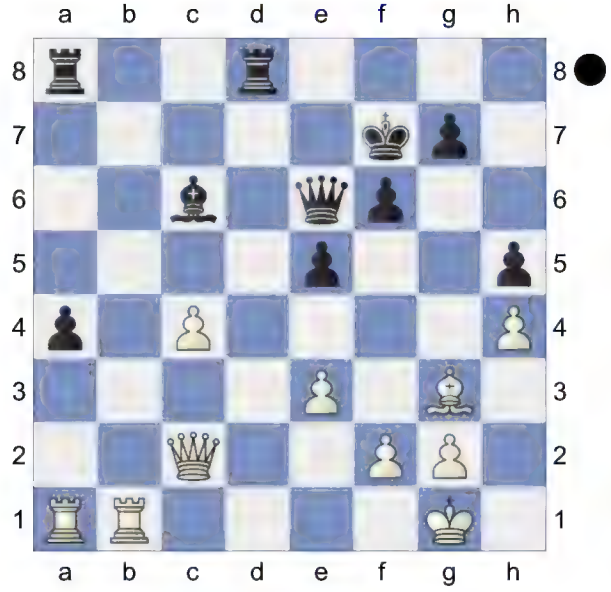
balance.]

23...Bc6∓ 24.Qc2 h5 White must now prevent ...h5-h4. **25.h4 a5**



26.Rfd1 a4 27.Ra1 Rhd8 28.Rdb1 -1.37/21

[⌓28.Rxd8 -0.97/21 Rxd8 29.Kh2]



28...Rab8 -0.80/21

[⌓28...Qg4! -1.37/21 aiming for ...Bc6-e4. 29.c5 Qe4 30.Qxe4 Bxe4]

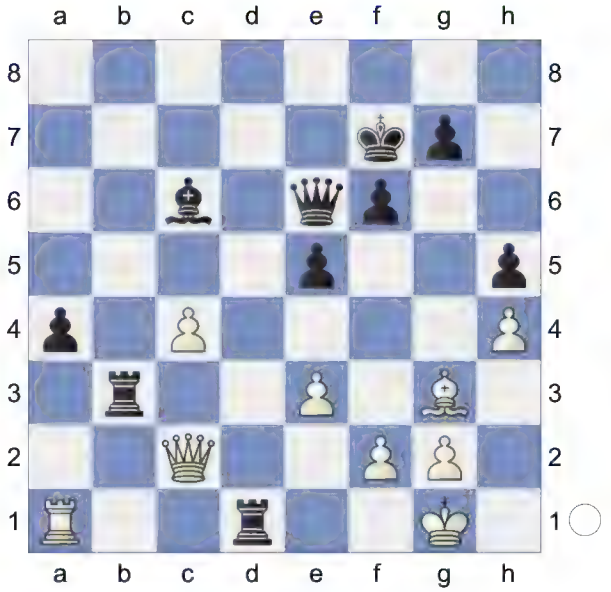
29.Rc1 -1.53/22

[Better is 29.Rxb8 -0.80/21 Rxb8 30.Kh2]

29...Rb3 30.Rd1 -1.95/22

[30.Rcb1∓ -1.53/22 keeps fighting.]

30...Rxd1+-+



31.Rxd1 Rb4 -1.17/21

[31...Qg4-+ -2.04/23 ...Bc6-e4 would now be deadly. 32.Ra1 Rb4]

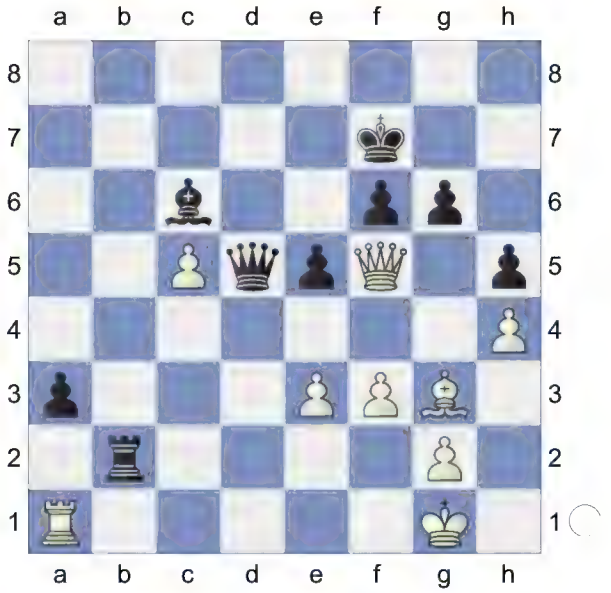
32.c5? -4.22/20 Loses the game.

[32.Kh2∓ -1.17/21]

32...a3 33.Ra1 -8.67/23

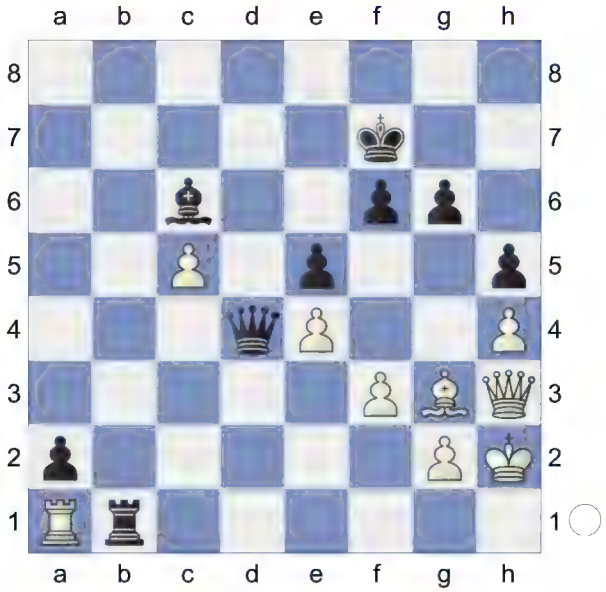
[⌓33.Qc3 -4.32/22 Qb3 34.Qxb3+ Rxb3 35.Ra1]

33...Qd5 34.f3 Rb2 35.Qf5 g6



Active counter play! **36.Qh3 a2**

Threatens to win with ...Rb2-b1+. **37.e4 Qd4+ 38.Kh2 Rb1**



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173 **D52**

□ **Khademalsharieh,Sarasadat** **2403**

■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2484**

Teheran FIDE GP (Women) (11) 23.02.16

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

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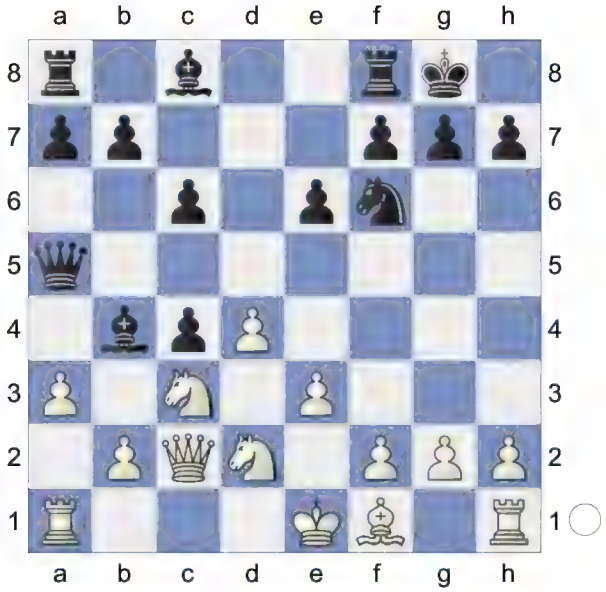
7.Nd2N

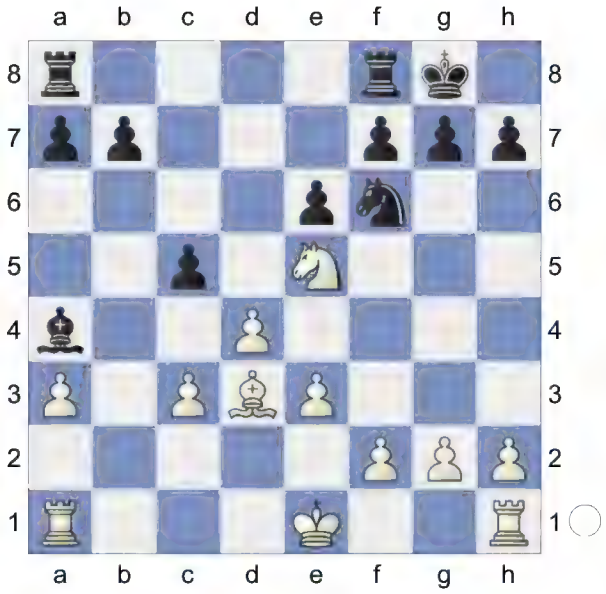
[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8

31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

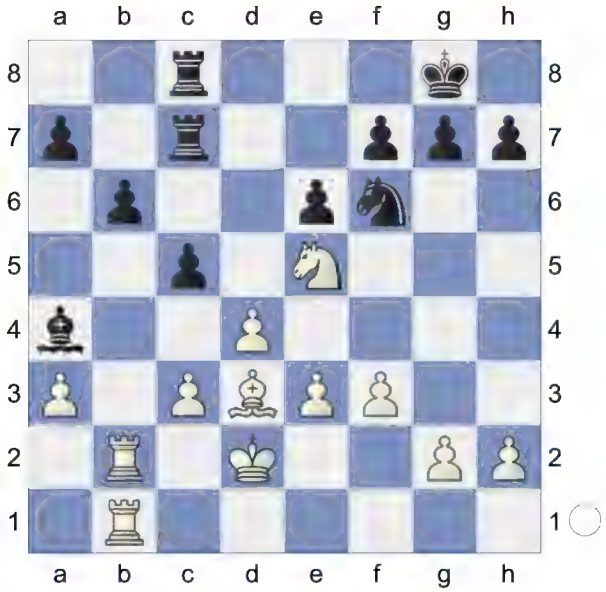
7...Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6



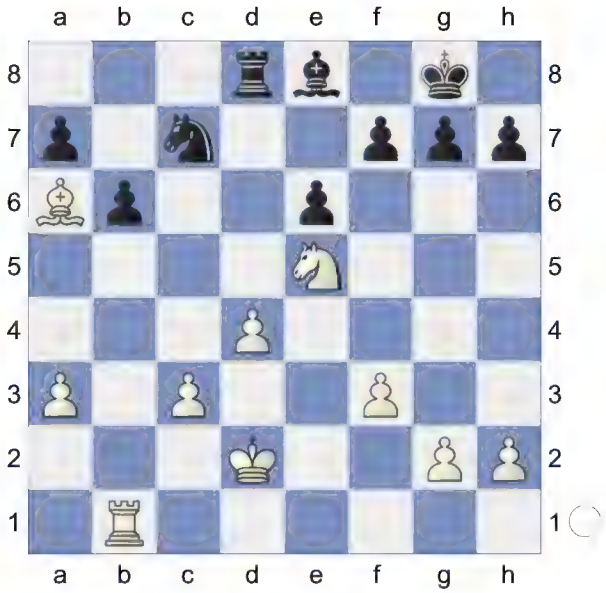
11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 The position is equal. **12...Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 c5 14.Bd3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Ba4**



16.Rb1 Rab8 17.Kd2 Rfc8 18.Rb2 Rc7 19.f3 b6 20.Rhb1 Rbc8



21.Ba6 cxd4 22.exd4 Rd8 23.Rb4 Be8 24.Rc4 Nd5 25.Rxc7 Nxc7



26.Bd3 -0.30/20

[26.Bb7 0.17/18 should be considered.]

26...f6= 27.Ng4

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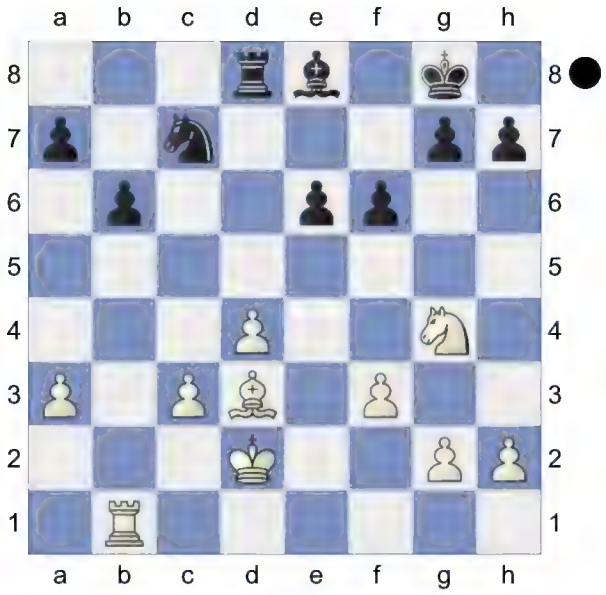
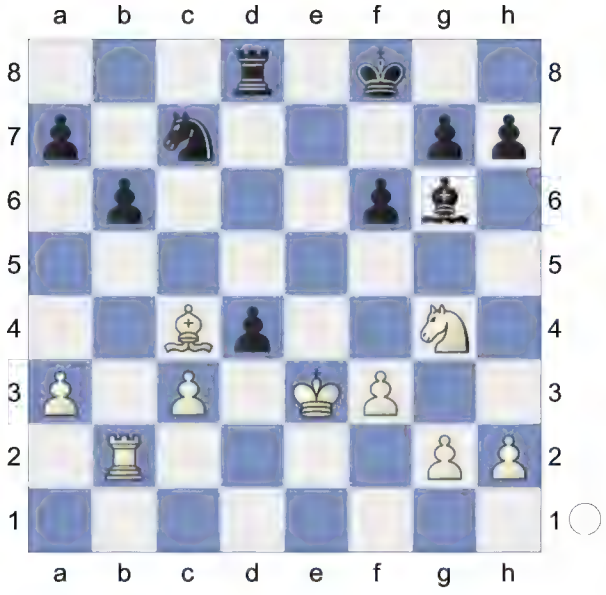


e5! 28.Bc4+
[28.dxe5? Rxd3+ 29.Kxd3 Bg6+ 30.Kd2 Bxb1-+]
[28.Rb4 Nd5]
28...Kf8 29.Ke3 Bg6 30.Rb2 exd4+



31.cxd4 Ne8 32.d5 -1.10/22
[32.Bd3!∓ -0.41/21]
32...Nd6∓ 33.Bd3 h5 34.Nf2
[34.Bxg6 Nc4+ *(34...hxg4 35.Rc2=)* 35.Kd4 Nxb2]

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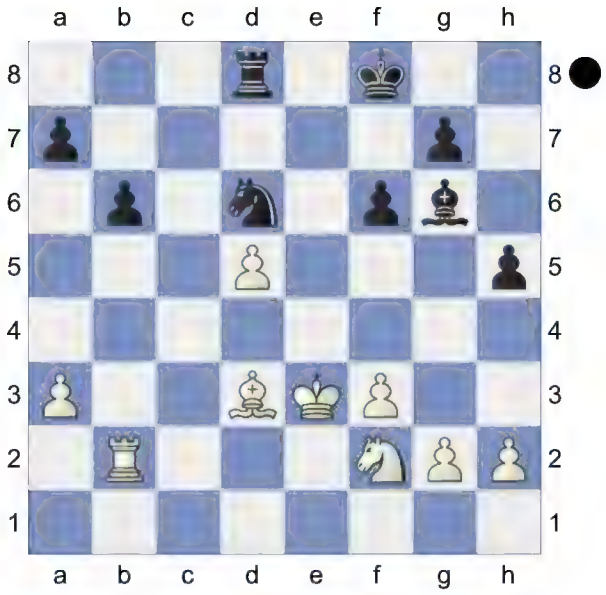
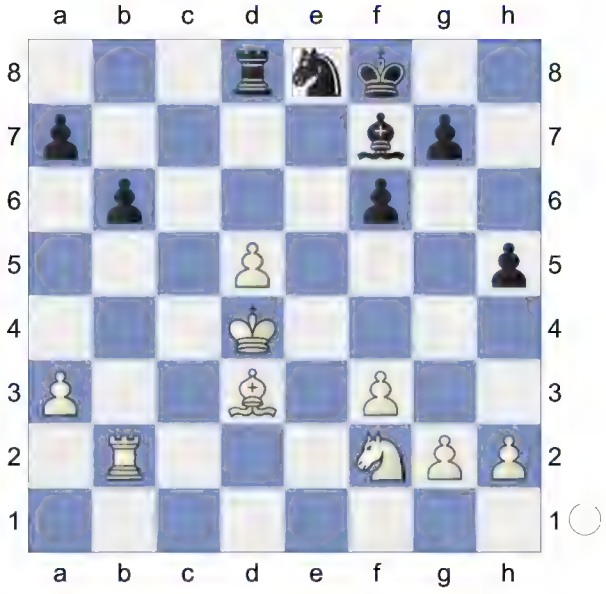


34...Bf7! 35.Kd4 -1.48/20
[⌓35.Rc2 -1.03/19]
35...Ne8



36.Rc2 Rxd5+ 37.Ke3 Ra5 38.Rc3 Nd6 39.Ne4 Nxe4 40.Bxe4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **40...g5**

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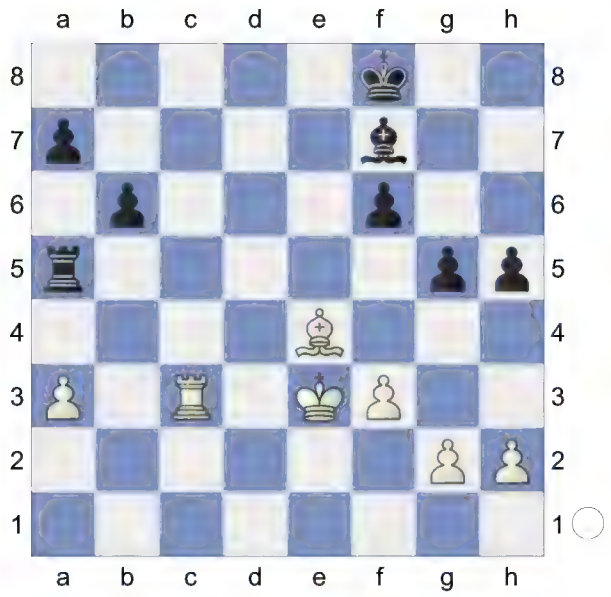
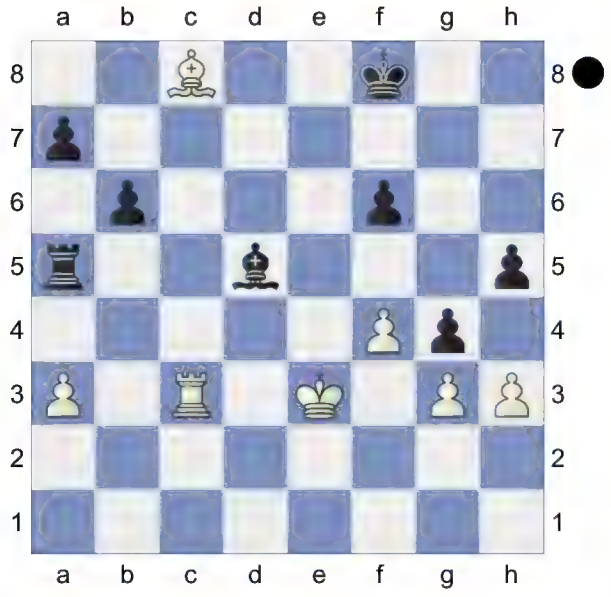


41.f4 Ra4 42.g3 g4 -0.57/24
[42...Be8∓ -1.12/19 43.h4 g4]
43.Bf5 -0.94/24
[43.Bc2∓ -0.57/24 Ra5 44.Rc8+ Ke7 45.Rc7+ Ke8 46.a4]
43...Ra5 44.Bc8 Bd5 45.h3



h4!

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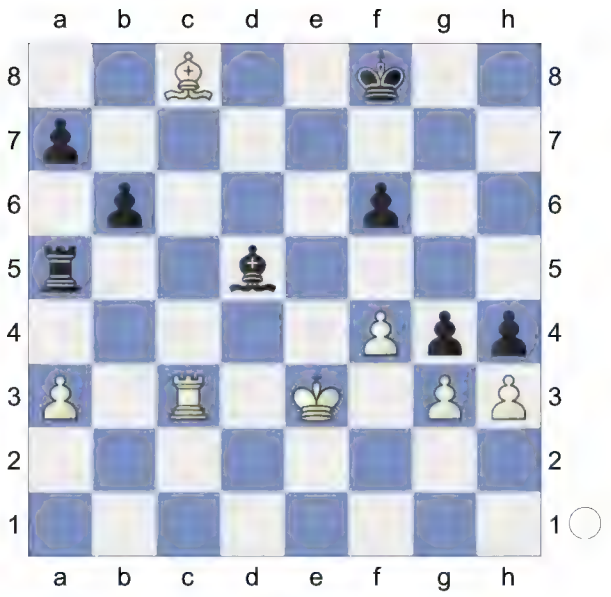
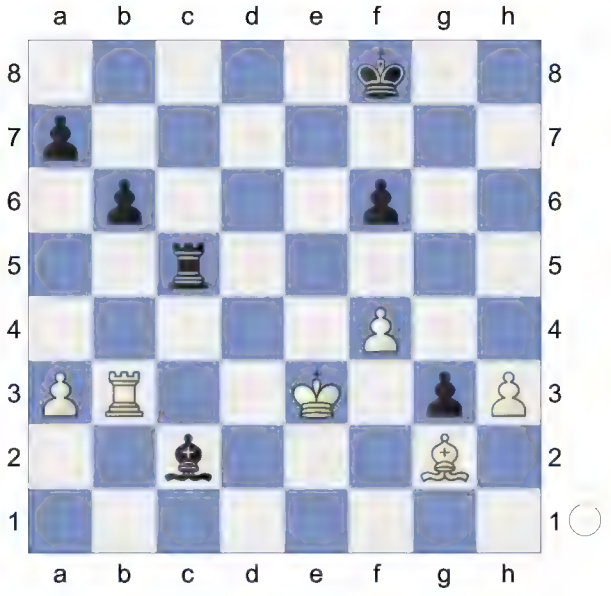


46.Bxg4
[46.Kf2 gxh3]
46...hxg3 And now ...Ra5-c5 would win.
47.Bf3 Be6 White must now prevent ... Ra5-c5! **48.Bg2** -2.38/26
[48.Bg4∓ -1.23/21 Bxg4 49.hxg4]
48...Rc5-+ 49.Rd3 Bf5 50.Rb3 Bc2



51.Rb4 Ke7 52.h4 b5 53.Kf3 -2.42/22
[53.Kd4∓ -1.49/20 Kd6 54.Rb2]
53...Rc3+ 54.Kg4 Bd1+ -1.24/23
[54...Rxa3 55.Rxb5 Kf8 56.h5=]
[54...a6-+ -1.91/20 55.Rd4 Rxa3]
55.Kh3∓ f5

[Don't play 55...Rxa3 56.Rxb5 Ba4 57.Rc5=]

Black is more active. **56.Bb7?** -2.76/23
[56.h5!∓ -0.62/20]
56...Be2
[And not 56...Rxa3 57.Rxb5 Ke6 58.Bd5+ *(58.Bc8+ Kd6∓)* 58...Kd6 59.Bb7∓]
57.a4 -3.81/22
[57.h5 -2.48/21 was necessary.]
57...a5-+ (-> ...Be2-f1+) **58.Rb2?** -6.08/22
[58.Rb1 -3.76/24 Bg4+ *(58...bxa4? 59.Re1-+)* 59.Kg2]
58...Bg4+ 59.Kg2 bxa4 60.Rb5 Rb3

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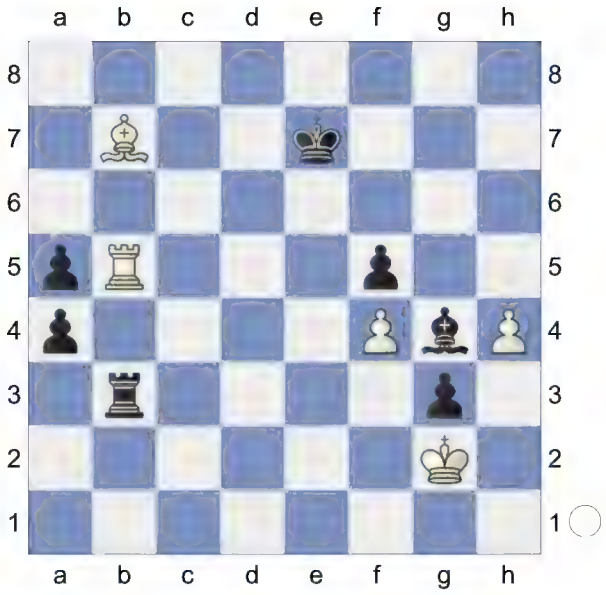
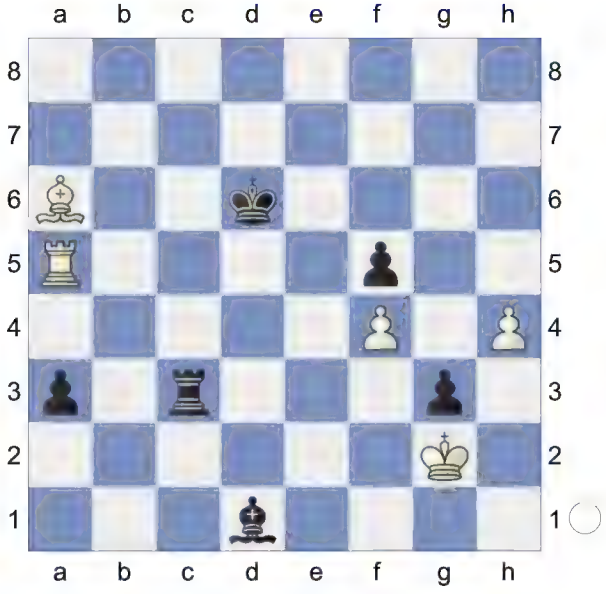
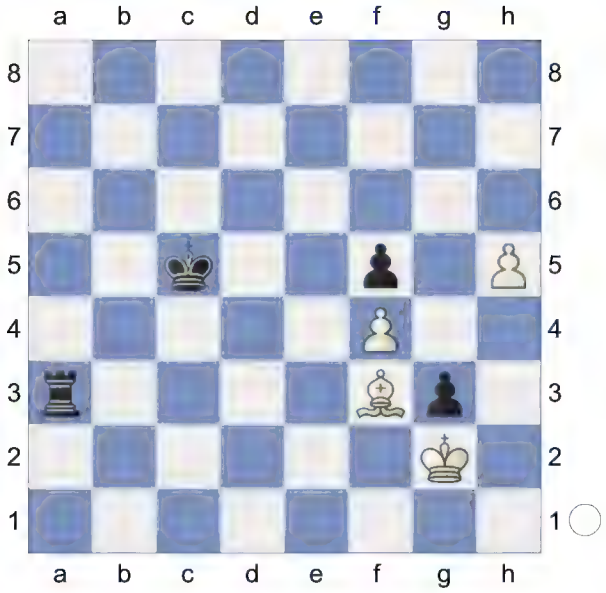


61.Re5+ Kd6 62.Ba8 a3 63.Rxa5 Rd3 64.Bb7 Bd1 -2.63/21
[⌓64...Kc7 -4.51/23 65.Bd5 Kb6 Deflection]
65.Ba6 -3.77/22
[⌓65.Ba8 -2.63/21]
65...Rc3

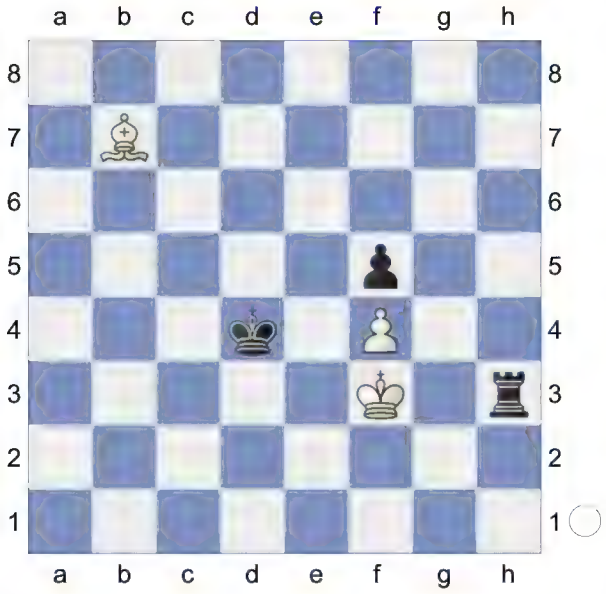


66.Bb7 Bc2? -0.86/22
[66...Kc7-+ -4.37/23 67.Bd5 Kb6]
67.h5∓ Bb3 Threatens to win with ...a3-a2. **68.Rxa3** Strongly threatening h5-h6.
68...Bd5+ Discovered Attack **69.Bxd5 Rxa3** KR-KB **70.Bf3** -1.22/27

[⩲70.Bf7 -0.85/31]
70...Kc5 -0.16/30
[70...Ke7∓ -1.22/27]



71.h6? -1.91/29
[71.Kxg3= -0.16/30 Re3 72.Kg2]
71...Ra6-+ 72.Bb7 Rxh6 73.Kxg3 Kd4 74.Kf3? -6.95/37
[74.Kf2 -2.11/34]
74...Rh3+? -2.11/37
[74...Rb6 -6.95/37 75.Ba8 Rb8]



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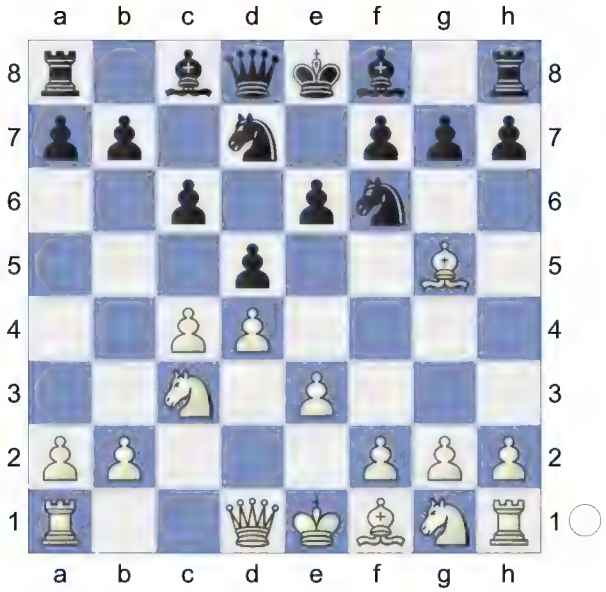
174 **D52**
□ **Bellmann,Herbert** **2397**
■ **Tiemann,Hagen** **2368**
corr L15K1-R 01.02.2017
[Kitty Kat]

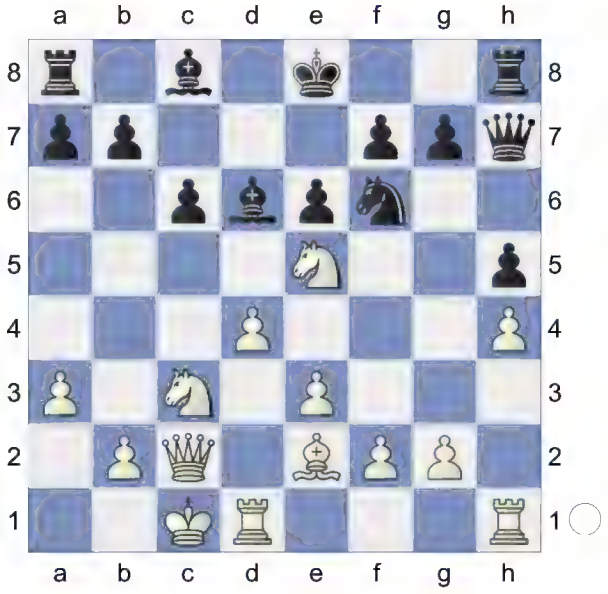
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6



6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qg5N
[10...Qc7 11.a3 Bd6 12.e4 e5 13.f4 exd4 14.e5 Bf8 15.exf6 dxc3 16.Qe4+ Be6 17.f5 0-0-0 18.fxe6 cxb2 19.Rb1 Bxa3 20.Nxa3 Qa5+ 21.Kf2 Qxa3 22.Be2 Qc5+ 23.Qe3 Qf5+ 24.Qf3 Qc5+ ½-½ Nilsson,A-Bernstein,I ICCA corr 1946]

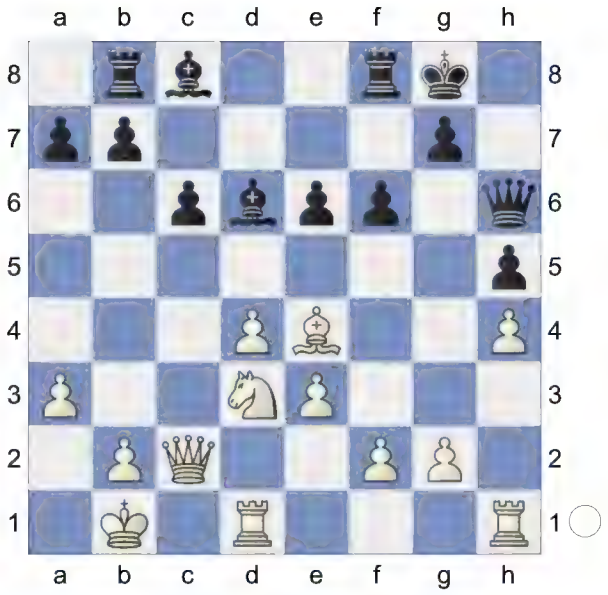
(Diagram)

11.a3 Be7 12.Ne5 h5 13.h4 White is slightly better. **13...Qh6 14.Be2 Bd6 15.0-0-0 Qh7**



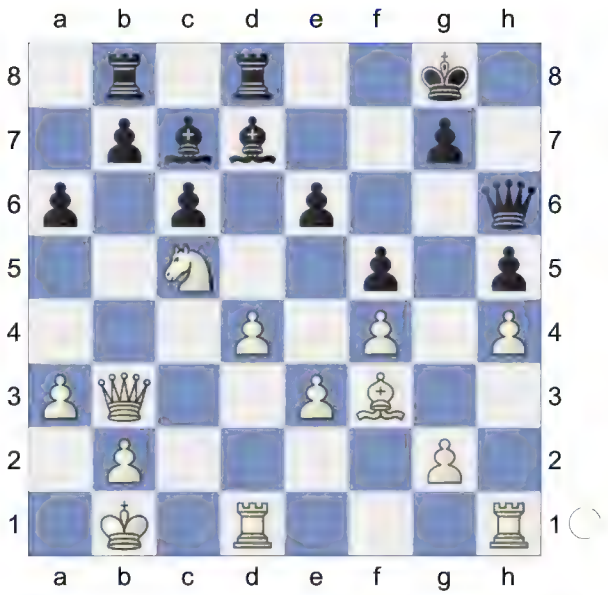
16.Bd3 White has more active pieces. **16...Qh6 17.Kb1 0-0 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 f6 20.Nd3 Rb8**

(Diagram)



21.f4 f5 22.Bf3 Bd7 23.Qa4 a6 24.Nc5 Rfd8 25.Qb3 Bc7? 2.78/20

[25...Qg6± 0.80/20]

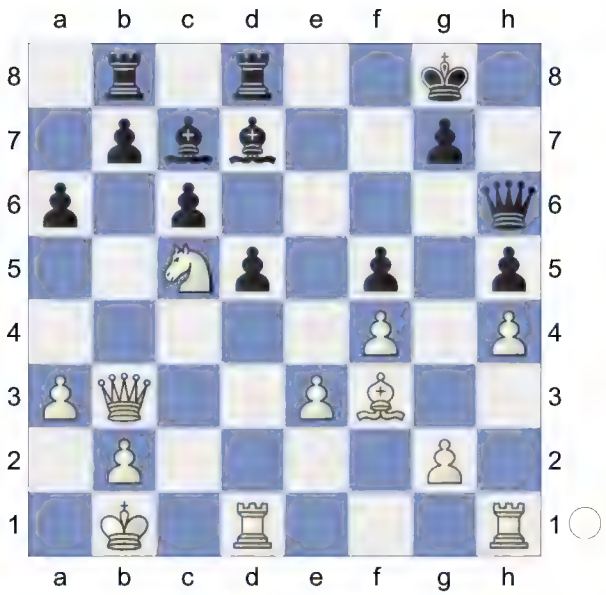


Black cannot hold the game after this. **26.d5!+-**

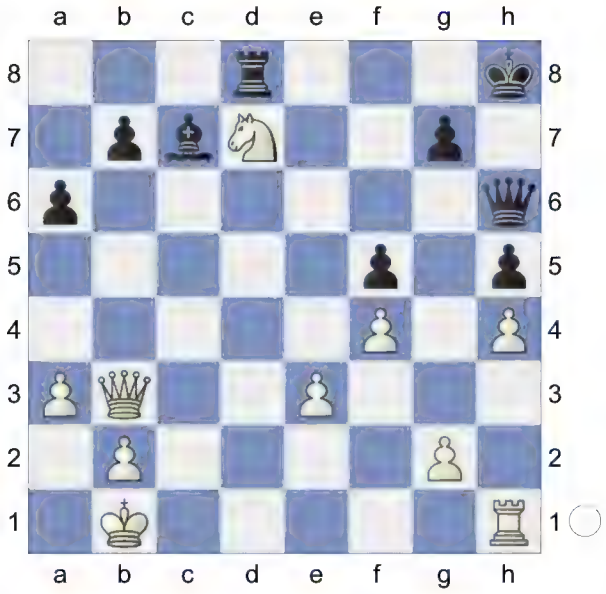
[26.Nxb7 Bc8 27.Bxc6 Rd6-+]

26...exd5

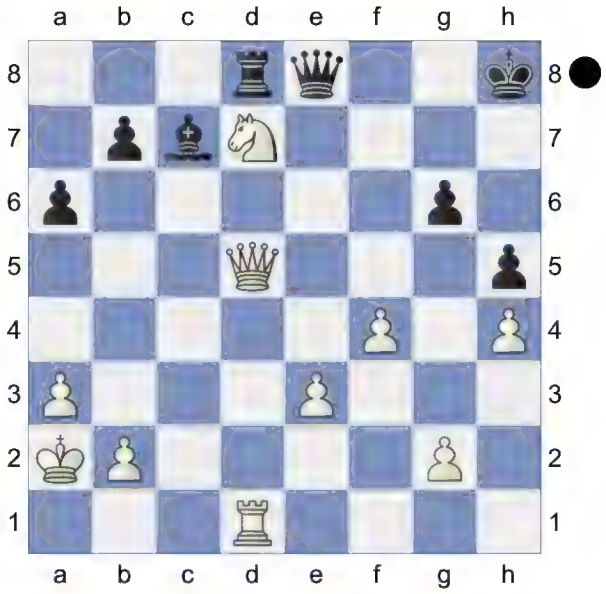
(Diagram)



27.Bxd5+! cxd5
[27...Kh8 28.Bf7]
28.Rxd5 Threatens to win with Rd5-d6+.
28...Kh8
[Of course not 28...Qb6 29.Qxb6 *(29.Rxd7+ Qxb3 30.Rxd8+ Rxd8±)* 29...Bxb6 30.Nxd7 Bxe3 31.Rhd1 Rxd7 32.Rxd7+-]
29.Rxd7 2.19/25
[⌓29.Nxd7 3.66/24 Rbc8 30.Rhd1 *(30.Qxb7 Qe6+-)*]
29...Rxd7 30.Nxd7 Rd8



31.Qf7 Qc6 Wards off Nd7-c5 **32.Rd1** Rd1-d5 is the strong threat.
[And not 32.Qxh5+ Kg8 33.Rd1 g6=]
32...Qe4+ 33.Ka2 Qe8 34.Qxf5 g6 35.Qd5



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175 **D52**
□ **Abdurakhmanov,Mukhmmadali 2397**
■ **Castellanos Gomez,Alejandro 2277**
Sitges Sunway op 9th (8) 20.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7N
[4...dxc4 5.e4 *(5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qb8 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8* 0-1 (32) 21.Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12.

♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2)) 5...Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Nc5 a5 17.Ndxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Nd3 1-0 (63) Van Hoolandt,P (2037)-Leardini,M (1587) EU Small Countries ol 8th 2023 (2.4)]

[4...Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

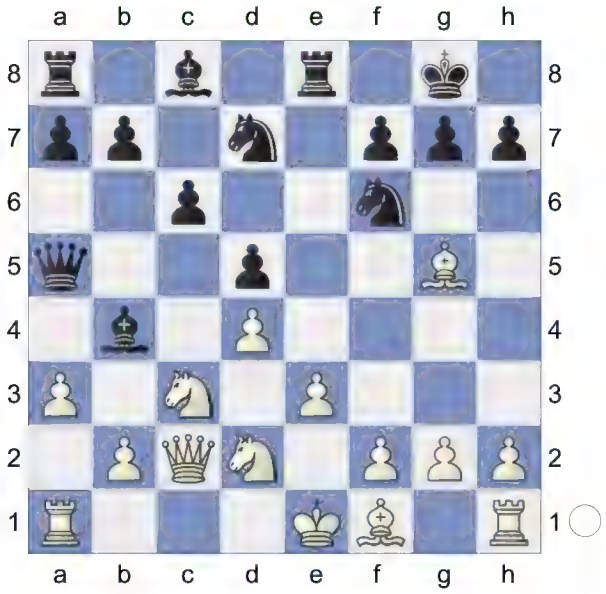
5.Bg5 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nd2 Bb4

8...Be7 injects fresh life into this line.

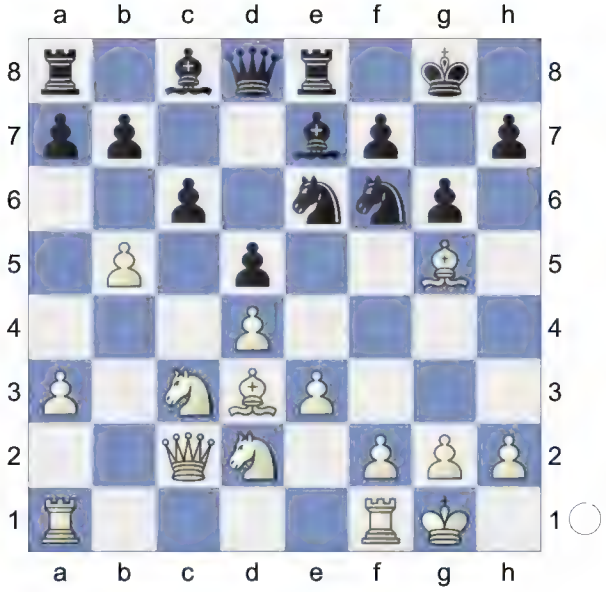
8...Le7 bringt frisches Leben in diese Variante. **9.Qc2 0-0 10.a3 Re8N**

[Vorgänger: 10...Be7 11.Bd3 Re8 12.0-0 Qd8 13.b4 Nf8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.a4 g6 16.Nb3 Bd7 17.Nc5 Bc8 1-0 (59) Ramos,A (2019)-Saraiva,A (1900) Rio de Janeiro 2015]



11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 White has an edge.

12...Nf8 13.b4 Qd8 14.Bd3 g6 15.b5 Ne6



16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Na4 Qd6 19.Rfc1 Bd7 20.Nb3 Bd8

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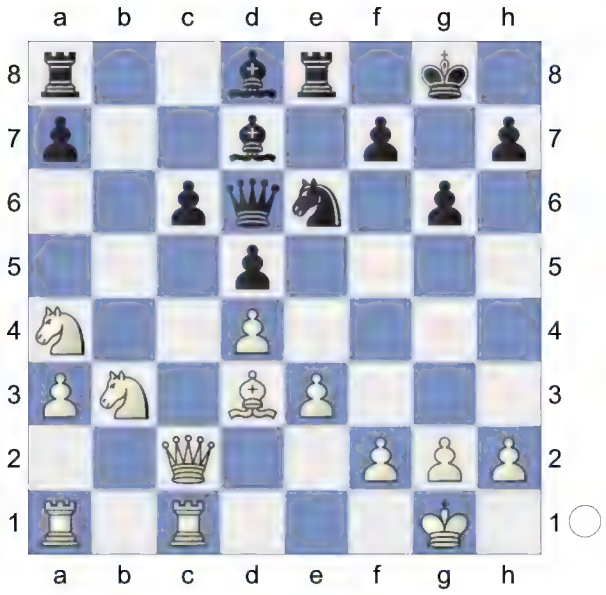
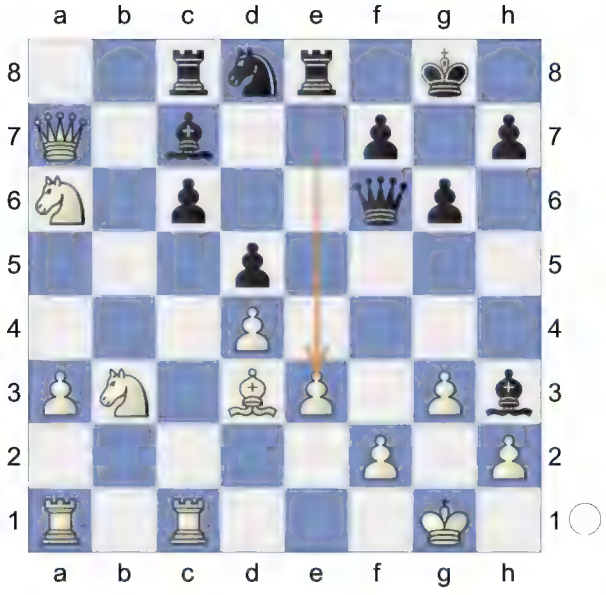
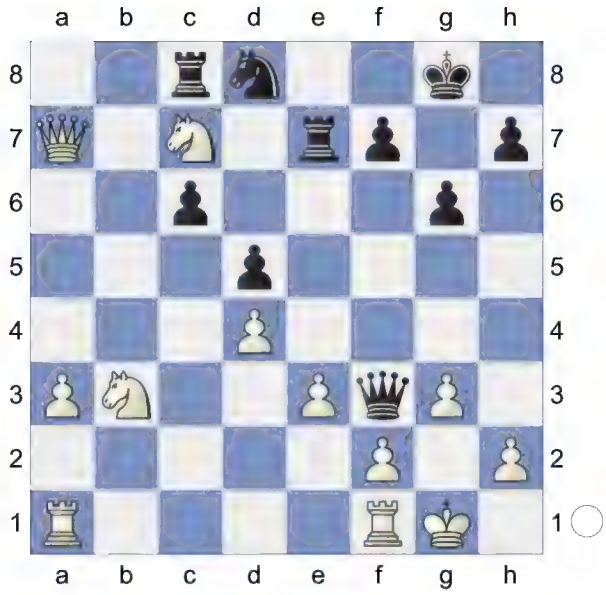


21.Nac5 Bc7 22.g3! Active counter play! **22...Nd8** 0.88/20
[22...Rab8± 0.50/20]
23.Na6 Rc8 24.Qc5 Qf6 25.Qxa7 Bh3

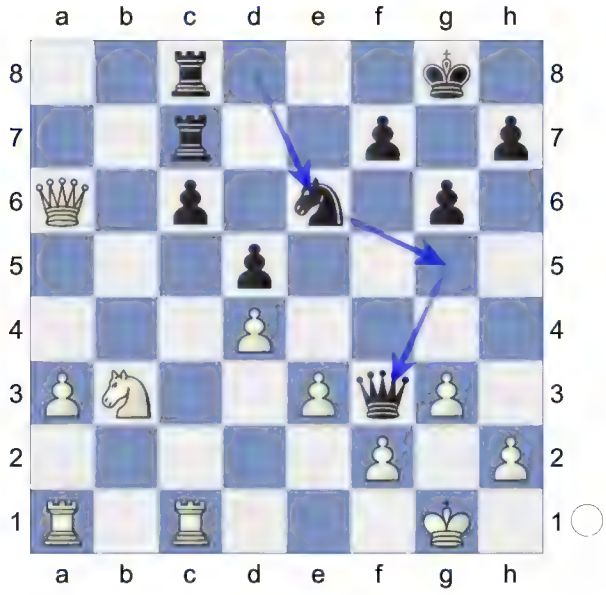


26.Nxc7 Qf3 27.Bf1 Dodges Qf3-g2+
[27.Nxe8? Qg2#]
27...Bxf1 28.Rxf1
[28.Nxe8? Qg2#]
28...Re7

(Diagram)



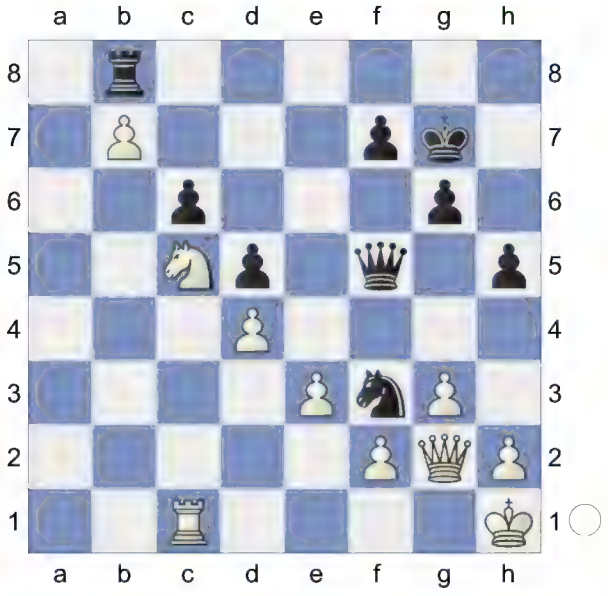
29.Rfc1 0.98/21 **Rexc7± 30.Qa6 Ne6**



31.Nc5 Ng5 32.Qf1 Dodges Ng5-h3+
32...Qf5 1.39/21
[⌓32...Qg4 0.80/20]
33.a4 Nf3+ 34.Kh1 1.04/21
[⌓34.Kg2 1.45/21]
34...h5 35.Qg2
[35.Kg2 seems wilder. Ng5 36.Qe2 Rb8 37.a5]
35...Ra7

(Diagram)

36.Rab1 Raa8 37.Rb6 Rab8 1.48/21
White now steadily converts the win.
[Black should play 37...g5± 0.35/20]
38.a5 Rxb6?? 4.58/21
[38...Kg7± 1.30/20 is a better chance. 39.Nb7 Qf6]
39.axb6+- Rb8 40.b7 Kg7



41.h3 Nd2

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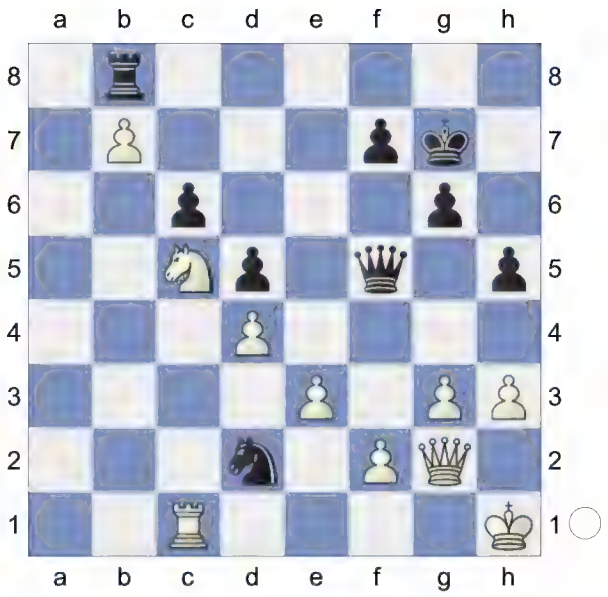
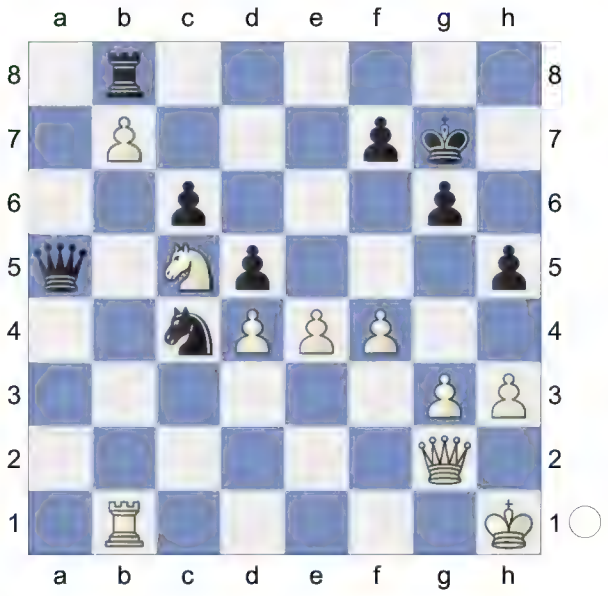


42.f3 Repels Nd2-e4 **42...Nc4**
[42...Nxf3? 43.Rf1+-]
43.e4 Qg5 44.f4 Qd8 45.Rb1
aiming for e4xd5. **45...Qa5?** 4.30/23
[45...dxe4 2.64/19 46.Na6 *(46.Nxe4 Ne3=; 46.Qxe4 Kg8±)* 46...Rxb7 47.Rxb7 Qxd4]



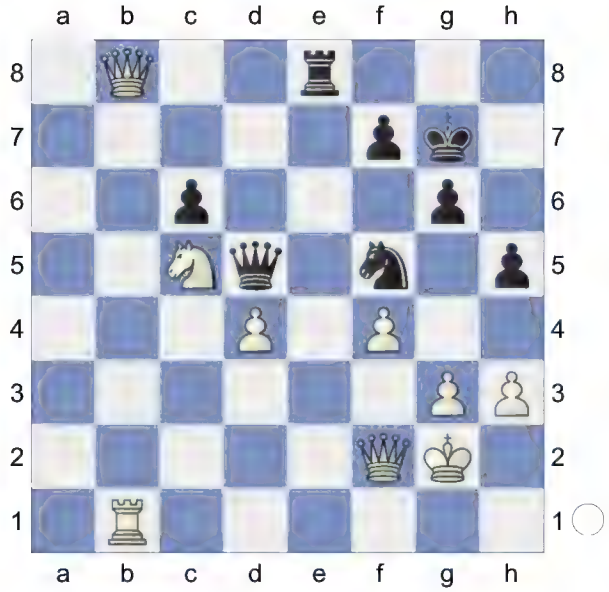
46.exd5 Ne3 47.Qe2 Nf5 48.Kg2
[48.dxc6? Nxg3+ *(48...Nxd4? 49.Qe5+ Kh7 50.Qxd4+-)* 49.Kh2 Nxe2-+]
48...Re8 5.49/19

[48...Kh7 3.47/20 is a better defense. 49.Qf2 *(49.dxc6 Nxd4 50.Qc4 Qd2+ 51.Kf1 Nf5±)* 49...Qd8 50.dxc6 Qd5+ 51.Kg1 h4]

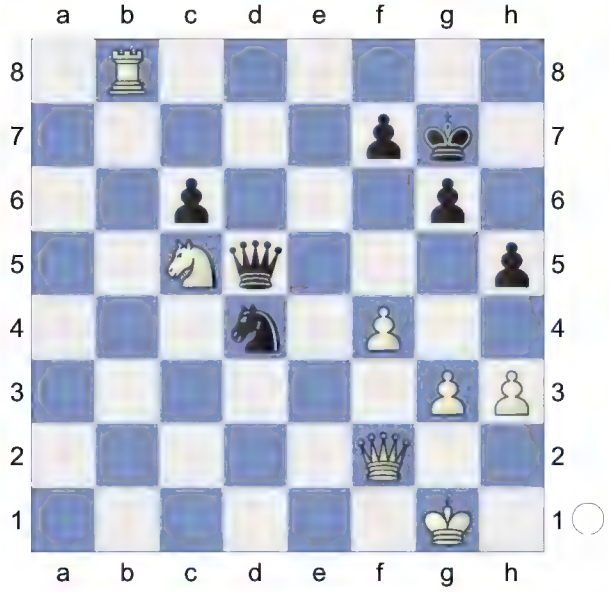
49.Qf2 Qd8 50.b8Q

[Stronger than 50.b8B Qxd5+ 51.Kg1 Nxd4 52.Be5+ Rxe5 53.fxe5 Nf3+ 54.Kf1 Nd2+ 55.Ke1 Nxb1 56.Qf6+ Kh7=]

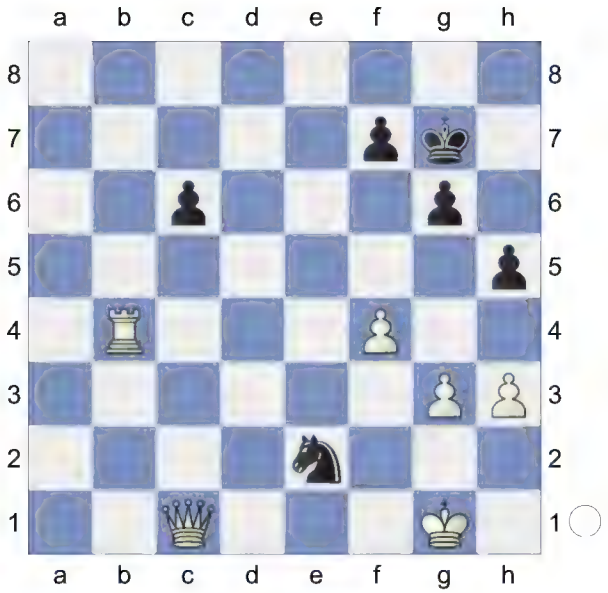
50...Qxd5+



51.Kg1 Rxb8 52.Rxb8 Nxd4

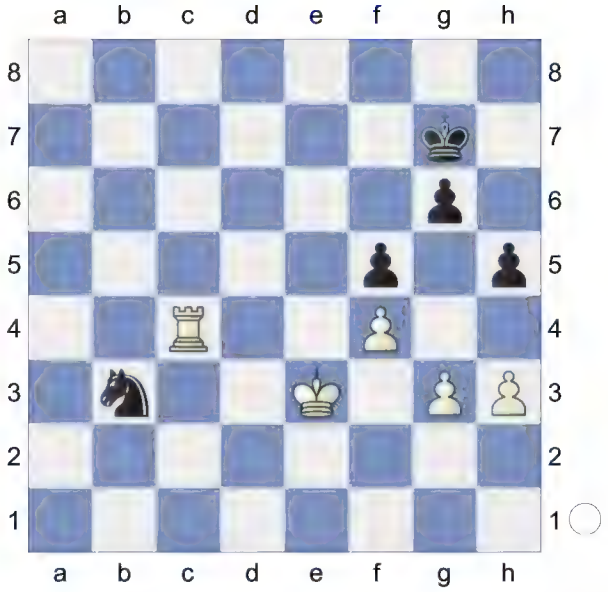


53.Qb2! Qxc5 Endgame. KQR-KQN **54.Rb4 Qc1+ 55.Qxc1 Ne2+**



56.Kf2 Nxc1 KR-KN **57.Ke3** Prevents Nc1-d3 **57...c5 58.Rb2 c4 59.Rc2 Nb3 60.Rxc4 f5** 18.36/29

[⌓60...Na5 4.63/28]



61.Kd3 Kh6 62.Kc2 Na5 63.Rc7 g5 64.Rc5 gxf4 65.gxf4

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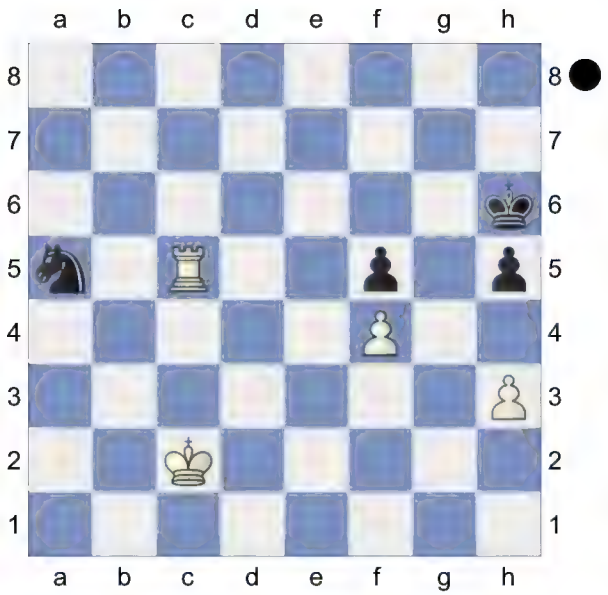

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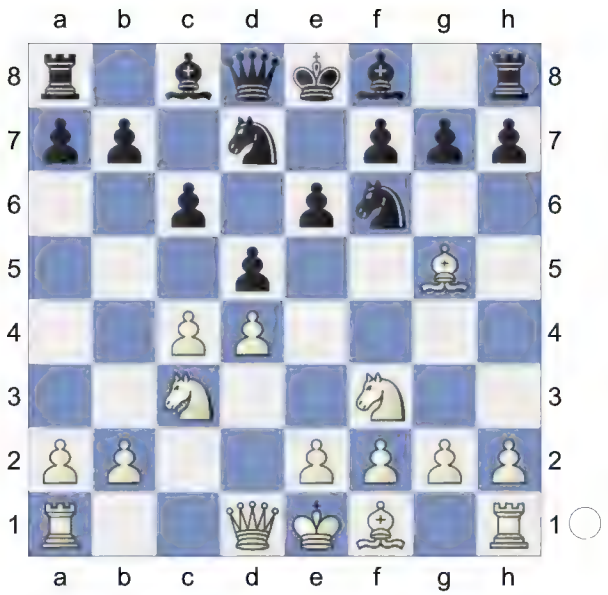
176 **D52**
□ **Eggleston,D** **2397**
■ **Ward,C** **2434**
British Championships 04.08.2018
[Chris Ward]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 The continued 'Anti Bb5' move order but once that's sorted it would be nice to return to a standard Dragon without such a 'fear'. **3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

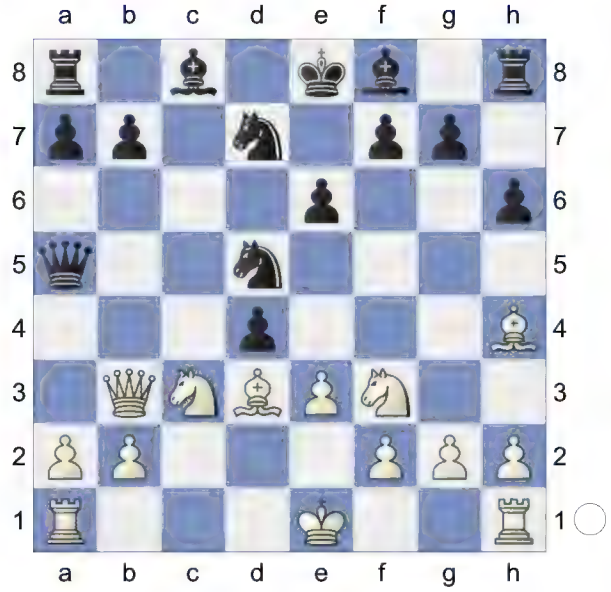
(Diagram)



6.e3 I'm not convinced that this is the most challenging option for White but it certainly side-steps the various lines at Black's disposal after 6 Be3. **6...Qa5!?** On the previous occasions that we have encountered 6 Nc2 on the site we have seen **7.cxd5**
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...Nxd5N
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4

Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qb3 In this game White adopts the attitude that he will simply complete his development and then look to exploit the weaknesses in Black's position. Should we feature this line again then we could equally see **8...c5 9.Bd3 h6** Clearly Black will need to sort out the light-squared bishop eventually but for now this pawn break breathes life into the f8-rook and obtain the f5-square for the knight. **10.Bh4 cxd4**



White is slightly better. **11.exd4**

[11.Nxd4 but then what? In truth the rest is painful for me to re-live! Upon 11...Bb4?? aiming for ...Nd7-c5! 12.0-0 Black must now prevent Nc3xd5. Bxc3 I was undecided as to 13.bxc3 or 22... Kh8 but thought that both would ultimately see a rook deployed to help deliver mate. David had another good British, obtaining a GM norm but this point was handed to him on a plate. I definitely had 13...Qxc3?? 14.Nb5 Qxb3 15.Nd6+ under control with a crushing check up next on e2 but originally I had overlooked the defence that now follows. Kf8! would still leave me with reasonable compensation e.g. 16.axb3 g5 17.Bg3]

The text of course centralises the knight but I certainly wasn't planning on conceding my bishop for it on c3 and now White must consider his b2-pawn. **11...Nf4** Fianchettoing the queen's bishop with a view to eyeing up g2 held a certain appeal although **12.Bf1** Both protecting and unpinning the b2-pawn but still time spent. **12...Bd6 13.Bg3 b6** 0.59/17

[13...0-0= -0.09/18]

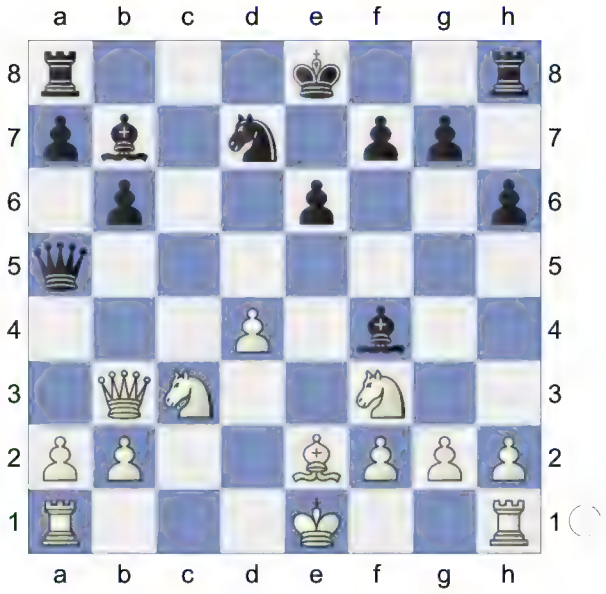
14.Bxf4 0.00/19

[14.Bb5± 0.59/17 a6 15.Bc6]

14...Bxf4= This move just seemed to flow nicely. Nevertheless I also considered **15.Be2** -0.40/20

[15.Bb5= 0.00/19]

15...Bb7∓

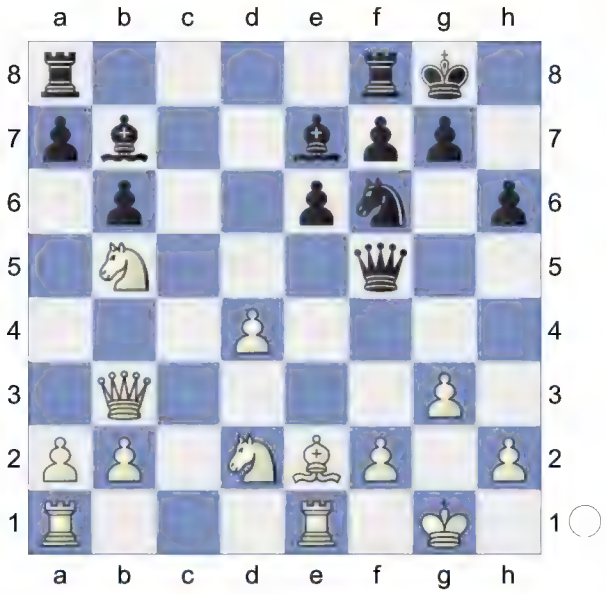


16.0-0 Correctly played before I could

get in ...f4-f3 but actually still part of my master plan! **16...0-0 17.g3 Bd6 18.Nd2** This is clearly White's best but while my opponent was pondering it, I suddenly realised there was a flaw in my earlier calculations. **18...Qf5??** And despite my now realising the defence, I went through with this anyway. I'm afraid that's just pretty pathetic on my part especially when I thought that re-adjusting to the situation with I'm afraid I'm at a loss to explain my thought process especially as 'playing for hopes' is something I'm constantly chastising juniors for. **19.Rfe1!** -0.63/19

[19.Nc4= -0.16/19 should be considered. Be7 20.Rad1]

19...Nf6 20.Nb5 Be7→



Black mounts an attack. **21.Bd3!** -0.80/21 I could blame a lack of match practice for a lack of sharpness in calculation, but for whatever reason, this is what I had missed. The only move, but a strong one calmly guarding the 2nd rank.

[21.Bf3∓ -0.33/18 Bd5 22.Bxd5 Qxd5 *(22...Nxd5 23.Re5=)* 23.Nc7 Qxb3 24.axb3]

21...Qd5∓ 22.Qxd5 Nxd5 23.Rac1! Available now the f1-rook isn't en prise. **23...Rfd8 24.Bb1** -1.25/21

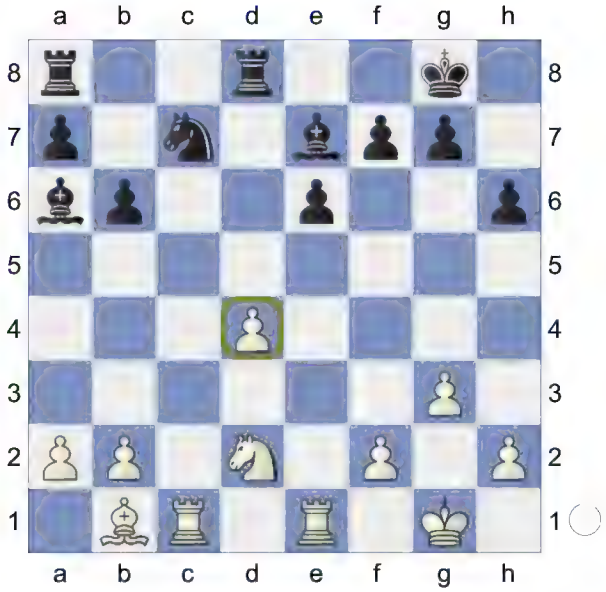
[24.Be4∓ -0.58/20]

24...Ba6 This pair of bishops is nice. **25.Nc7** -3.47/23 This costs White the game.

[25.h4 Bxb5 26.Bc2 Bf6-+]

[25.a4∓ -0.94/22]

25...Nxc7



Discovered Attack **26.Rxc7** And a piece to the good, now it's White on the attack. There's no justice in this world! **26...Bb4**

[26...Rxd4 27.Nf3 Bd8 28.Rxf7=]

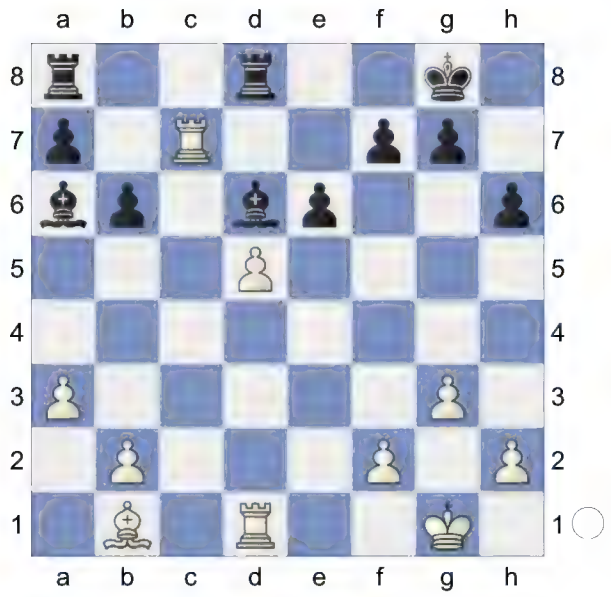
27.d5? -4.74/21

[27.Be4 -2.77/23 was called for. Bxd2 28.Rd1]

27...Bxd2-+ Black is clearly winning. **28.Rd1 Bb4 29.a3 Bd6**

[Less strong is 29...Rxd5 30.Rxd5 exd5 31.axb4∓]

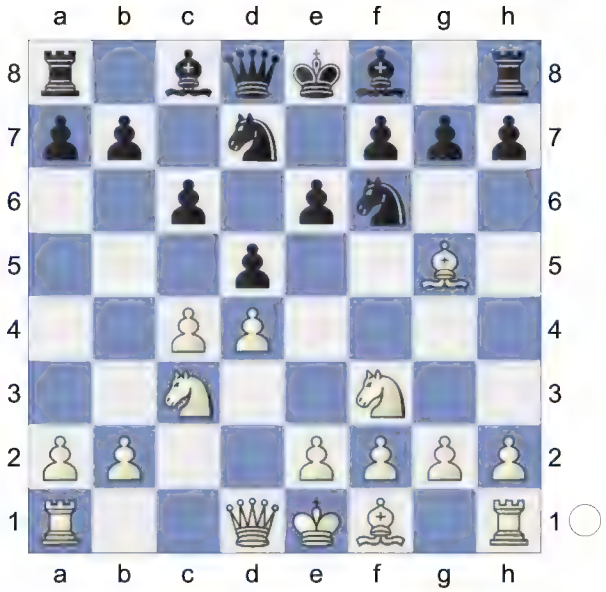
(Diagram)



forces.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.15 (very precise) . Loss on time!?
1-0

177 **D52**
□ **Dumitrache,Dragos Nicolae** **2395**
■ **Gheorghiu,Florin** **2525**
(ch) 44/42 Romania 1987
[Gheorghiu,Florin]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4!? e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7N
[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qc7 *(10...Qb8 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8 20.e5 Bf8 21.Qd3 Nc4 22.Re2 fxe5 23.Bxe5 Nxe5 24.Nxe5 c4 25.Qf5* 0-1 (32) 21. Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13. c,4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2)) 11.h3 *(11.d5 c4 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Bc2 Bd6 14.h3 0-0 15.Ng5 Nc5 16.b4 cxb3 17.axb3 Be5 18.Rd4 b4 19.Na2 h6 20.f4 Bxd4 21.exd4 hxg5 22.dxc5 gxf4 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Qf5 Rae8 25.Bd3 Re5* 0-1 (27) Grooten,H (2393)-Piket,J (2633) NED-ch55 Rotterdam 2000 (9) *)* 11...Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.Bc2 Rac8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.e4 Rfd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Ncd7 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.e5 1-0 (32) Rohit,K (2423)-Mayank,C (2322) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (7)]
5.Bg5 c6



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4! 8.Qc2N 0-0 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 cxd4

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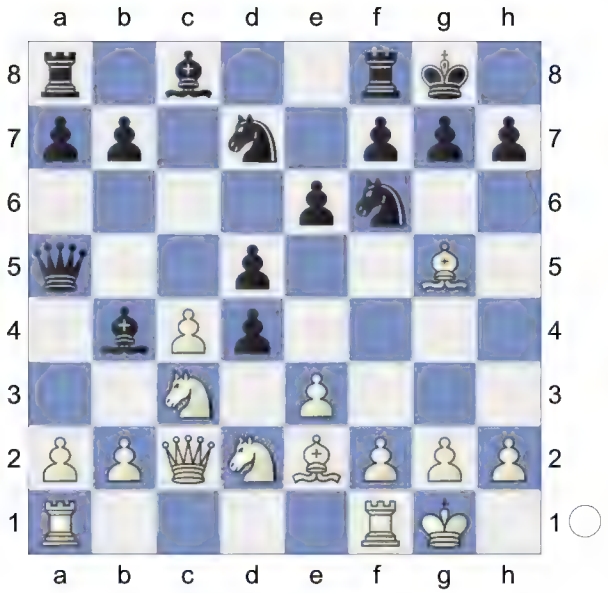
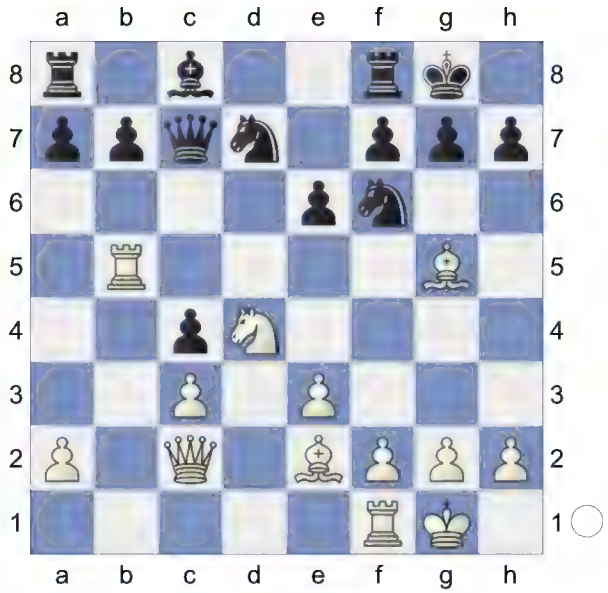
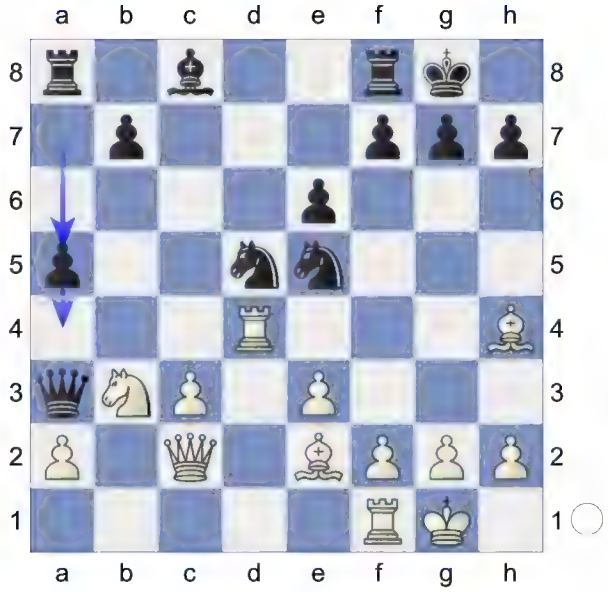


11.Nb3
[11.exd4 simplifies Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Qxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 h6 15.Bh4]
11...Qd8 12.Nxd4 Bxc3 13.bxc3 White is slightly better.
[13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Bxd8 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Rxd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Nc5 19.Rfc1]
[13.Qxc3!? Ne4 14.Bxd8 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Rxd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.a4±]
13...dxc4!∓ 14.Rab1
[14.Bxc4 Qc7]
14...Qa5 15.Rb5 Qc7

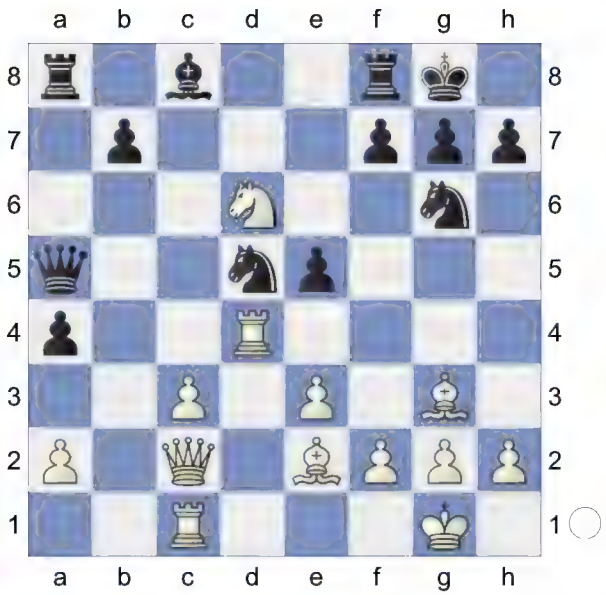
(Diagram)



16.Rb4 Qa5! 17.Bh4 Nd5! 18.Rxc4 Ne5! 0.60/22
[18...N7b6= 0.19/21]
19.Nb3± Qa3 20.Rd4↑ White has good play. **20...a5!∓**

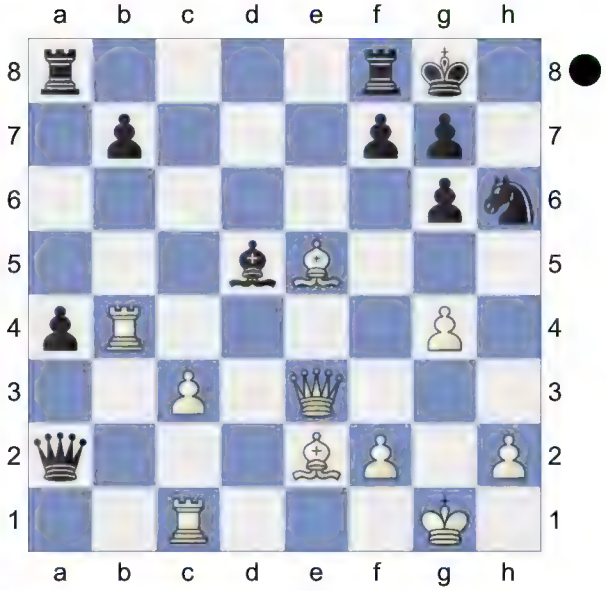


21.Bg3 Ng6 1.28/19
[⌓21...Nc6 0.84/20]
22.Rc1!± a4 23.Nd2 Qc5 24.Ne4
[24.Rxa4? Rxa4 25.Qxa4 Nxc3 26.Rxc3 Qxc3-+]
24...Qa5 25.Nd6 1.24/19
[25.Rb1+- 1.89/19]
25...e5!



26.Nc4
[26.Rd2]
26...Qc5 27.Nxe5 Nxe3 28.Qe4 Nf5-+
And now ...Nf5xg3 would win. **29.Nxg6!**
[29.Rxa4? Rxa4 30.Qxa4 Nxg3 *(30...Nxe5? 31.Bf4-+)* 31.hxg3 Qxe5-+ *(31...Nxe5? 32.Rb1-+)*]
29...hxg6 30.Rc4 -1.29/24
[30.Rxa4± 0.57/21 Nxg3 31.hxg3 Rxa4 32.Qxa4]
30...Qa3!∓

31.Bf4 -1.89/21
[31.Qb1∓ -1.08/22]
31...Be6! -0.45/20
[31...Qxa2 32.Rb4∓]
[31...Nd6-+ -1.89/21 32.Qe3 Nxc4 33.Bxc4 Bf5]
32.Rb4∓ Qxa2 33.g4 -1.49/20
[White should try 33.Rc2∓ -0.61/20 Qa3 34.Rc1]
33...Nh6! -0.77/21
[⌓33...Nh4 -1.49/20 White must now prevent ...a4-a3. 34.Rc2 Qd5 35.Qxd5 Bxd5]
34.Be5 -2.26/21
[34.h3∓ -0.77/21 keeps fighting.]
34...Bd5 35.Qe3



c3-c4 is the strong threat. **35...Rfe8!**

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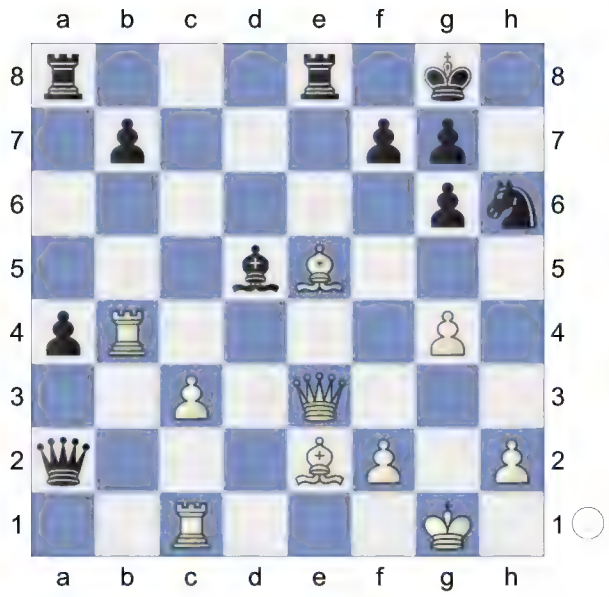
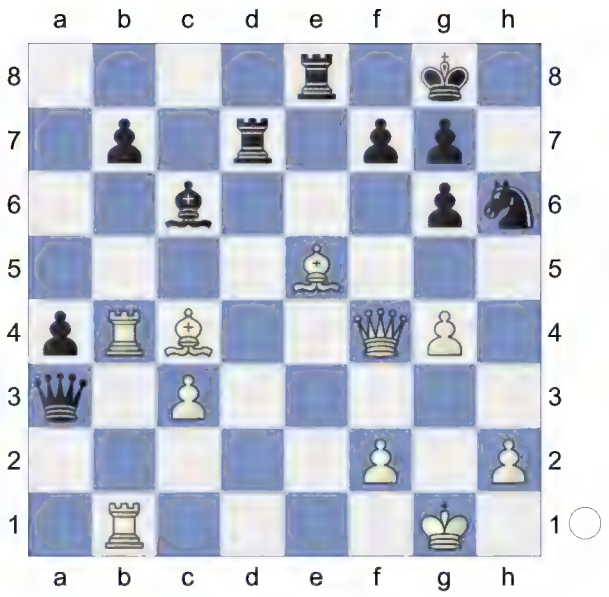


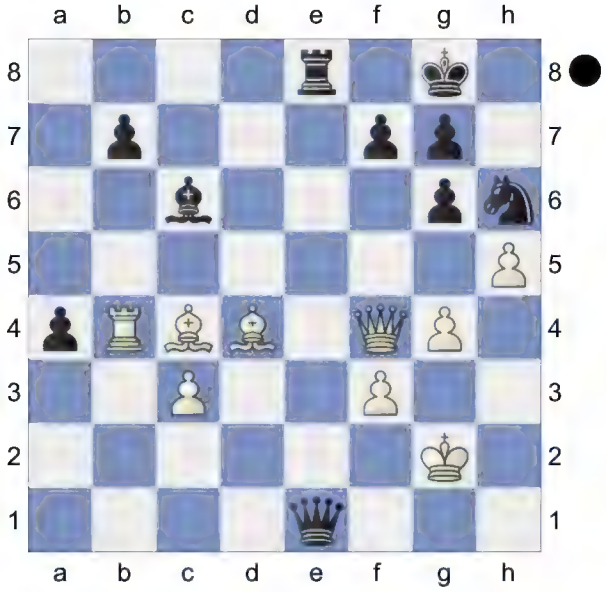
36.Bb5 Bc6 37.Bc4 -4.06/23
[37.Bxc6 -2.29/19 bxc6 38.Re4]
37...Qa3 -1.85/20
[⌓37...Nxg4 -4.06/23 38.Bxa2 Nxe3]
38.Rcb1? -5.27/21
[38.Rf1 -1.85/20]
38...Re7? -1.29/21
[38...Ra5-+ -5.27/21 is more deadly. 39.f4 Nxg4]
39.Qd4 -3.38/22
[39.h3∓ -1.29/21 only move.]
39...Rd7 -1.42/21
[39...Nxg4 40.Bd6 Rd7 41.Bxf7+ Rxf7 42.R4b2-+ *(42.Qxg4? Qa2-+; 42.Qxg4? Qa2-+)*]
[39...Rae8-+ -3.38/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 40.Bg3 Re1+ *(40...Re4? 41.Qd2-+)* 41.Bf1 R1e4]
40.Qf4∓ Re8!

(Diagram)

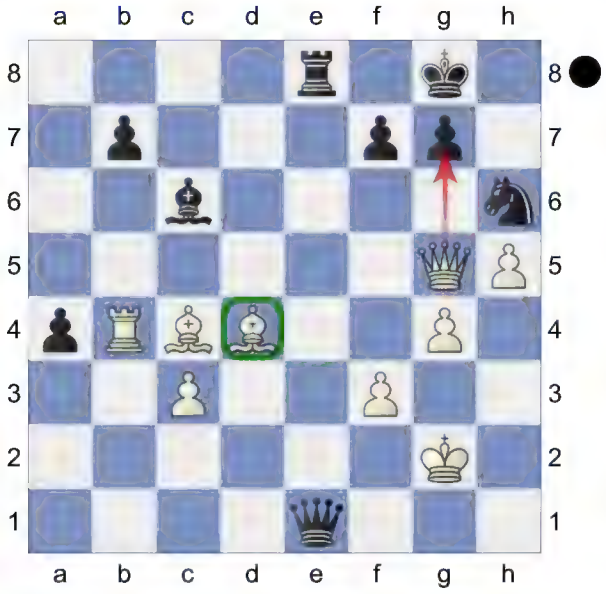


Chess con chili. **41.Bd4?** -3.64/22
[41.h3∓ -1.59/22 was necessary.]
41...Rde7-+ -1.54/22
[41...Re4-+ -3.64/22 42.Qc1 *(42.Qb8+? Kh7-+)* 42...Qxc1+ *(42...Rxg4+? 43.Kf1-+)* 43.Rxc1 Rxg4+ *(43...Nxg4 44.f3=)* 44.Kf1 Re7]
42.f3 Re1+ 43.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 44.Kf2 Re8 Hoping for ...Qa3-a1. **45.h4** -3.04/22
[45.Bd3 -1.74/20 might work better.]
45...Qa1!

46.h5?! Qe1+ -1.46/5
[46...b5-+ -3.35/22 has better winning chances. 47.Bf1 *(47.Bxb5? Qe1+ 48.Kg2 Bxb5-+)* 47...Qe1+ 48.Kg2 a3 49.Rxb5 Bxb5 50.Bxb5 a2]
47.Kg2∓

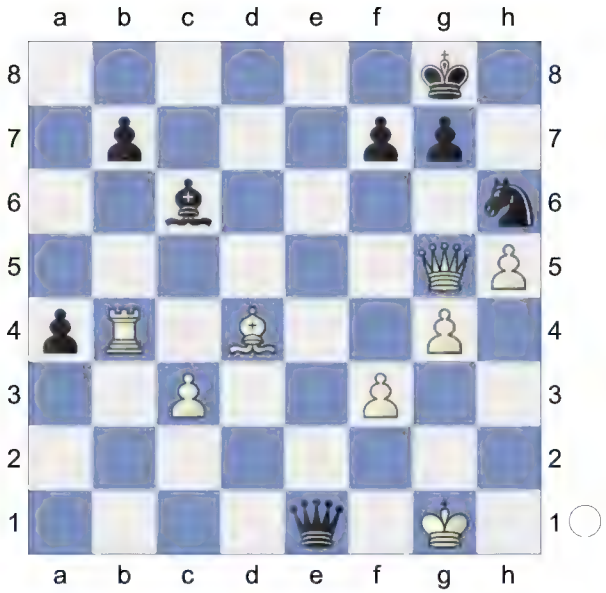


g5 -0.01/22 Δ ♖af1→ **48.Qxg5=**

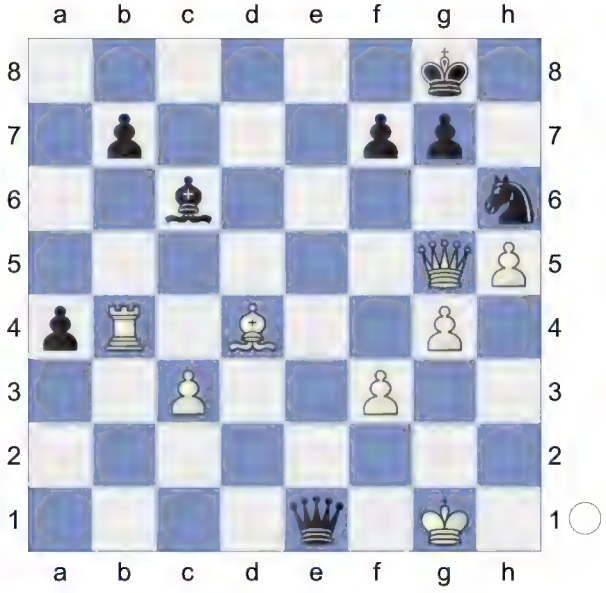


The position is equal. **48...Re2+!**
49.Bxe2 Qxe2+ 50.Kg1∓ Qe1+

(Diagram)



51.Kg2 Qe2+ 52.Kg1= Qe1+!

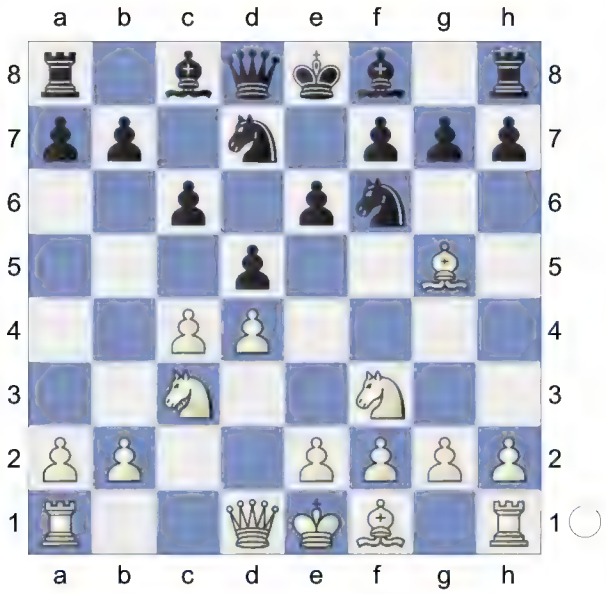


Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.58. Loss on time!?
0-1

178 **D52**
□ **Sambuev,Bator** **2385**
■ **Kalugin,Sergey V** **2497**
Petrov Memorial op (2) 08.02.2000
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

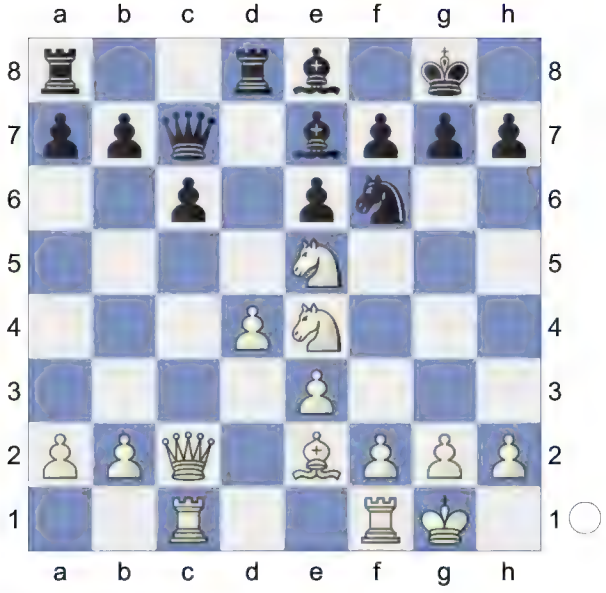


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2N

[8.Rc1 0-0 *(8...Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 f5 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.c5 Qd8 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.h3* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 9.Bh4 e5 *(9...Re8 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Be2* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ncxe4 dxe4 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg3 f6 16.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

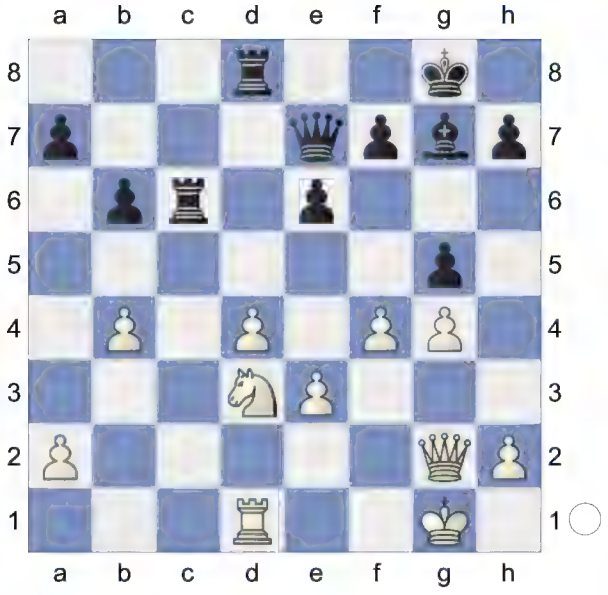
8...dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7

11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Rac1 Rfd8 White has an edge. **15.Ne5 Be8**



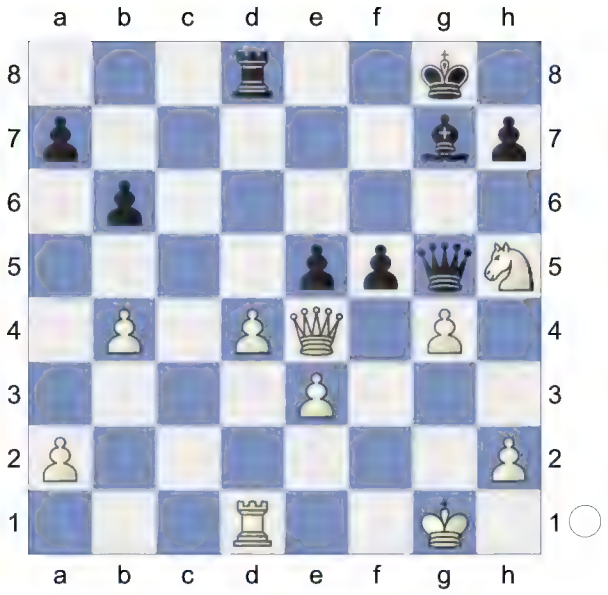
16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 Black is weak on the light squares **17.f4 g6 18.Bf3 Bg7 19.Nd3 Rac8 20.g4 b6**
(Diagram)

21.b4 Qd6 22.Rfd1 Qe7 23.Qg2 g5 24.Bxc6 -0.40/20
[24.Qg3= 0.01/22 should be considered.]
24...Bxc6∓ 25.Rxc6 Rxc6

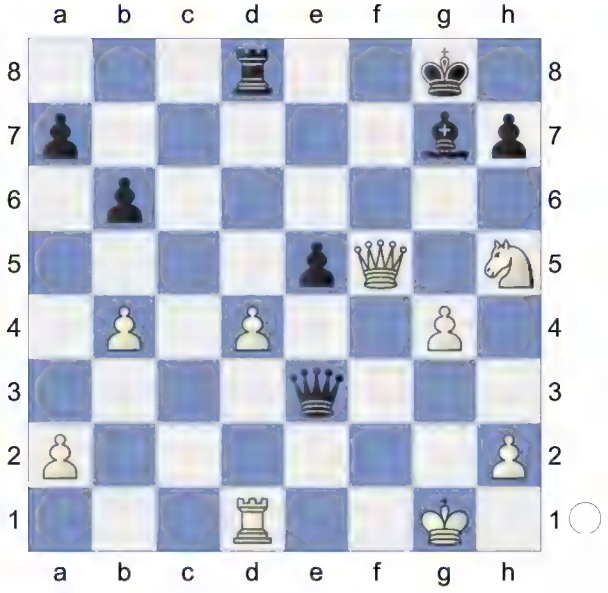


26.Qxc6 gxf4 27.Nxf4 e5 28.Qe4
[But not 28.Nd5 Qg5 29.h3 exd4∓]
28...Qg5
[28...f5 seems wilder. 29.gxf5 Qh4 30.f6 Qg4+]
29.Nh5 f5

(Diagram)

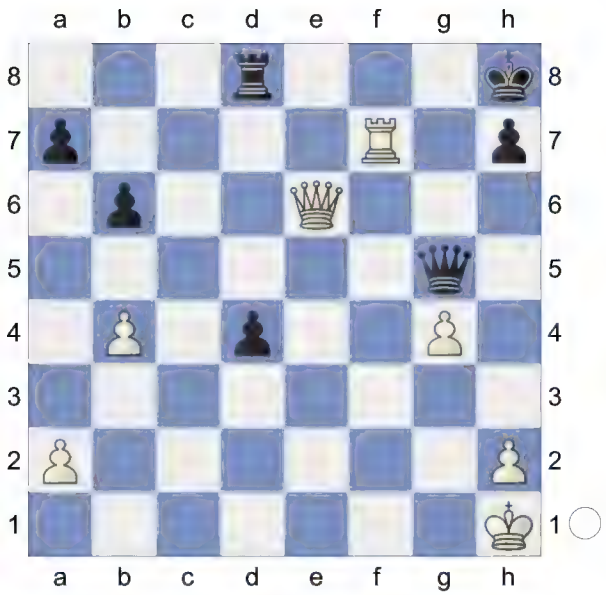


Deflection **30.Qxf5 Qxe3+**

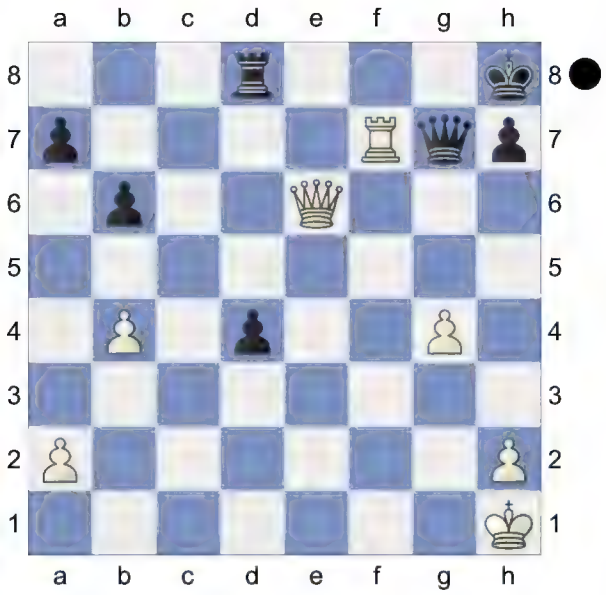


31.Kh1 And now Rd1-f1 would win.
31...exd4 32.Rf1 Qf5-f7+ would kill now. The position is equal. **32...Qe5** next ...Qe5xf5 is good for Black.
[32...Qe7 keeps more tension. 33.Qd3 Qd6 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.Rf5 Qc6+]
33.Nxg7 Qxg7= Endgame. KQR-KQR
34.Qe6+ Kh8P Black is not keeping still
35.Rf7 Qg5

(Diagram)



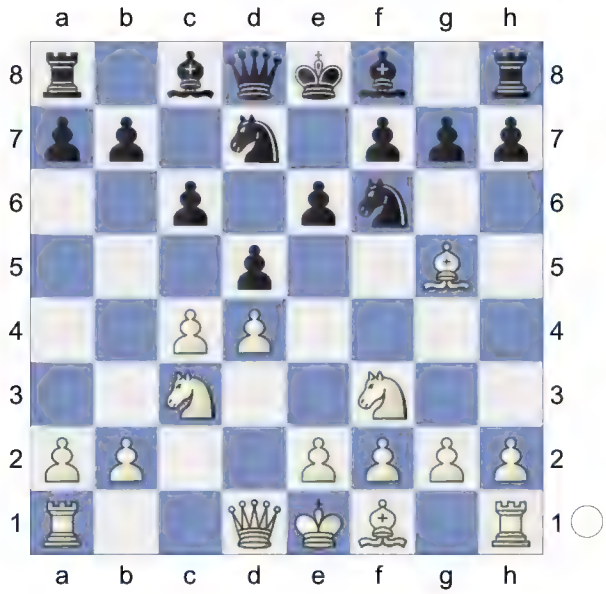
36.Rf5 Qg7 37.Rf7 Qg5 38.Rf5 Qg7 39.Rf7



An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

179 **D52**
□ **Philippe,Christophe** **2384**
■ **Nisipeanu,Liviu Dieter** **2677**
Metz op 31th (3) 21.04.2013
[Kitty Kat]

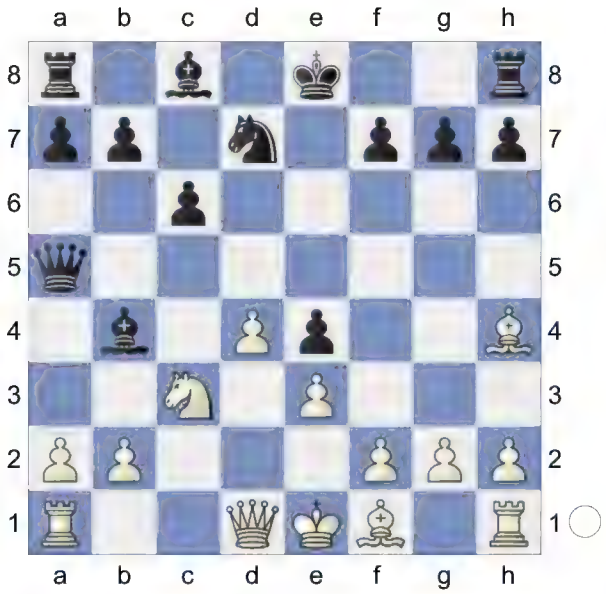
90min/40+(30min+30sec)
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
7...exd5 8.Nd2N
[8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ Ne6 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5

25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8...Ne4 9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Bb4



11.Qc2 Nb6 0.70/21

[11...0-0 0.34/19 might be stronger.]

12.Be2!± White is slightly better.

[12.Qxe4+?! Be6 13.Qc2 Nd5=]

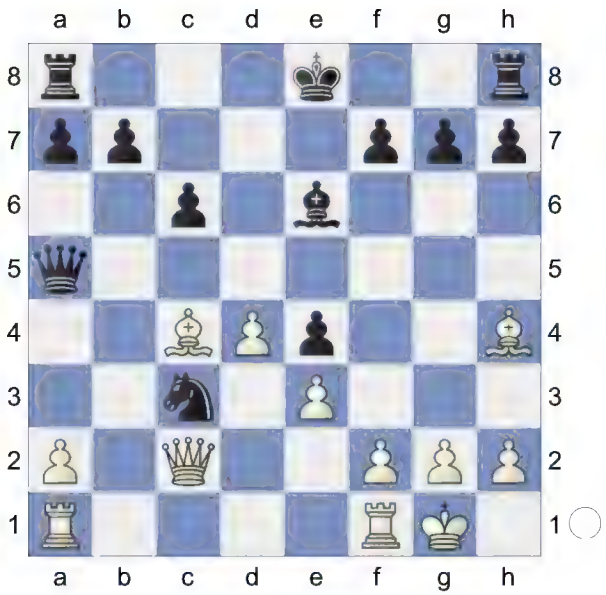
12...Nd5 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3

[14.Qxe4+ Be6 15.bxc3 Nxc3∓]

14...Nxc3 15.Bc4 Be6 1.48/21

[15...0-0± 0.65/18]

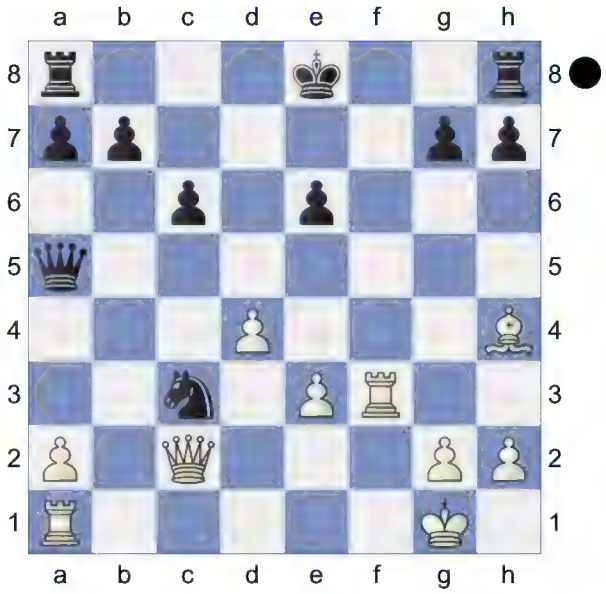
(Diagram)



16.Bxe6± fxe6 17.f3 Strongly threatening Bh4-e1. **17...exf3?** 3.77/20

[17...0-0 1.71/19 was worth a try.]

18.Rxf3+-

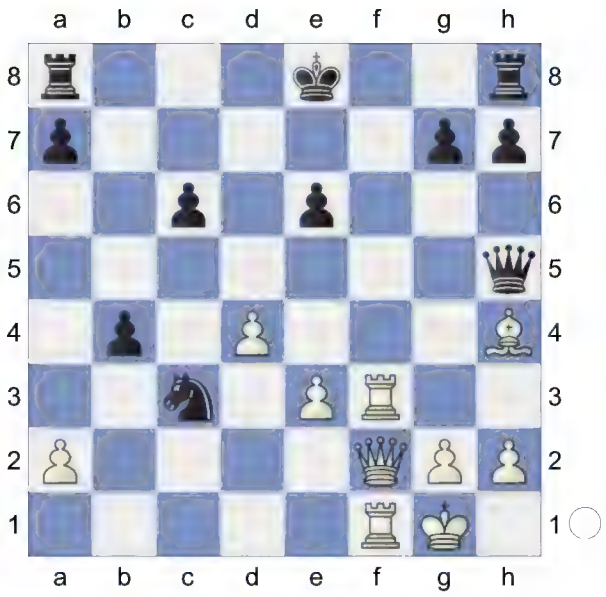


Threatens to win with Qc2-b3. **18...b5** 5.82/18

[18...Qb4 4.02/18 was necessary. 19.Be1 Rf8 20.Bxc3 Qe7 21.Rxf8+ *(21.Qxh7 Rxf3 22.gxf3 Rd8+-)* 21...Qxf8 22.Qxh7 0-0-0]

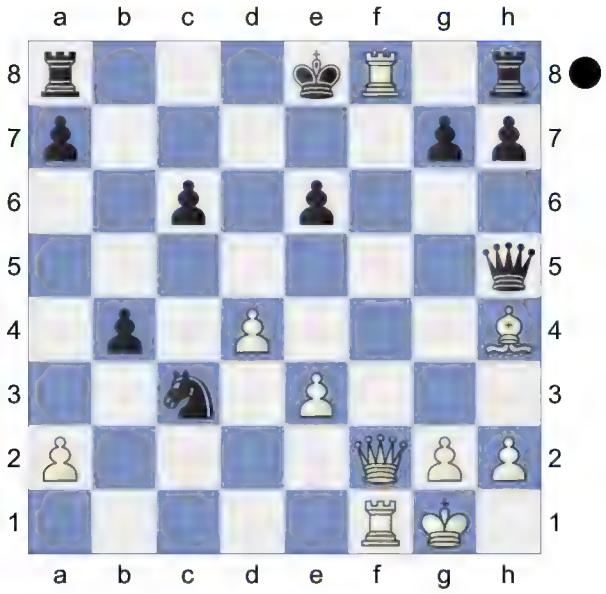
19.Raf1 aiming for Rf3-f7. White is clearly winning. **19...b4 20.Qf2 Qh5**

(Diagram)



21.Rf8+? 1.51/5

[21.Rf7+- 14.08/24 Nd5 22.e4
(22.Rxg7 Qf5+-)]

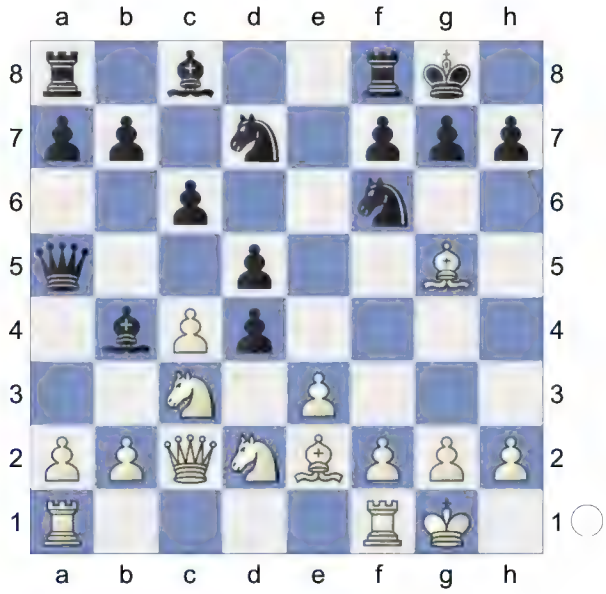


Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.78. Loss on time!?
0-1

180 **D52**
□ **Weber,K** **2370**
■ **Scheil,Dietrich** **2320**
corr_100612 1990
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



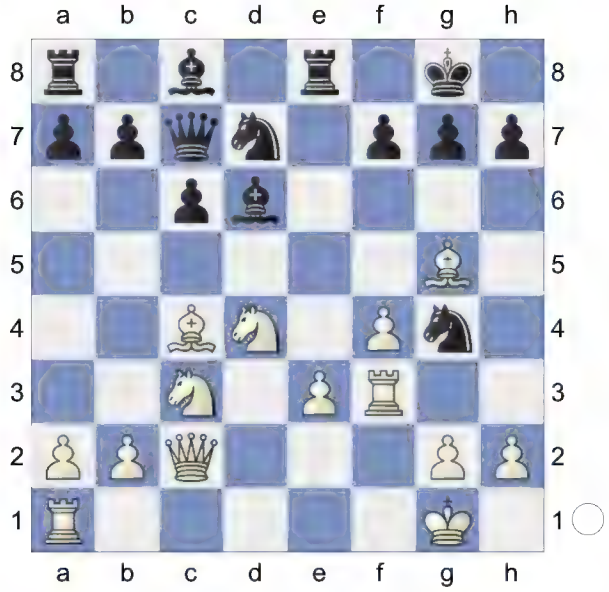
11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Nxd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Bd6

[13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qe5 15.Nf3 Qc5 16.Qd3 Re8 17.Qd4 Ne4 18.Bf4 Nb6 19.Bd3 Qxc3 20.Bxe4 Qxd4 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Nxd4 D 52/10 2003]

14.f4N

[14.Nf3 Ng4 15.h3 Nge5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bb3 Kh8 18.f4 Nd7 19.Ne4 f5 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Rad1 Qc7 22.Rd2 Nf6 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Qc3 Be6 25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.Rd6 Qe7 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Rd7 Qe8 1-0 (51) Visillac,A-Hoffmann,G (m/2) 126/(31) 2015]

14...Re8 15.Rf3 Ng4



White has an edge. **16.Ne4** Ra1-d1 would now be deadly. **16...h6?** 1.54/20

[16...Nc5= 0.01/21 17.Nxd6 Qxd6]

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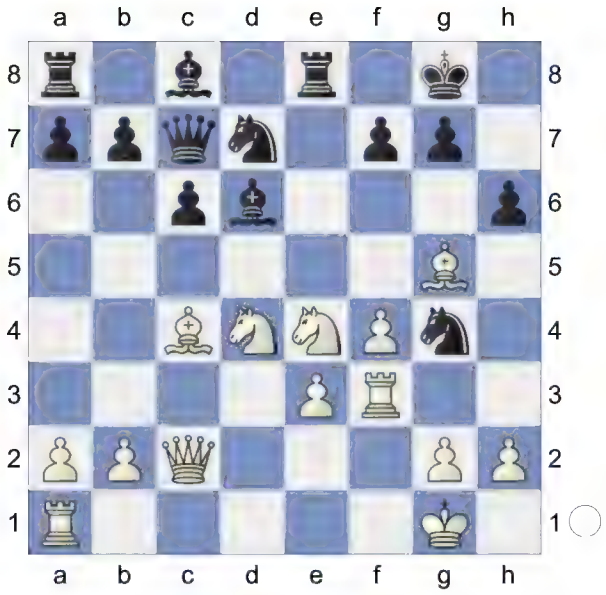


17.Bxf7+ 0.92/20 **Kxf7± 18.Qc4+ Kg6** 2.15/24 This move loses the game for Black.

[18...Kf8± 0.91/24 is a better defense. 19.Bd8 *(19.Ne6+ Rxe6 20.Qxe6 Bb4=)* 19...Qxd8 *(19...Rxd8? 20.Ne6+ Ke7 21.Nxc7+-)* 20.Nxd6 Qe7 21.Nxe8 Nb6]

19.Ne6+- Rxe6 2.48/23

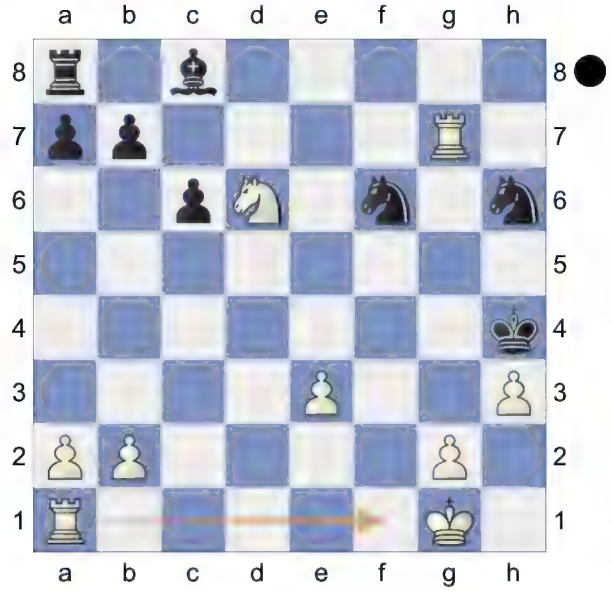
[19...Nde5± 1.42/23 20.Nxc7 Nxc4 21.Nxe8 Bb4]

20.Qxe6+ Ndf6

21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd6 hxg5 23.h3

Nh6 24.fxg5 Kxg5 25.Rg3+ Kh4

26.Rxg7



Strongly threatening Ra1-f1! **26...Nf5** **27.Nxf5+ Bxf5** White has a decisive advantage. **28.Rf7**

[28.Rxb7 Be4+-]

28...Kg5 29.Rf1

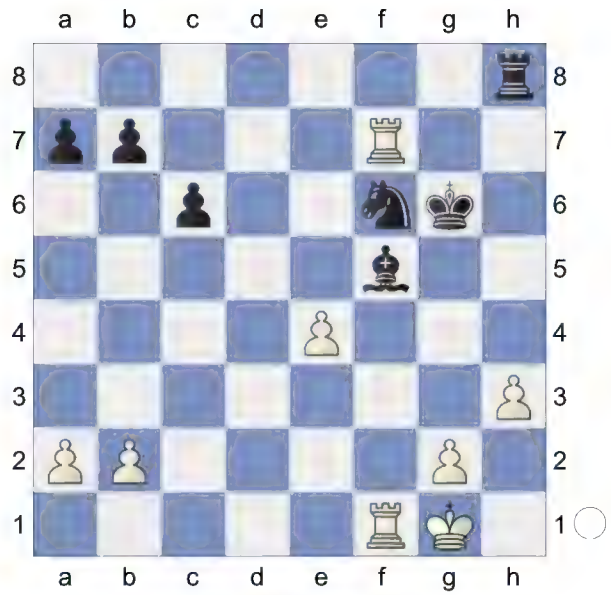
[29.Rxb7 Kg6 30.Rd1 Nd5±]

29...Rh8 30.e4

[30.Rxb7 Rd8 31.Re7 *(31.Rxa7 Nd5+-)* 31...Rd5 32.Rxa7 Ne4+-]

30...Kg6

(Diagram)



31.Rxf6+

[31.exf5+? perishes. Kxf7 32.Rd1 a5-+]

[31.Rxb7 Bxe4 32.Rxa7 Bd3±]

31...Kxf6 32.exf5

[Don't take 32.Rxf5+?! Ke6 33.Kh2 Rd8+-]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.56

1-0

181 **D52**
□ **Suhl,Dirk** **2360**
■ **Jussupow,Artur** **2636**
GER-ch 71st Altenkirchen (1) 12.11.1999
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7N

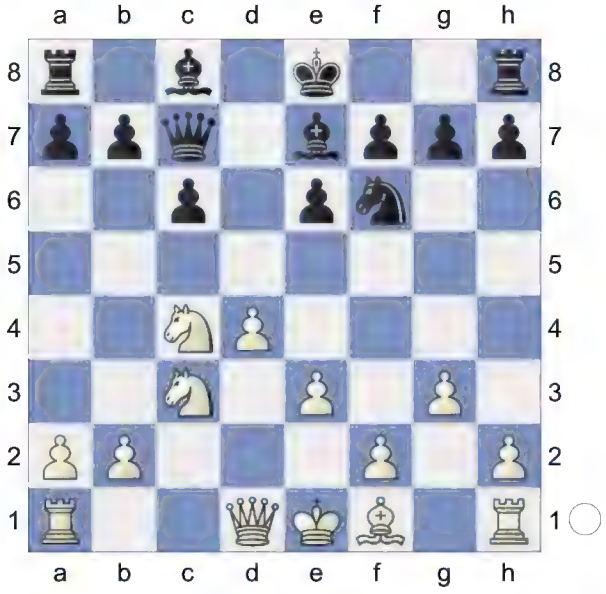
[4...dxc4 5.e4 *(5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qb8 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8* 0-1 (32) 21.Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2) *)* 5...Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Nc5 a5 17.Ndxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Nd3 1-0 (63) Van Hoolandt,P (2037)-Leardini,M (1587) EU Small Countries ol 8th 2023 (2.4)]

[4...Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

5.Bg5 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3 Be7



11.Bg2 0-0 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Qb3 Bd7
The position is equal. **14.0-0 Be8 15.Rfd1 Nd5**

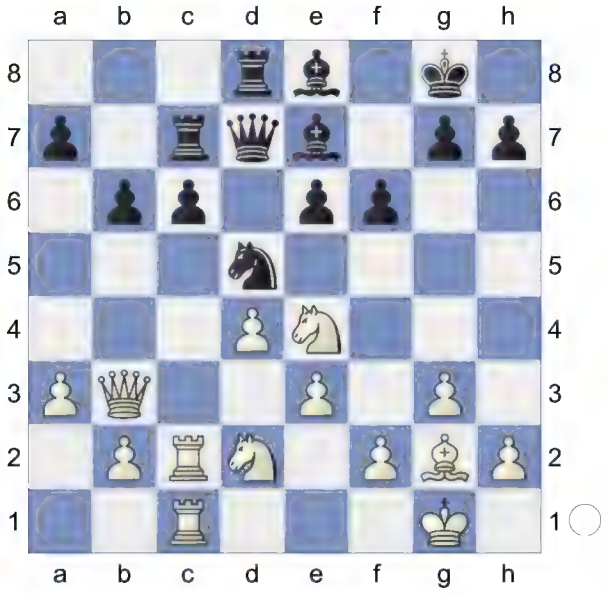
(Diagram)

16.Ne4 b6 17.a3 Rac8 18.Rd2 f6 0.22/18

[⌓18...c5 -0.26/20 19.Ne5 Qb8]

19.Rdc2= Qd7 20.Ncd2 Rc7

[20...f5!? 21.Nc3□ Nxc3 22.Rxc3 *(22.Qxc3 c5=)* 22...c5=]



21.Bh3 Bf7 22.Qa4 f5 23.Nc3 c5 24.Qa6 Nxc3 25.Rxc3 e5

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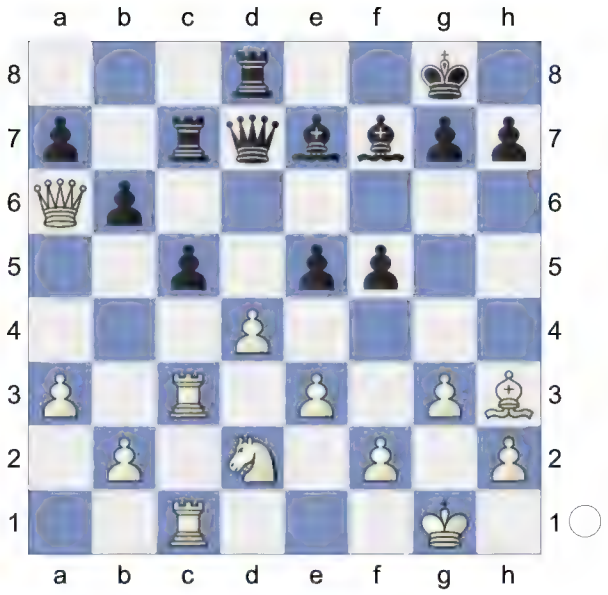
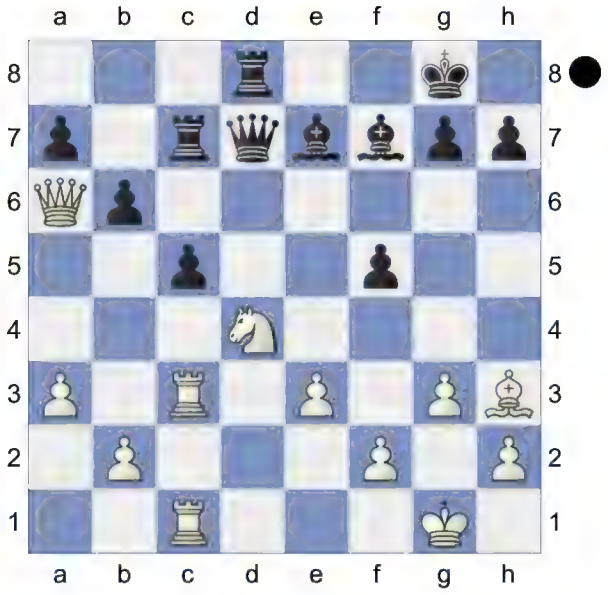


26.Nf3 exd4 27.Nxd4



Pin **27...g6** 0.01/21

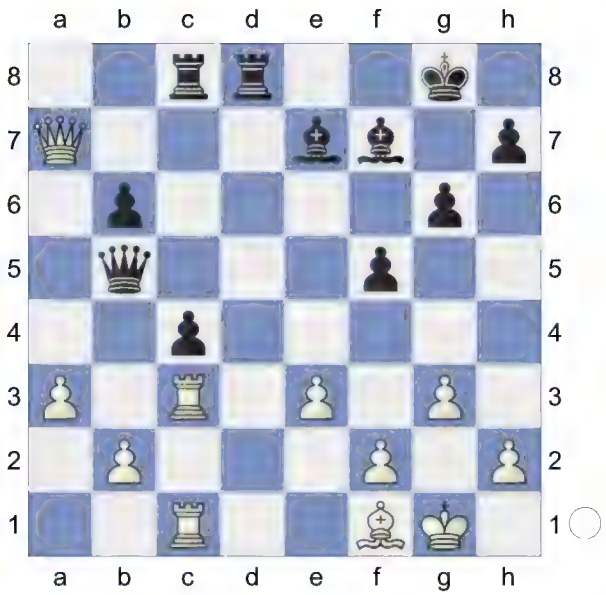
[27...Bf6!∓ -0.68/22 28.b4 *(28.Bxf5 Qe7±)* 28...c4 29.Bxf5 Qd5]

28.Nb5 Rcc8 29.Bf1 c4 Wards off Rc3-d3 **30.Qxa7**

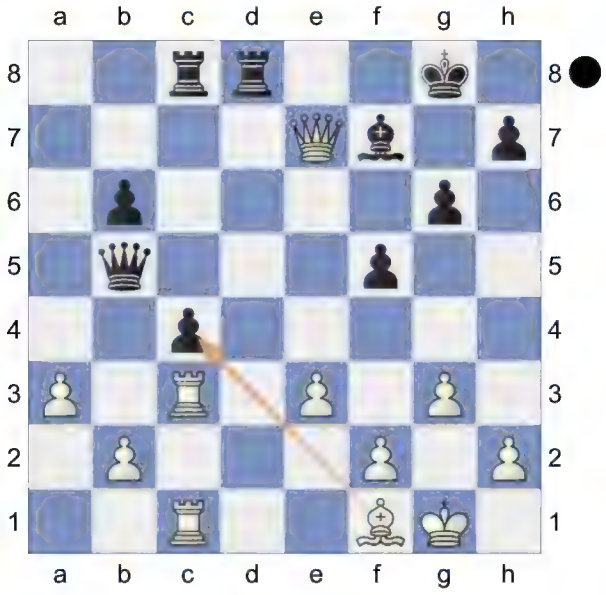
[30.Bxc4? is the wrong capture. Bxc4 31.a4 *(31.Rxc4? perishes. Rxc4 32.Nc3 Rc7-+)* 31...Bf6-+]

30...Qxb5

(Diagram)

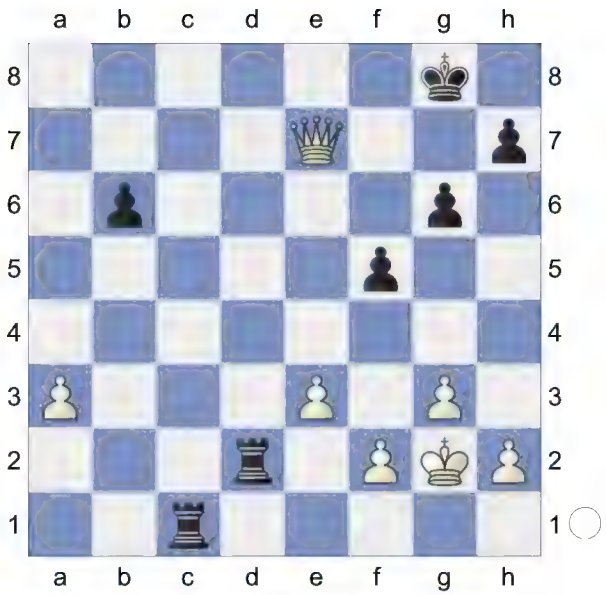


31.Qxe7



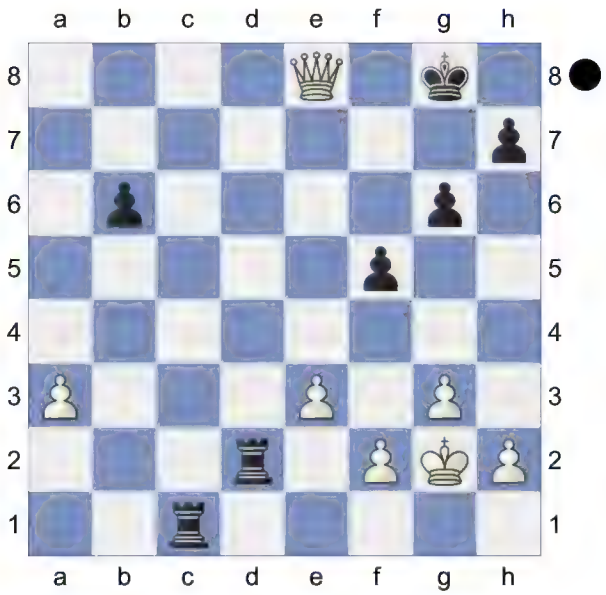
Bf1xc4! would now be deadly. **31...Qxb2 32.Bxc4 Bxc4 33.Rxc4 Qxc1+ 34.Rxc1 Rxc1+±** KQ-KRR **35.Kg2 Rd2**

(Diagram)



36.Qe8+ 0.79/5

[⌓36.Qe6+ 1.25/26 Kf8 37.Kf3 *(37.Qxb6 Rcc2±)*]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

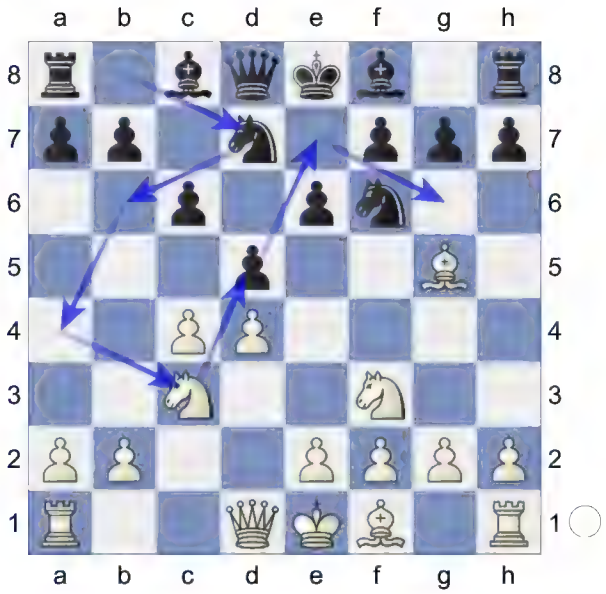
½-½

182 **D52**
□ **Loginov,Valery** **2355**
■ **Panchenko,Alexander N** **2435**
USSR 1986
[R.Scherbakov]

White introduces a new idea and plays very creatively but Black was equal to the task. Interesting complications lead to a drawn ending where Black plays inaccurately and is very close to losing the game... Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Inf 42/565' White introduces a new idea and plays very creatively but Black was equal to the task. Interesting complications lead to a drawn ending where Black plays inaccurately and is very close to losing the game...

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

'The tension had now become unbearable for the world champion,' wrote Dutch journalists. 'He began seeking explanations in mysticism and ordered his horoscope. For the second time in the match (and this time finally) his second, Landau, was dismissed, giving way to Ernst Klein who was specially summoned from Austria.' However, the shock caused by his error in a simple endgame had not gone away and, in Euwe's opinion, this was the cause of Alekhine's defeat in the 25th game, in which he again played too riskily.For the first time the challenger chose the 'Cambridge Springs' for this game, to which the champion replied with a very sharp variation involving the sacrifice of two pawns and... lost practically without a fight ! The variation proved to have a 'hole'; Euwe had looked at it in his preparations and was familiar with Becker's analysis, refuting an idea suggested by Ilya Rabinovich, which, to his misfortune, Alekhine employed. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'White introduces a new idea and plays very creatively but Black was equal to the task. Interesting complications lead to a drawn ending where Black plays inaccurately and is very close to losing the game..." **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

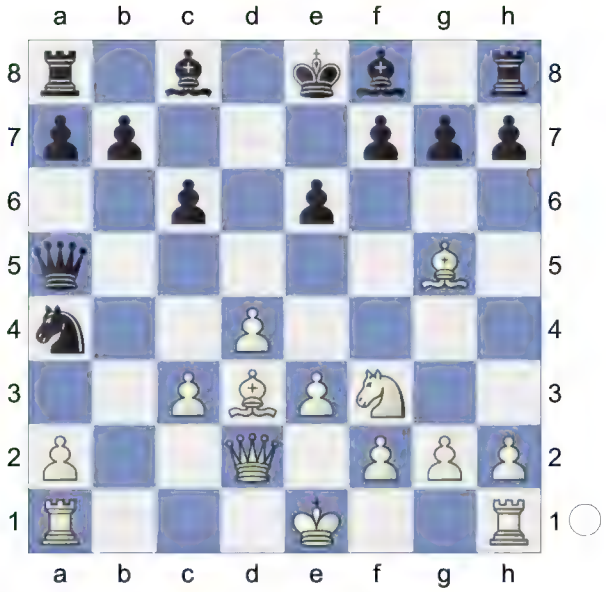


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Na4!?

[For a long time the main continuation was known to be For a long time the main continuation was known to be 10...Nd5 11.0-0 Qxc3 12.Qe2

A) 12...Be7?! is dubious: 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Ne5! Ng6 *(14...0-0? 15.Nc4* followed by Rab1 the Queen could be in danger*)* 15.Bxg6!? hxg6 16.Qf3 0-0 17.h4↑ and White's initiative is very strong, Polugaevsky - Seirawan, Biel 1985 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov, Va: 'and White's initiative is very strong, Polugaevsky - Seirawan,

Biel 1985';
B) 12...Bd6 And a possible continuation is Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'And a possible continuation is' 13.Nd2 Qa5 14.Nc4 *(14.Nc4!? Qc7□ 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Bh4=; 14.e4* can be parried by *Bf4! 15.Nc4 Nc3!)* 14...Qc7
B1) the game Novikov - Smagin, Tashkent 1984 continued with the game Novikov - Smagin, Tashkent 1984 continued with 15.e4 -0.57/18 15.Nc4xd6+ 0.28 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bf4 17.Bh4 -1.00/19 *(17.Qh5∓ -0.55/19 g6 18.Qh4 Bxg5 19.Qxg5)* 17...Nb6 -0.46/18 *(17...b5!∓* -1.00/19 *18.exd5 bxc4 19.Bxc4 cxd5 20.Bxd5 Rb8)* 18.Qg4 with interesting complications;
B2) 15.Qh5!? Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'the game Novikov - Smagin, Tashkent 1984 continued with' 15...Be7
B2a) 16.e4 -0.29/21 16.Bg5xe7 0.20 does not look so promising: Nf4 Panchenko, A.N; Loginov,Va: 'in the game V.Salov - Panchenko, Leningrad 1984 after' *(* in the game V.Salov - Panchenko, Leningrad 1984 after in the game V.Salov - Panchenko, Leningrad 1984 after *16...g6* 0.50/22 16...Nd5-f4 -0.33 *17.Qh6 Bxg5 18.Qxg5 Qf4 19.Qg3! Qxg3 20.fxg3 Nb4 21.Nd6+ Ke7 22.Nxf7 Rf8 23.Ne5 Nxd3 24.Rxf8 Kxf8 25.Nxd3 Ke7±* seems to be drawn Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'seems to be drawn') 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.Ne5 0-0 19.g3 Qd2 20.Rad1 Qxa2 21.f4⩱ -1.61/19 and the position is very unclear, Novikov - Panczyk, Poznan 1985 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'and the position is very unclear, Novikov - Panczyk, Poznan 1985' *(21.Ng4∓* -0.76/20 *)*;
B2b) 16.f4!? Nf6 and now, according to Rafael Vaganian, White should have played Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'and now, according to Rafael Vaganian, White should have played' *(16...Bxg5?* 2.60/19 16...g7-g6 -0.04 *17.fxg5* followed by Be5*)* 17.Qh4 keeping the better chances. *(17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Rac1⩱* Vaganian - Torre, Biel 1985 *)*]



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is also more useful- it can allow Black to slightly disorganise White's pieces by some curious manoeuvres. Panchenko, A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Strangely enough the Knight seems to be safer on the edge of the board as White does not have a chance to advance e3-e4 with increased effect. It is also more useful- it can allow Black to slightly disorganise White's pieces by some curious manoeuvres." **11.Rc1**

[11.0-0 is the main continuation. Qxc3 12.Qe2 Qb2 13.Bc2 Qb5 14.Bd3 Qb2 15.Bc2 Qb5 16.Qd1 Nc3 17.Qd2 Bb4 18.Bd3 Qb6 *(18...Qa4 19.a3 Ba5 20.Qb2 f6 21.Bh4 Nd5 22.Rfc1 Bc7 23.Rc4 Qa5 24.Qc2 Bd6 25.e4 Nb6 26.Rc3 Qh5 27.a4 Bb4 28.Rb3 a5 29.Bg3* 7.Bd3 Qh5 8. 00-Hamilton,D Budapest 1984*)* 19.a3 Ba5 20.Qc2 h6 21.Bh4 0-0 22.Be7 Re8 23.Bc5 Qc7 24.Ne5 Rd8 25.Bh7+ Kh8 26.Bg6 1-0 (62) 12.0-0 b6 13. ♖ad1 ♗b7 107 (2589)-Kasparov,G (2480) 5th AD San Juan Open 2011 (1.5)]

11...Nxc3 12.0-0

[12.Rxc3 Bb4 13.0-0 Bxc3∓]

12...Bb4 13.Qb2N When the game was played this was a new attempt. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'N' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'N Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Only'' When the game was played this was a new attempt.

[Only 13.a3 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov, Va: '∞' '∞' Qxa3 14.Ra1 Inhibits Nc3-a2. Qb3 was played before. Here White has some possibilities, the most testing seems to be Panchenko, A.N; Loginov,Va: 'was played before. Here White has some possibilities, the most testing seems to be'

A) 15.Bc2?! -0.88/23 15.Nf3-e5 -0. 01 is dubious:

A1) 15...Qd5 is also good:

A1a) 16.e4? Nxe4 17.Qxb4 Nxg5 18.Ne5 a5! 19.Qa3 -2.01/19 *(19.Qc3∓* -1.02/20 was worth a try. *Ne4 20.Bxe4 Qxe4 21.Rfe1)* 19...f6 -0.81/20 *(19...Qxd4-+* -2.01/19 is more deadly. *20.Rfe1 f6 21.Bg6+ hxg6 22.Nxg6 c5 23.Nxh8 e5)* 20.Bg6+? -4.38/19 *(20.Bb3∓* -0.81/20 *Qxd4 21.Nc4)* 20...hxg6-+ 21.Nxg6 Nf3+! 22.Qxf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Rh5-+ Alekhine - Euwe, Wch16 NLD 1935 24.Nf4 Rf5 25.Nd3 Rxf3 26.Nc5 b6 27.Kg2 Rf4 28.Nb3 e5 29.dxe5 Be6 30.Nc1 0-0-0 31.exf6 Rg4+ 32.Kf3 Rf8 33.Ke3 Rxf6 34.f4 g5 35.Nd3 Bc4 36.f5 Rh4 37.Rad1 Rxh2 38.Ke4 Re2+ (45) Max The Fifth-Alekhine,A;

A1b) 16.e4∓ -0.90/20 Nxe4 Discovered Attack 17.Bxe4 Bxd2 18.Bxd5 Bxg5 19.Bxc6+ bxc6 20.Nxg5;

A1c) 16.Qd3 -2.08/20 16...Qb5 and Black has no problems, L.Szabo - Unzicker, Buenos Aires 1960 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'and Black has no problems, L. Szabo - Unzicker, Buenos Aires 1960';

A2) 15...Ne4!? 16.Qc1! Qd5 17.Bh4 And now Qc1-b1 would win. f5 -0.55/20 *(* Better is *17...a5∓* -1.02/20 *18.Ne5 Nc3)*

18.Ne5∓ 0-0 19.f3 Nf6 20.Qb2 Be7 21.e4 Qd8 and White's compensation for two pawns is definitely insufficient, Platz - Relschtab, Dusseldorf 1953 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'and White's compensation for two pawns is definitely insufficient, Platz - Relschtab, Dusseldorf 1953';

B) the game Vasilchenko - Matlak, Katowice 1990 was continued with 15.Qc1 f6 16.Bh4 Qd5 -0.57/21 Repels e3-e4 *(16...c5∓* -1.04/20 *17.dxc5 a5)* 17.Qb2∓ a5 18.Rfc1 g5 0.15/20 *(18...Nb5∓* -0.34/21 *)* 19.Bxg5!?= fxg5 20.Rxc3 Bxc3 21.Qxc3⩲ a4 and here in a very unbalanced position a draw was agreed;

C) 15.Ne5= -0.01/22 keeps the balance.;

D) 15.Rfc1!? -0.77/20 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'the game Vasilchenko - Matlak, Katowice 1990 was continued with' 15...Na2∓ 16.Qxa2 Qxd3 17.d5!? and now

D1) 17...Qxd5?? 1.83/21 17...0-0 -0.94 is losing a Queen after 18.Rd1!;

D2) 17...exd5 -0.01/19 17...c6-c5 -1.12 is risky: 18.Qb2 f6 ...a7-a5 would now be deadly. *(18...Bf8?* 2.45/21 18...h7-h6 -0.01 *19.Qe5+ Kd7* looks too suspicious: *20.Bf4 f6 21.Qc7+ Ke8 22.Nd4!?*↑ Repels Qd3-f5*)* 19.Qxb4 fxg5 20.e4!↑ with a strong initiative, Krantz - Lundin, Goteborg 1964 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'with a strong initiative, Krantz - Lundin, Goteborg 1964';

D3) 17...0-0! is the most reliable. The position after the possible Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'The position after the possible' is the most reliable. The position after the possible 18.Rd1 -1.28/21 *(⌓18.dxc6* -0.89/20 *bxc6 19.Qc4 Qxc4 20.Rxc4)* 18...Qf5 -0.42/22 *(18...Qb5∓* -1.28/21 Strongly threatening ... h7-h6. *19.d6 Bd7)* 19.d6∓ f6!? 0.78/22 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov, Va: 'after' *(*after *19...Bd7 20.Be7 Rfe8 21.Qb2⩲* White has some initiative*; 19...e5∓* -0.49/23 keeps the upper hand. *20.Be7 e4 21.Bxf8 exf3)* 20.d7!± Bxd7 21.Rxd7 fxg5 seems to be in Black's favour.]

13...Nd5 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Black was probably right not to include"

[Black was probably right not to include Black was probably right not to include 13...h6 14.Bh4 as it not only makes a square e5 available for the Knight but weakens a kingside pawn structure- the main White plans are obviously connected with a center and kingside activity. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'as it not only makes a square e5 available for the Knight but weakens a kingside pawn structure- the main White plans are obviously connected with a center and kingside activity.']

14.Rc4 next e3-e4 is good for White.

[14.e4!? Ba3 15.Qb3 Bxc1 16.Bxc1∓]

14...Be7 0.40/19 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'An inclusion of"

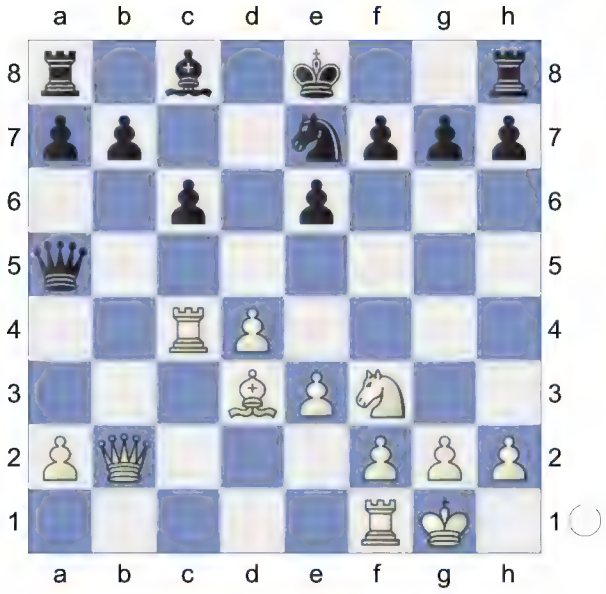
[An inclusion of 14...Ba3!? 0.38/20

14...Qa5-a3 -0.01 15.Qb1 0.00/19 *(15.Qc2± 0.38/20* deserves consideration. *Nb6 16.Rc3)* 15...Be7 0.48/18 dislodging the Queen from the long diagonal might be an improvement. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: ' ∞' '∞' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'dislodging the Queen from the long diagonal might be an improvement." *(15...h6= 0.00/19* might be stronger. *16.Bh4 0-0)*]

[14...h6 15.Bh4 Δ ♘e5±]

[14...Qa3= 0.04/20 15.Qxa3 Bxa3]

15.Bxe7!± Nxe7



16.d5! Excellent! The pawn moves to the most fortified point of Black's position without any support. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Excellent! The pawn moves to the most fortified point of Black's position without any support.". aiming for d5-d6. **16...0-0** The gift is wisely refused. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov, Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and"

[Both 16...exd5 17.Qxg7 Rg8 18.Qe5↑ Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '±' '±' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '↑"]

[and 16...Qxd5 1.42/23 16...0-0 0.34 17.Qxg7 Rg8 18.Qxh7↑ was suspicious for Black Panchenko, A.N; Loginov,Va: ' ±' '±' Panchenko,A. N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '↑' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was suspicious for Black"]

[16...f6 was also in White's favour due to the simple Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was also in White's favour due to the simple" 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Qxb7 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '±' '±']

17.Rg4 Ng6 Once again Black might be happy he has not moved his h-pawn yet. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Once again Black might be happy he has not moved his h-pawn yet."

[17...f6 0.92/19 17...Ne7-g6 0.40 was still dubious because of Panchenko,A. N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was still dubious because of'' 18.dxe6! Bxe6 19.Re4↑ Panchenko, A.N; Loginov,Va: '+-' '+-' Panchenko,A. N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '↑"]

18.dxc6 bxc6 19.h4 e5 0.75/20

[19...f6!? 0.95/19 19...Rf8-d8 0.36 comes into consideration. Yet, after 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Rxg6± White's chances should be preferred.]

[19...Rd8!± 0.33/20 20.Bc2 Rd5]

20.Rg3± Re8

[Still 20...f6!? was worthy of consideration.]

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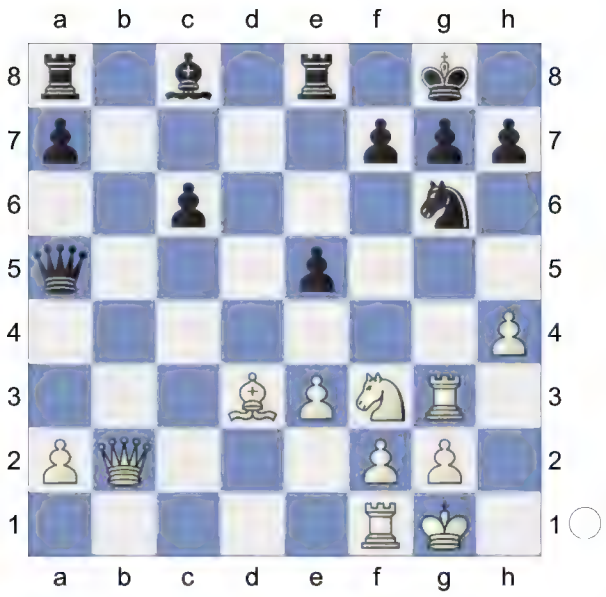


Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: ' □''□' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Still'' **21.h5?!** 0.32/23 According to both Alexander Panchenko and Valery Loginov, it is not the best way to maintain the initiative. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'According to both Alexander Panchenko and Valery Loginov, it is not the best way to maintain the initiative."

[21.Ng5 with the idea of h5-h6 then Ne4 exploiting a weakness of the f6 square was more energetic. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '!' '!' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '(Δ h5-h6, ♘e4)' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '(Δ h5-h6, ♘e4) Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'with the idea of h5-h6 then Ne4 exploiting a weakness of the f6 square was more energetic.'' Nf8 1.39/20 *(⌓21...Be6 0.77/20)* 22.h5 0.01/22 *(22.Qc2± 1.39/20 g6 23.Bc4)* 22...h6= 23.Ne4 → *(23.Nxf7!? Kxf7 24.Bc4+ Ne6 25.Qc2=)*]

[21.Be4± 0.73/22 Bd7 22.h5]

21...e4± Discovered Attack, Double Attack

[21...Nf8 0.92/19 21...e5-e4 0.28 22.h6 g6 23.Ng5 0.49/16 followed by Ne4 was less desirable for Black but maybe things were not so clear. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: ' ±''±' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'followed by Ne4 was less desirable for Black but maybe things were not so clear.'' *(23.Rd1± 0.90/18)*]

22.hxg6 hxg6 23.Rg5!? An interesting attempt. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!?' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'An interesting attempt."

[23.Bc4 exf3 24.Rxg6 Qe5 could immediately lead to the game continuation.]

23...Qc7

[23...Qb6? 1.78/23 23...Qa5-d8 0.01 was losing a piece due to the unexpected and very beautiful Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '#was losing a piece due to the unexpected and very beautiful'' 24.Re5! Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '!' '!' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!!"

A) 24...Qxb2? 7.61/21 24...Bc8-f5 1.77 was disastrous for Black: Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '?' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'was disastrous for Black:'' 25.Rxe8+ Kh7 26.Ng5+ Kh6 27.Nxf7+ Kh5 and now there are many ways to win: Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and now there are many ways to win:'' 28.Bxe4 *(28.Rh8+? 2.55/5* 28.Bd3xe4 8.13 *Kg4 29.Bxe4; 28.Re5+ Qxe5 29.Be2+)* 28...Qf6 29.Rh8+? 3.52/5 *(29.f4 9.39/24 Qxf7 30.Kf2)* 29...Kg4+- 30.f3+ *(30.Bxg6+-)* 30...Kg3 31.f4

Rf1-f3+ would kill now. Bg4 (-> ...Ra8xh8) 32.Rf3+ Bxf3 33.Rh3+ Kg4 34.Ne5+ Qxe5 35.Bxf3+ Kf5 36.fxe5+- with an extra piece;

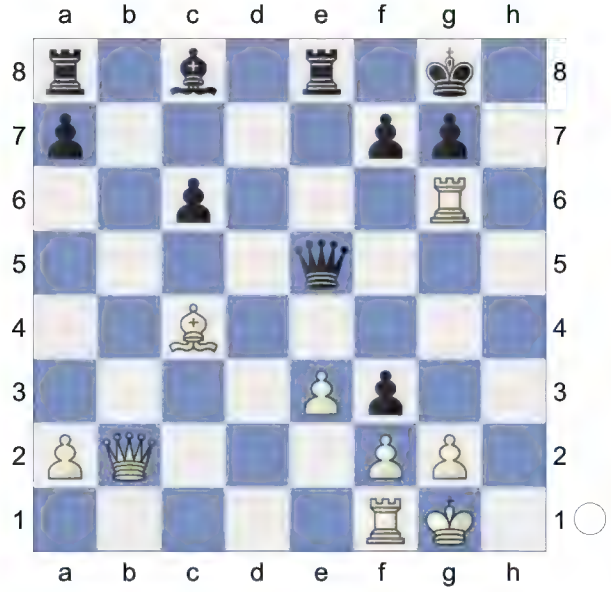
B) 24...Bf5 25.Qxb6 axb6 26.g4!± and so on.]

[23...Qd8?! looked dubious, after Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '?!' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'looked dubious, after" 24.Bc4 Be6! 25.Bxe6 Rxe6 26.Nd4! 0.18/20 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!" (White should play *26.Qd4±* 0.76/23 Threatens to win with Qd4xd8+. *exf3 27.Qxd8+ Rxd8 28.gxf3*) 26...Qxg5= 27.Nxe6 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: ' ±' '±' fxe6 Black's pawns were too weak although he has two more at the moment.]

24.Bc4

[24.Bxe4 simplifies Rxe4 25.Rc5 Bd7 26.Qc2]

24...exf3 25.Rxg6 Qe5



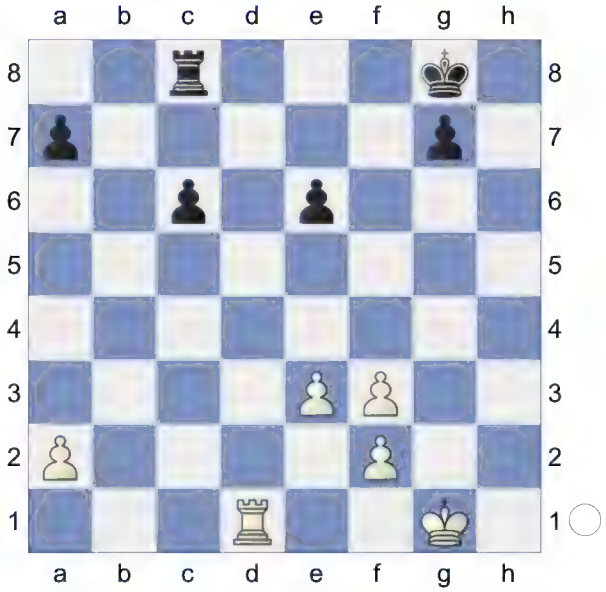
could immediately lead to the game continuation. **26.Qxe5 Rxe5 27.Rd1**

[27.Rxc6 fxg2 28.Rd1 Hoping for Rd1-d8+. Bg4]

27...Be6? A serious inaccuracy. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The problems could be avoided by"

[The problems could be avoided by 27...Ba6! 28.Bb3 *(28.Rxc6 Bxc4 29.Rxc4 fxg2 30.Rd7 Rg5∓)* 28...Re7= 0.87/20 and Black has nothing to worry about. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and Black has nothing to worry about. " *(28...fxg2± 0.37/21 29.Rxc6 Bf1)*]

28.Bxe6 Rxe6 29.Rxe6 fxe6 30.gxf3 Endgame. In the rook ending Black must defend very carefully because of his numerous pawn weaknesses. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '[♖ 8/h]' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '[♖ 8/h] Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'In the rook ending Black must defend very carefully because of his numerous pawn weaknesses.". KR-KR **30...Rc8**



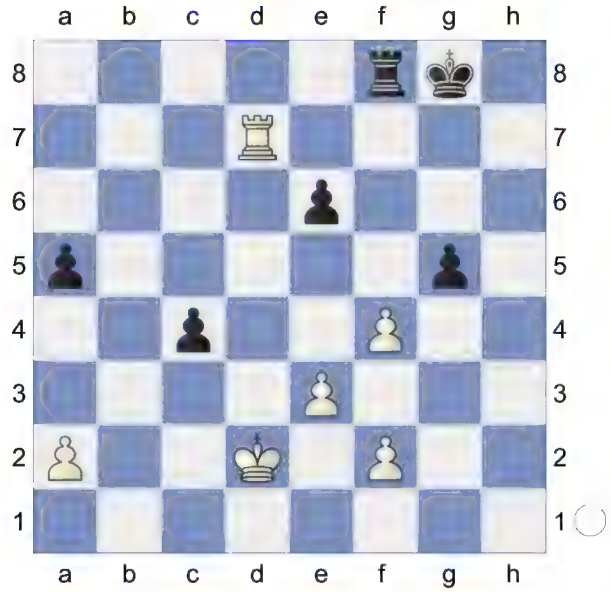
31.Rd7! c5 32.Kf1 0.35/25 White is much more active.

[32.Rxa7± 0.98/23 c4 33.Rb7]

32...c4 33.Ke1

[33.Rxa7? too greedy. c3 34.Ke2

c2-+]
33...a5 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '!' '!'
34.Kd2
[34.Ra7 Rc5 0.46/23 *(34...c3=* 0.10/22 *35.Kd1 Rd8+ 36.Kc2 Rd2+ 37.Kxc3 Rxf2)* 35.Kd2±]
34...Rf8?! Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '?!"
[34...Rb8 was correct: Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '!' '!' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was correct:" 35.Kc3 Rb4 36.Rd4 0.16/23 *(36.Rc7±* 0.69/23 *)* 36...Ra4=]
35.f4 g5? 0.80/22



In time trouble Black makes a serious mistake. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '!?' '!?' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '?' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'After" **36.Rd4!± gxf4** 1.60/25
[36...Rb8± 0.69/23]
37.exf4? 0.51/23 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'According to both players, the pawn ending after"
[According to both players, the pawn ending after 37.Rxf4 Rxf4? 9.62/25 *(37...Rd8+* 1.76/20 *38.Kc2 e5)* 38.exf4+- Threatening mate with a2-a4. Kf7 39.Kc3 Kf6 40.Kxc4 White threatens Kc4-b5 and mate. Kf5 was drawn but they are obviously wrong as White is simply winning by Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '=' '=' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was drawn but they are obviously wrong as White is simply winning by" 41.Kb5 Kxf4 42.Kxa5 Kf3 43.Kb5 Kxf2 44.Kc5+- and so on. It means Black should keep the Rooks but then he is in trouble as the c4 pawn is lost after Kd2-c3. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'and so on. It means Black should keep the Rooks but then he is in trouble as the c4 pawn is lost after Kd2-c3.']
[White has to play 37.Rxf4± 1.60/25 Rc8 38.Kc3]
37...e5 0.89/25 **38.Rxc4**
[Inferior is 38.fxe5 Rxf2+ 39.Kc3 Re2∓]
38...exf4 39.Ke2 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'In the case of"
[In the case of 39.Rc5 0.28/25 39.Kd2-d3 0.78 Black could make a draw by Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Black could make a draw by" Re8! Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!" 40.Rxa5 0.01/26 *(40.Rf5* 0.01/27 40.Kd2-d3 0.51 *Re4!* Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '=' '='*; 40.Kd3±* 0.48/25 *)* 40...f3=]
39...Kg7 40.Rc5 0.38/26
[40.a4± 0.92/23]
40...a4

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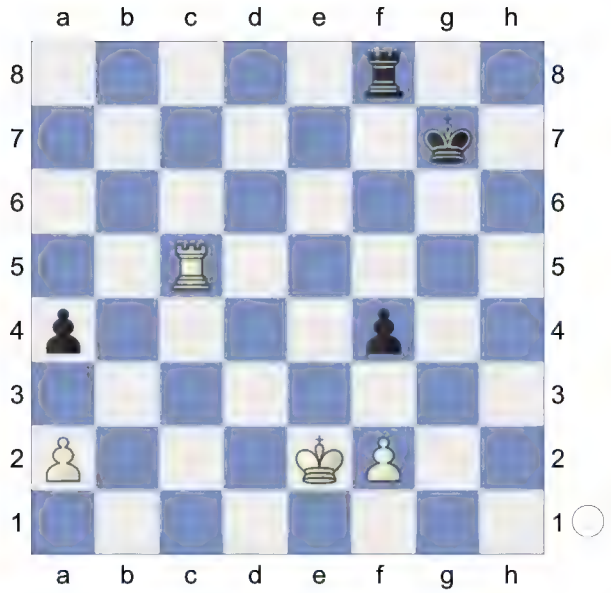

41.Ra5
[41.Rc4]
41...Rc8 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '!' '!' **42.Rxa4** Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '[♖ 5/d]' **42...Rc3**
[42...Rc2+ 43.Kf3 Kg6 44.a3 Ra2 0.91/24 was also good enough to make a draw. *(44...Kg5± 0.43/27* is superior. *)*]
43.Kf1
[43.Rxf4 a2-a4 is the strong threat. Ra3=]
[Much weaker is 43.Rxf4 Rc2+ 44.Kd3 Rxa2=]
43...f3 Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '!' '!'
44.Kg1 Rc2!= There is no chance of losing the game anymore. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: '=!' '=!' Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: '=' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'There is no chance of losing the game anymore.'' **45.Ra8 Kf7**

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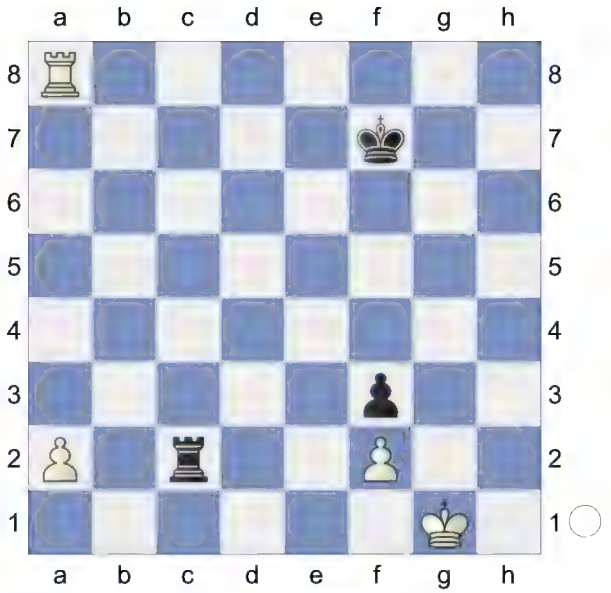
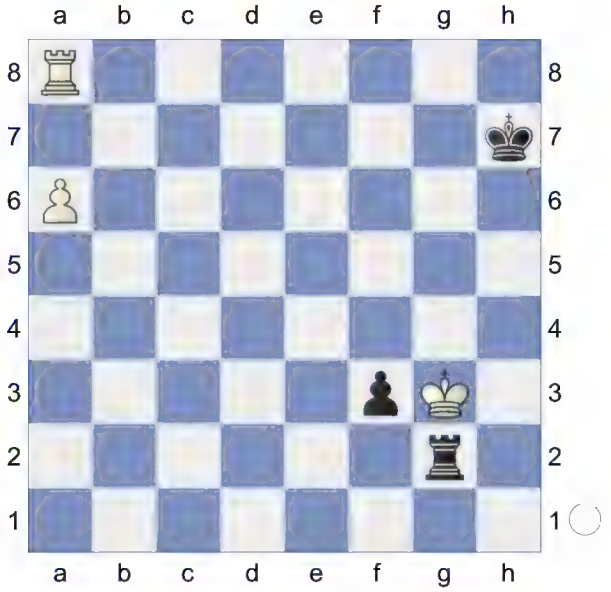


46.a4 Ra2 47.a5 Kg7 48.a6 Kh7 49.Kh2 Rxf2+ The position is equal. **50.Kg3 Rg2+**



51.Kxf3 Rg6 A well-known method. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov,Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A well-known method." **52.Ke4 Rb6 53.Kd5**

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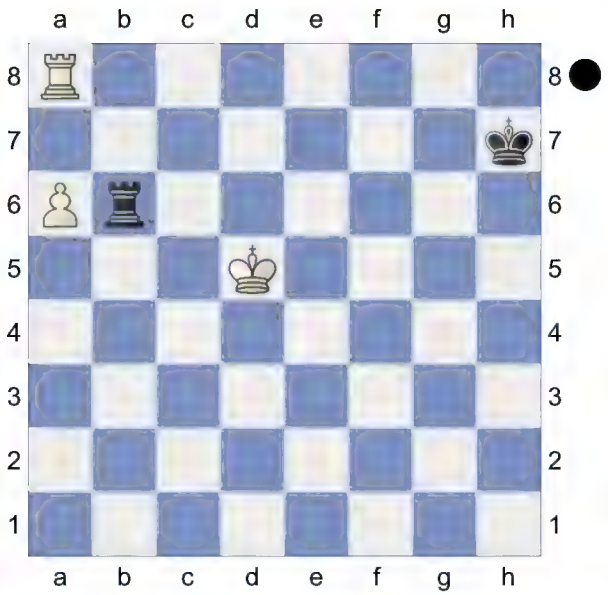

Draw agreed. Panchenko,A.N; Loginov, Va: 'Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Draw agreed.''. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

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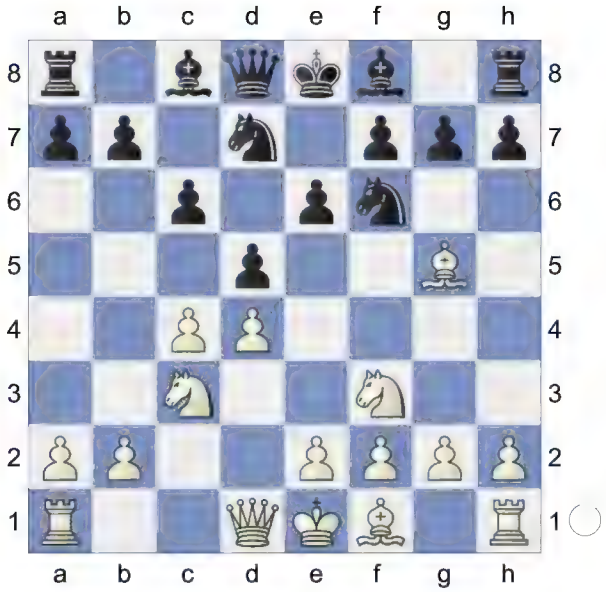
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7N

[4...dxc4 5.e4 *(5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qb8 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8* 0-1 (32) 21.Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2) *)* 5...Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]
[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Nc5 a5 17.Ndxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Nd3 1-0 (63) Van Hoolandt,P (2037)-Leardini,M (1587) EU Small Countries ol 8th 2023 (2.4)]
[4...Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

5.Bg5 c6



6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Nd2 Be7 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Qc7

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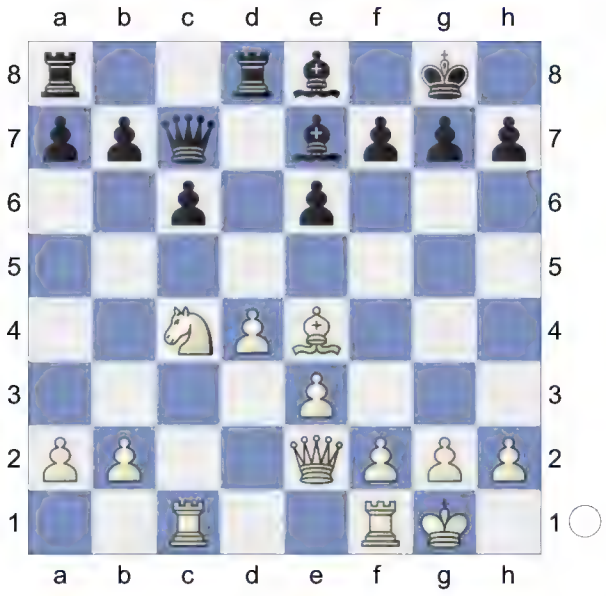
11.Rc1 0-0 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.Ne4 Nxe4 The position is equal. **15.Bxe4 Be8**



16.a3 a5 17.Qf3 g6 18.Qg3 Qxg3 19.hxg3 Ra6 20.Rc2 f6

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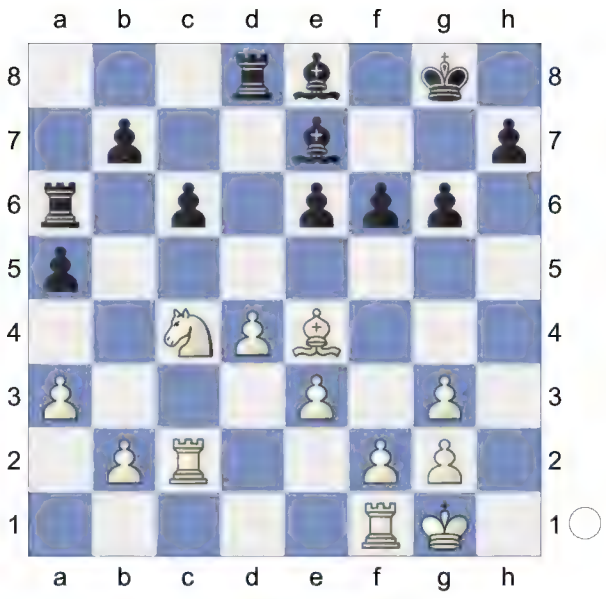
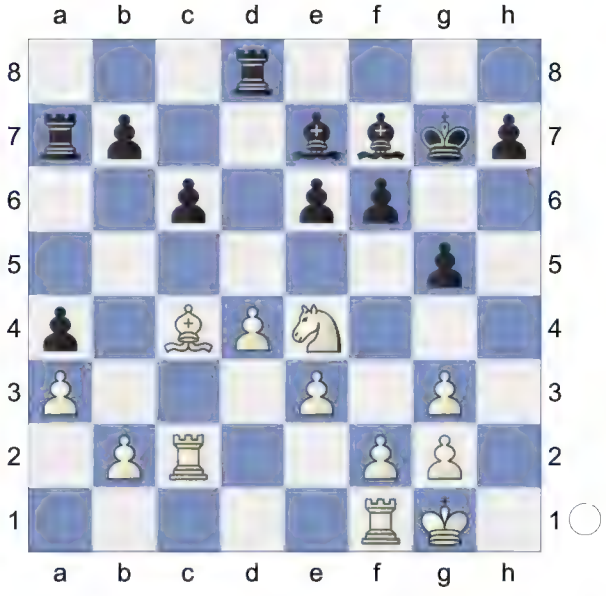


21.Nd2 a4 22.Bf3 g5 23.Be2 Ra7 24.Bc4 Bf7 25.Ne4 Kg7



26.f3 h5 27.Kf2 f5 28.Nc3 Ra5 29.f4 h4 And now ...h4xg3+ would win. **30.Ne2 hxg3+**

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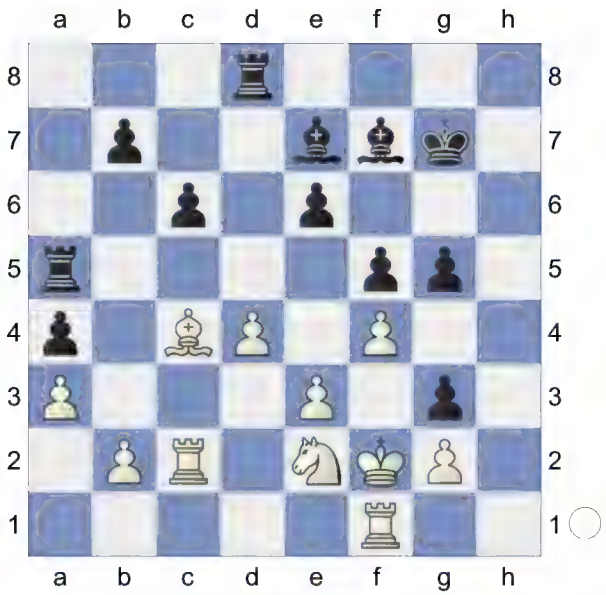
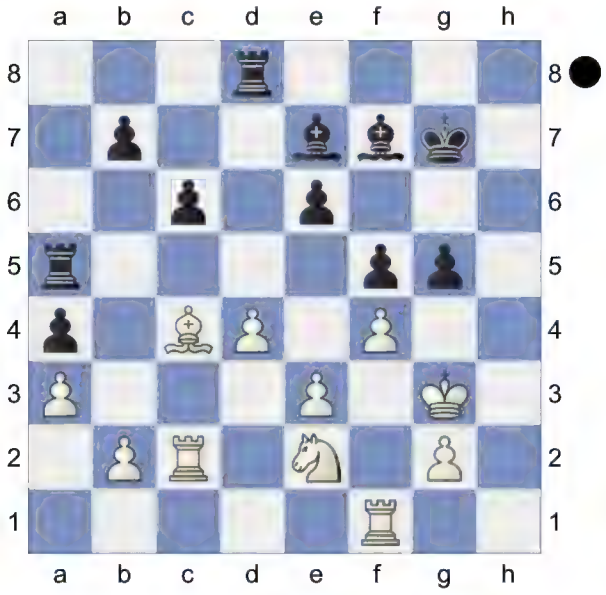
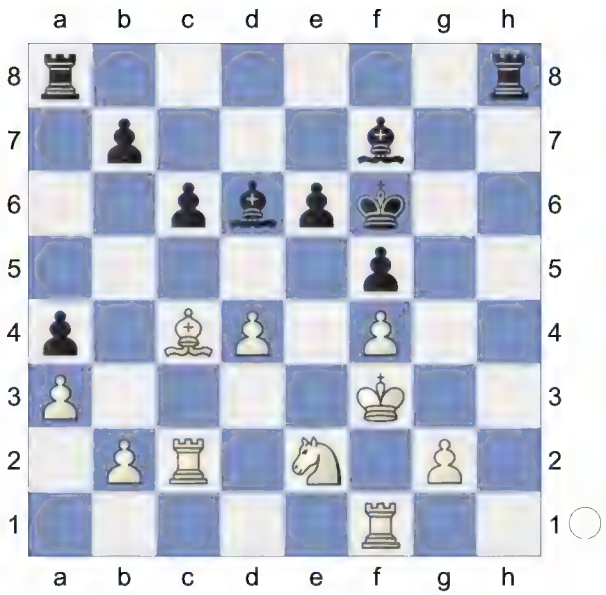


31.Kxg3

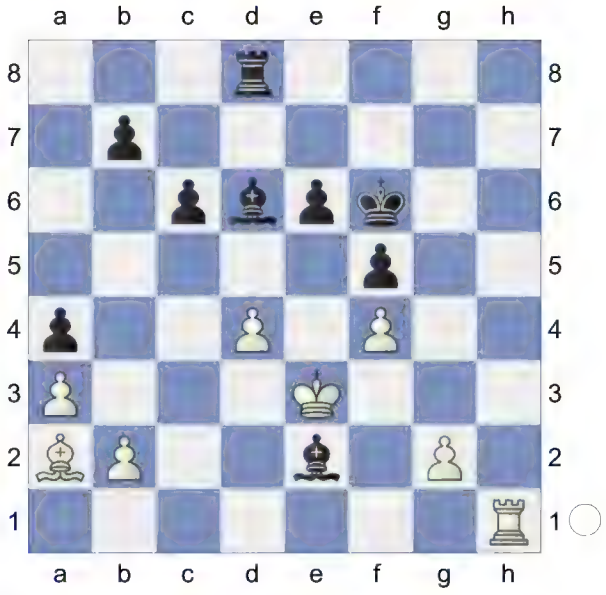


Bd6 -0.67/20
[31...c5!∓ -1.32/19 32.fxg5 Bxg5]
32.Kh2 -1.11/17
[32.Rd1∓ -0.67/20
is more appropriate.]
32...gxf4∓ 33.exf4 Rh8+ 34.Kg3 Raa8
Black is more active. **35.Kf3 Kf6**

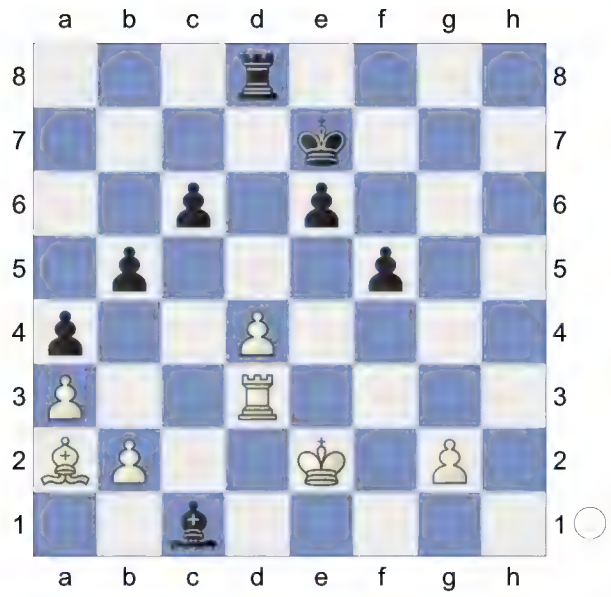
(Diagram)



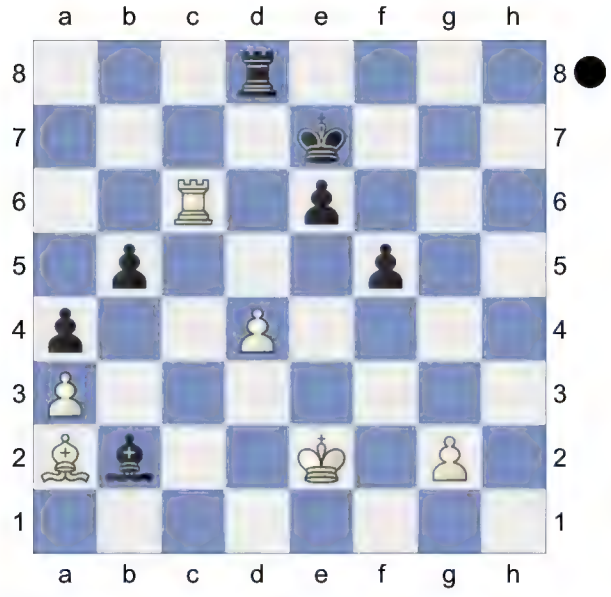
36.Rcc1 Rad8 -1.13/20
[⌓36...Bh5+ -1.60/19 37.Ke3 c5]
37.Ba2 -1.89/22
[37.Bd3∓ -1.13/20]
37...Rh2 White must now prevent ...Rd8-g8. **38.Rh1** -2.38/21
[38.Rf2 -1.64/21 was worth a try.]
38...Bh5+-+ 39.Ke3 Rxh1 40.Rxh1 Bxe2



Remove Defender, Deflection **41.Kxe2 Bxf4** Endgame. KRB-KRB **42.Rd1 Bg5 43.Bb1 b5 44.Ba2 Ke7 45.Rd3 Bc1**
(Diagram)



46.Rc3 Bxb2 47.Rxc6



Rd6

[And not 47...Bxa3 48.Rxe6+ Kd7 49.Rb6=]

[47...Bxd4 48.Bxe6 f4 49.Bf5∓]

[47...Rxd4 48.Rxe6+ Kd8 49.Rb6∓]

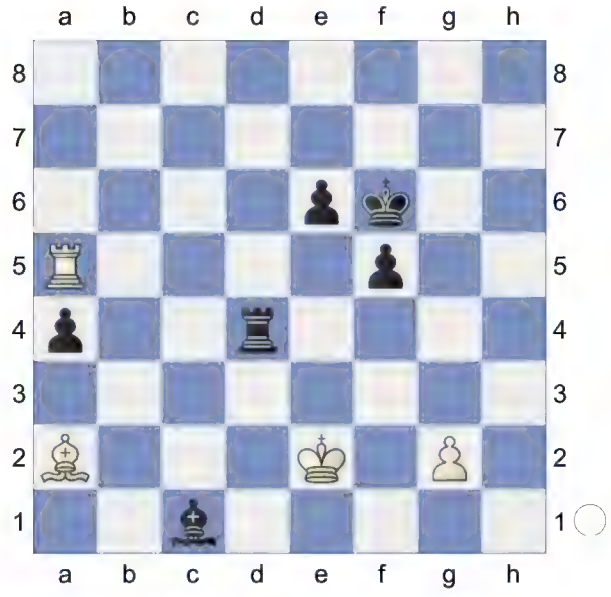
48.Rc7+ Kf6 49.Rb7 Rxd4 Black is clearly winning.

[49...Bxd4? 50.Rxb5 Rc6 51.Kd3∓]

[Don't take 49...Bxa3 50.d5 e5 *(50...exd5 51.Rxb5 Re6+ 52.Kd1∓)* 51.Rxb5-+]

50.Rxb5 Bxa3

51.Ra5 Bc1



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184 **D52**
□ **Jovicic,Milos** **2325**
■ **Cvetkovic,Srdjan** **2430**
Sremska Mitrovica 50/456 1990
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5

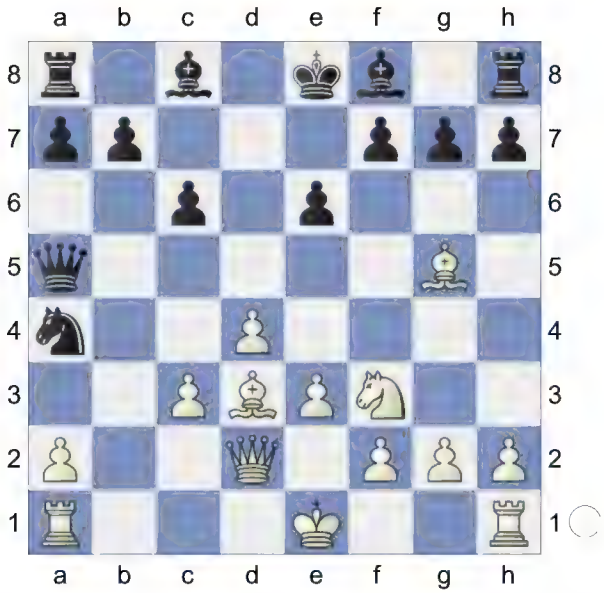
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]

5...c6

6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4_5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Na4



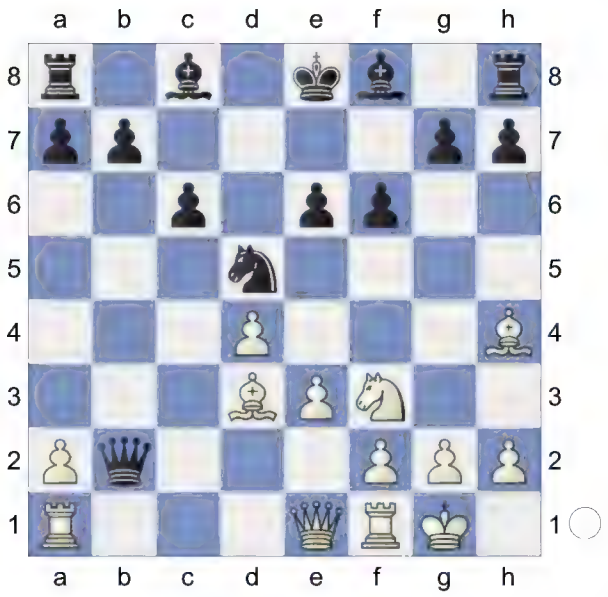
11.0-0 Qxc3 12.Qe2 Qb2 13.Qd1 White has compensation. The position is equal. **13...Nc3 14.Qe1 f6** Wards off Nf3-e5 **15.Bh4** -0.42/20

[15.Bf4!= -0.01/20]

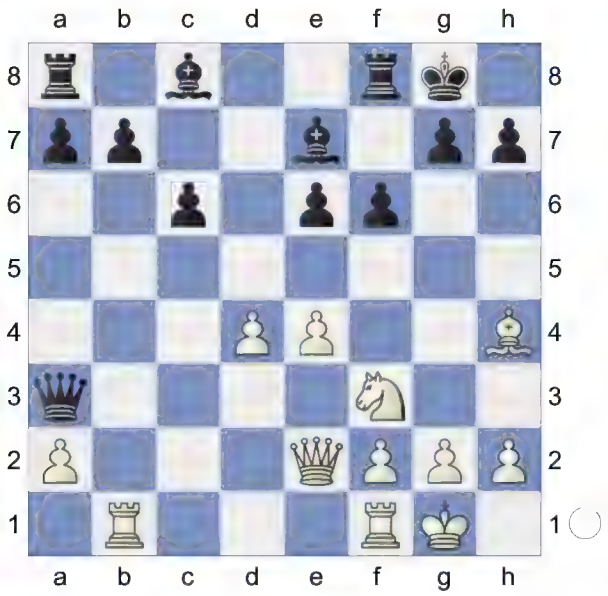
15...Nd5 0.42/20

[15...Bb4!∓ -0.42/20]

(Diagram)

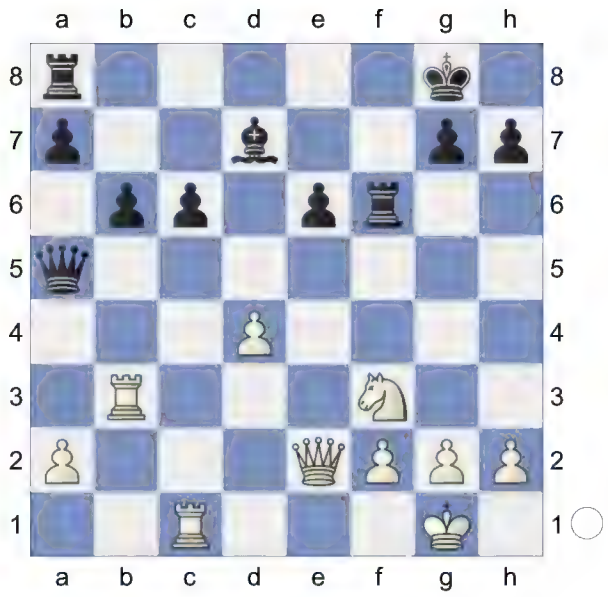


16.e4 0.02/21
[16.a3!± 0.42/20 feels stronger.]
16...Nf4 17.Qe3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Qa3 19.Qe2 Be7 20.Rab1 0-0

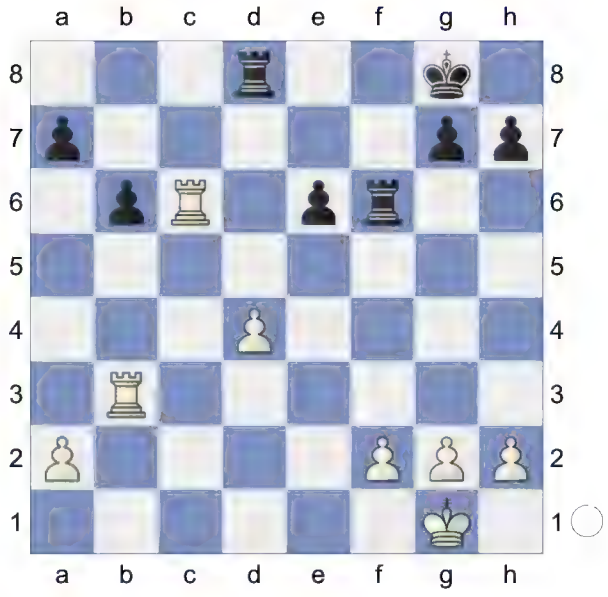


21.e5 b6 Hoping for ...Bc8-a6. **22.Rb3! Qa5** Strongly threatening ...Bc8-a6. **23.Rc1 Bd7 24.exf6 Bxf6 25.Bxf6 Rxf6**

(Diagram)



26.Ne5 Qd5 27.Qc4
[27.Qg4 is more complex. Raf8 28.Rg3 g6 29.Qh4]
27...Qxc4 28.Rxc4 Be8 29.Nxc6 Bxc6 30.Rxc6= Endgame. KRR-KRR
30...Rd8



31.Rd3 e5

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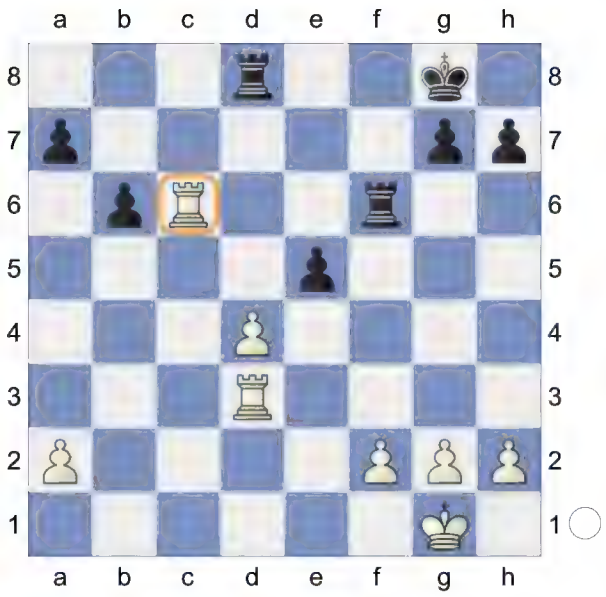
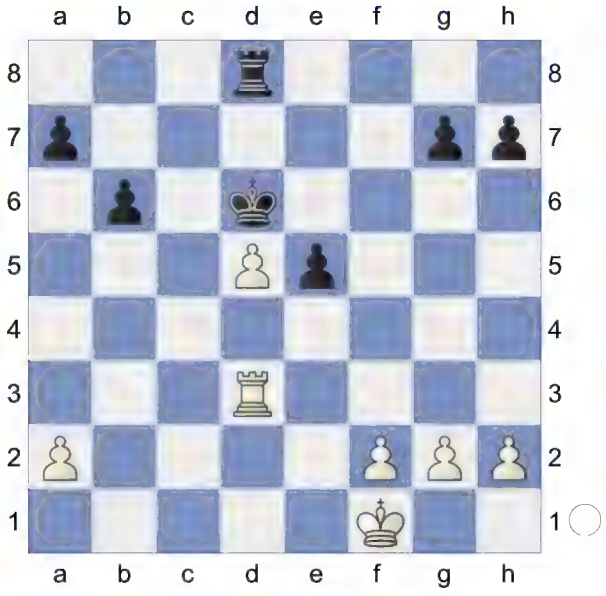
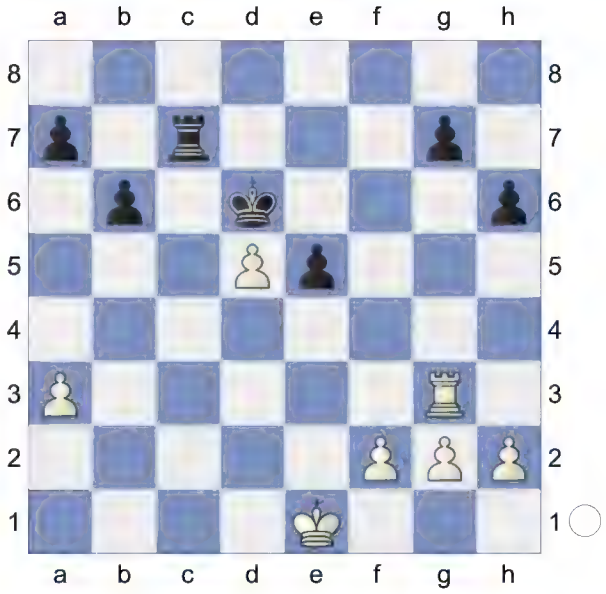


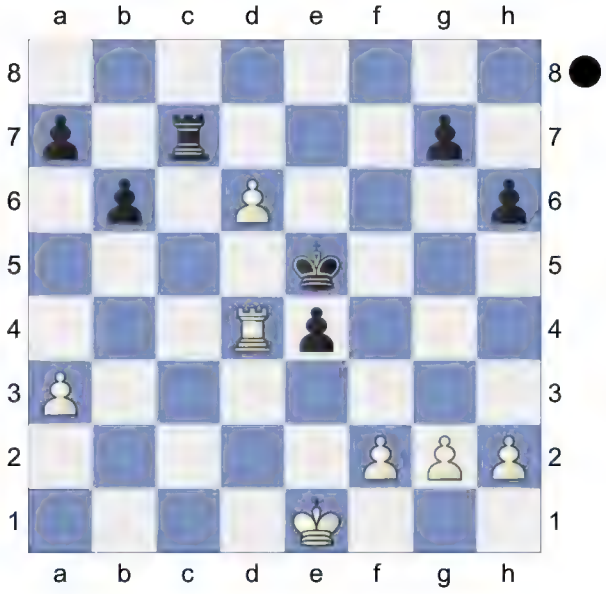
Discovered Attack **32.Rc7** -0.68/21
[32.Rxf6= -0.27/22 gxf6 33.Kf1]
32...Rf7!∓ White is now going downhill.
[32...Rxd4 33.Rxd4 exd4 34.Rd7=]
[32...exd4 33.Rxa7 Rc6 34.Kf1=]
33.Rxf7 Kxf7∓ KR-KR **34.d5 Ke7 35.Kf1 Kd6**



36.Ke2 Rc8 ...Rc8-c2+ is the strong threat. **37.a3** -1.49/20
[⌓37.Ra3 -1.13/19]
37...Rc5 38.Rh3 Rc2+
[38...Rxd5? 39.Rxh7 Ra5 40.h4±]
39.Ke1 h6 Black is more active.
[Don't play 39...Kxd5?! 40.Rxh7 Rc3 41.Rxg7 Rxa3 42.Rd7+ Kc6 43.Rd1=]
40.Rg3 Rc7
[40...Kxd5?! 41.Rxg7 a5 42.Rd7+ Kc4 43.Rd6=]

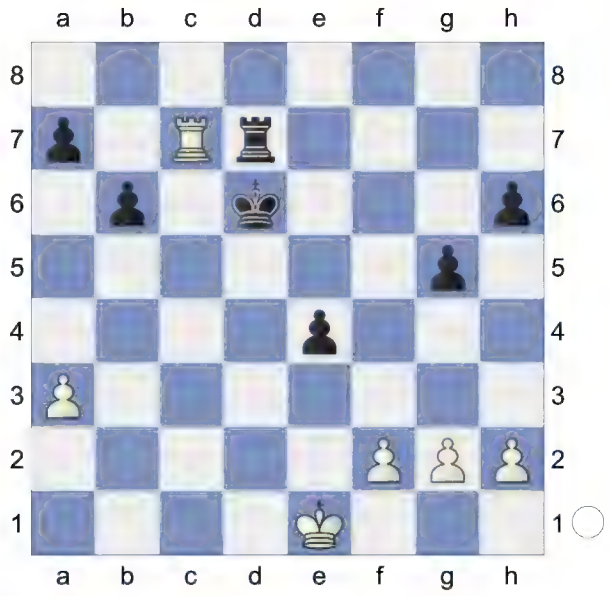


41.Rd3 e4 42.Rd4 Ke5 43.d6



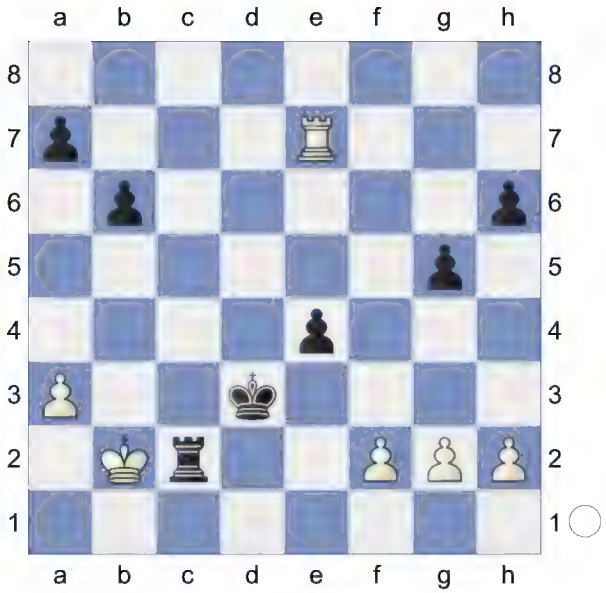
Rd7! 44.Rc4 g5
[But not 44...Rxd6 45.Rc7∓]
45.Rc7 -1.49/22
[⌓45.h4 -1.13/22]
45...Kxd6

[45...Rxd6 46.Re7+ Kd4 47.Rxa7=]



46.Rc8 Ke5 47.Re8+ -1.99/23
[47.Ke2∓ -1.57/21]
47...Kd4-+ 48.Kd2 Rd5 49.Kc2 -2.56/23
[⌓49.g3 -1.65/20]
49...Rc5+ 50.Kb2? -3.93/21
[50.Kd2 -2.42/22]
50...Kd3

51.Re7? -8.54/22
[51.Rf8 -3.99/21]
51...Rc2+



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185 **D52**
□ **Dorrington,C** **2317**
■ **Lupulescu,Constantin** **2649**
4NCL Div 1b 2019-20 (2.53) 01.03.2020
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7N
[4...dxc4 5.e4 *(5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qb8 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8* 0-1 (32) 21.Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2) *)* 5...Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7

16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Nc5 a5 17.Ndxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Nd3 1-0 (63) Van Hoolandt,P (2037)-Leardini,M (1587) EU Small Countries ol 8th 2023 (2.4)]

[4...Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

5.Bg5 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4!? In my opinion this is a relatively (Carlsen has played it) underrated line. I like the clarity of Black's plan, as we shall see...

[7...Bb4 is the main line]

8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Be2

[10.a3 was covered in Khenkin, I-Sherbakov,R Sochi (Russia) 1989 - see archive]

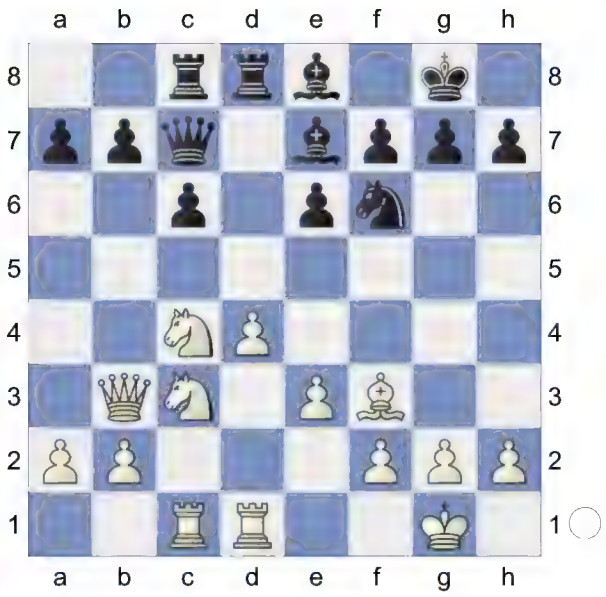
[10.g3 was covered in Timman,J-Seirawan,Y Amsterdam 1983 - see archive]

[10.Rc1 was covered in Janjgava,L-Sherbakov,R Odessa 1989 - see archive. However, a brief update is in order Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Qb3 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Be8 This is exactly the kind of position Black has in mind in the 7.. .dxc4 variation. The bishop is nicely tucked away on e6 and from there supports an imminent queenside expansion 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 b5 18.Nd2 h6 19.Bg2 c5= and Black was fine in the game Grischuk,A (2779)-Carlsen, M (2851) Paris 2017]

10...Be7

11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Qb3 Bd7 14.Bf3 Be8 15.Rfd1 The position is equal. **15...Rac8**

(Diagram)



The position greatly resembles the above-mentioned Carlsen game. Black's setup is in place and he is now ready to proceed with the thematic ... b5 and . .. c5 **16.Ne4N** -0.61/20 A novelty that does not do much to change the evaluation of the position, since Black seems to be doing well in all lines

[16.e4?! this is White's most played move and in my opinion a mistake already b5 17.Ne3 Qb8 18.e5 Nd7 19.Ne4 c5∓ and Black was already better in the game Kakageldyev,A (2374)-Deviatkin,A (2485) Moscow 2017]

[16.a4 this is White's attempt at preventing Black's queenside expansion, but it also falls short after b5 17.Nd2 Qb6 18.g3 c5! 19.dxc5 *(19.axb5* -0.41/20 19.Nc3xb5 0.18 *cxd4 20.exd4 Qxd4∓; 19.Nxb5 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Qxb3 21.N2xb3 Bxa4=)* 19...Rxc5 20.axb5 Bxb5= and White already had to start thinking about how to maintain equality in the game Abel,D (2441)-Schlosser,P (2566) Austria 2015]

[16.h3 Qb8 17.Ne4 -0.51/22 was played in the game Jepson,C (2391) -Agrest,E (2614) Sweden 2013. However, now Black could have achieved a better position with *(17.Ne5=* -0.01/21 *)* 17...Nxe4∓ 18.Bxe4 b5 19.Ne5 c5∓ it is worth taking a mental photograph of this position, since it is Black's dream come true]

[16.h3= 0.01/19]

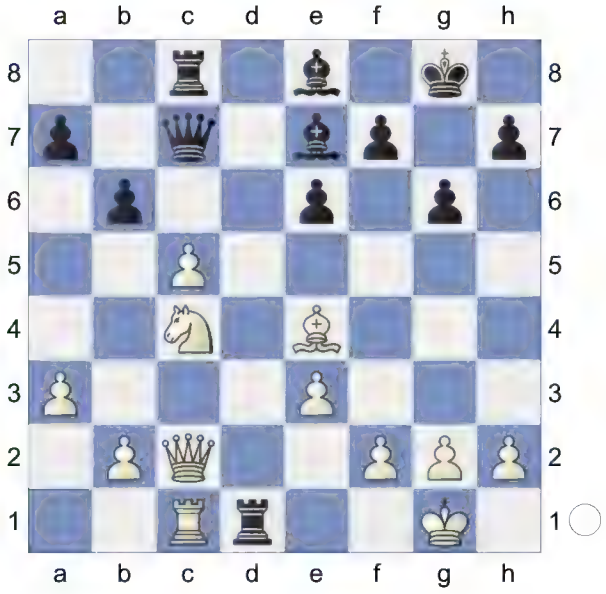
16...Nxe4∓ 17.Bxe4 b6!? -0.18/18 This is an interesting interpretation of the position. Black is arguing that the knight can be left on c4 and that instead it is more important to increase control over c5

[17...b5 18.Nd2 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5= -0.33/20 *(*Black should try *19...Qe5∓* -0.71/20 *20.f4 Qc7)*]

[17...b5!∓ -0.59/21 18.Nd2 Qb8]

18.Qc2 g6 19.a3 c5 20.dxc5 Rxd1+

[20...bxc5?! 21.g3=]



21.Qxd1 Qxc5 White must now prevent ...b6-b5.

[Don't play 21...bxc5 22.g3=]

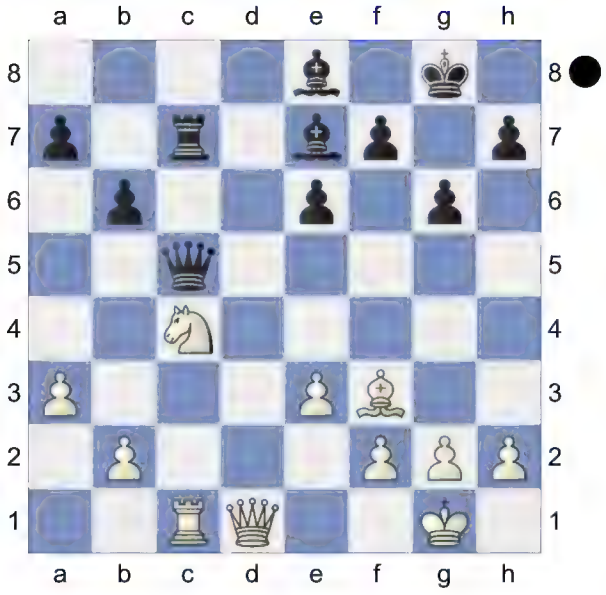
22.Bb7 -1.15/23

[White should play 22.Rc3 -0.73/18

Rd8 23.Qb1]

22...Rc7 23.Bf3 -1.31/23

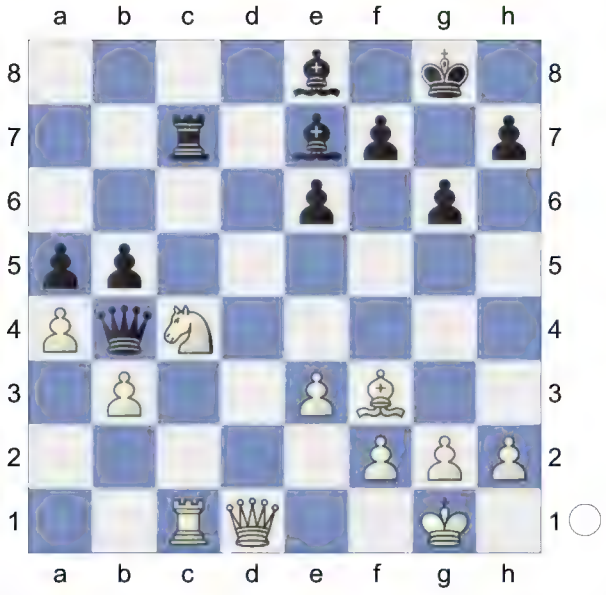
[⌓23.Be4 -0.95/24]



23...a5!∓

[23...b5? 0.01/23 23...a7-a5 -1.39 24.b4 Qg5 25.Na5= and White manages to wiggle out just in time]

24.a4 Qb4 25.b3 b5↑

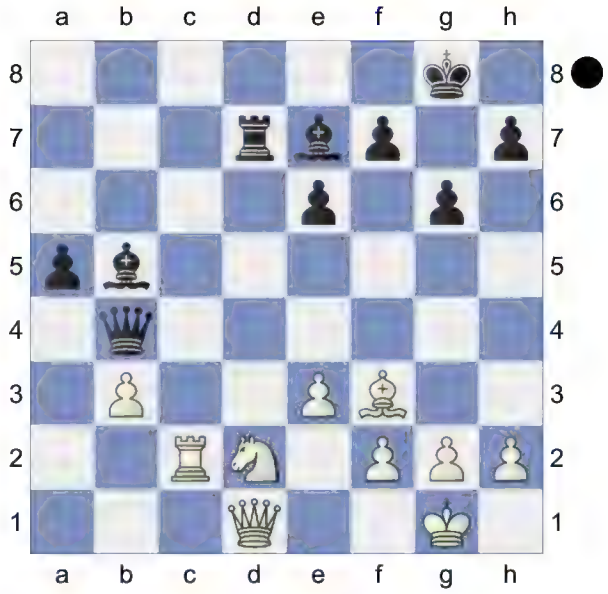


Black is in control. **26.axb5 Bxb5** Strongly threatening ...a5-a4! **27.Nd2?** -3.75/25 White makes a tactical mistake in an already difficult position. White does not recover from this.

[27.Rb1 Bxc4 (*27...Qc3!?* 0.01/24 27...Rc7-d7 -1.14) 28.bxc4 Qxc4∓]

[27.Rb1∓ -1.34/24]

27...Rd7-+ 28.Rc2



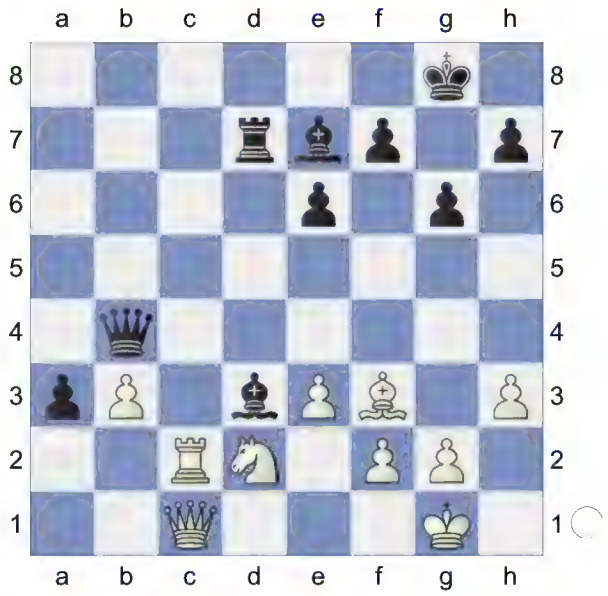
a4! Now Black will create an outside passer that decides the game **29.Qc1**

[29.bxa4 -4.99/22 29.g2-g4 -3.36 Bxa4-+ wins on the spot]

29...a3 -2.28/22

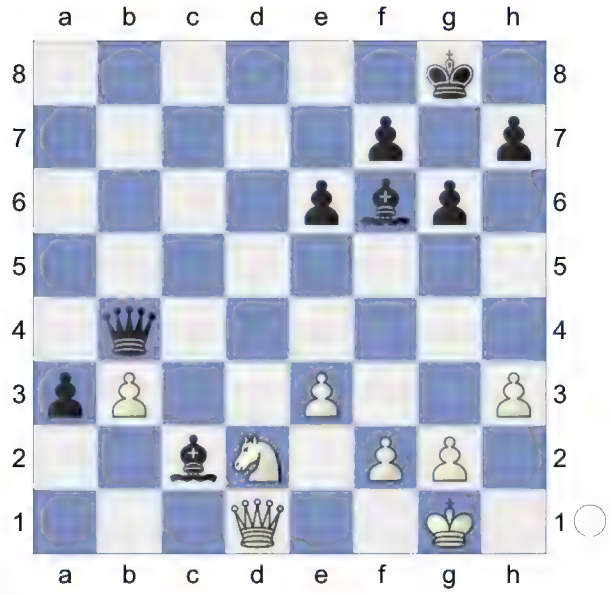
[⌓29...axb3 -4.22/22 30.Rb2 Rd3]

30.h3 Bd3

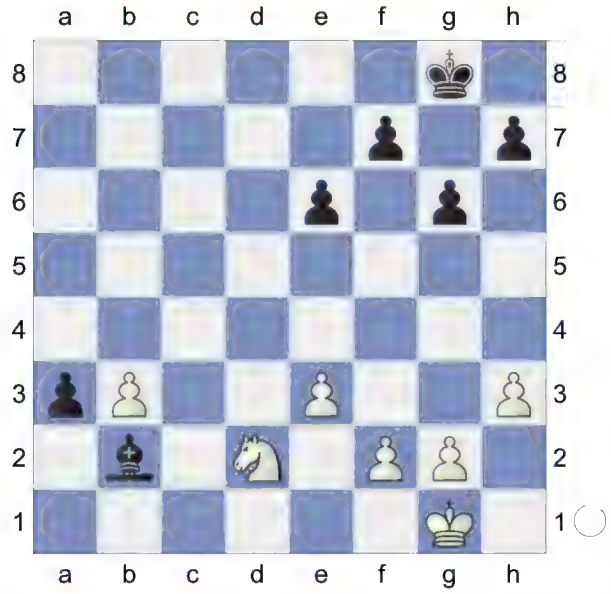


A strong pair of Bishops. **31.Ra2 Ra7**

White is weak on the dark squares
32.Bd1 -3.57/21
[⌓32.Qc8+ -2.23/20 Kg7 33.Qc1]
32...Bf6 33.Bc2 Rc7 34.Qd1? -5.69/28
[34.Nc4 -3.40/22 Bxc4 *(34...Bb2 35.Qd1∓)* 35.bxc4]
34...Rxc2 Black is clearly winning.
35.Rxc2 Bxc2



36.Qxc2 Qc3 37.Qa2 Qb2 38.Qxb2 Bxb2
[Less strong is 38...axb2 39.Kf1∓]



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186 **D52**
□ **Haag,Gregor** **2316**
■ **Babazada,Khazar Araz** **2463**
EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen (6.6) 08.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7N
[4...dxc4 5.e4 *(5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qb8 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8* 0-1 (32) 21.Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2) *)* 5...Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]
[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Nc5 a5 17.Ndxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Nd3 1-0 (63) Van Hoolandt,P (2037)-Leardini,M (1587) EU Small Countries ol 8th 2023 (2.4)]
[4...Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2

Qxf2 19.Rch1 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

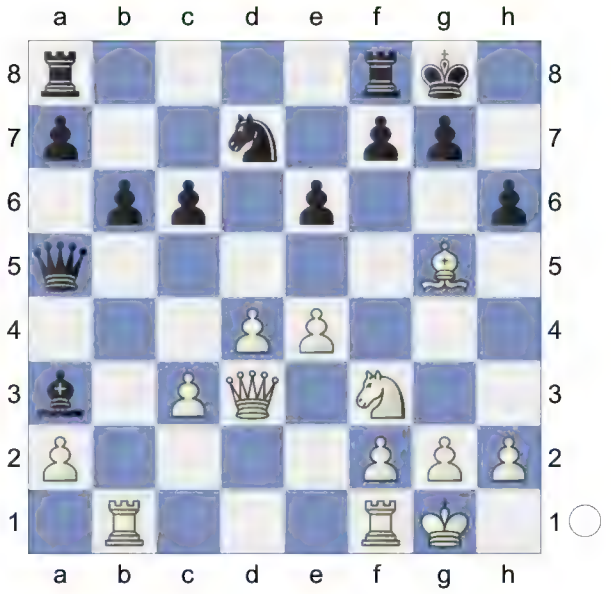
5.Bg5 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2

8.Rc1 ist hochmodern. **8...Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3**

11.Rb1 b6 The position is equal. **12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.e4 h6N**

[Vorgänger: 15...e5 16.Bh4 Rac8 17.Nd2 b5 Inhibits Nd2-c4. 18.f4 exd4 19.cxd4 Bb4 20.Nf3 c5 0.62/19 *(20...h6!= 0.18/18)* 21.e5± Nf3-g5 would now be deadly. Qxa2 1-0 (34) Can,E (2519)-Vajda,L (2601) Albena 2014]



16.e5 c5

[16...hxg5? 17.Nxg5 Nf6 18.f4+-]

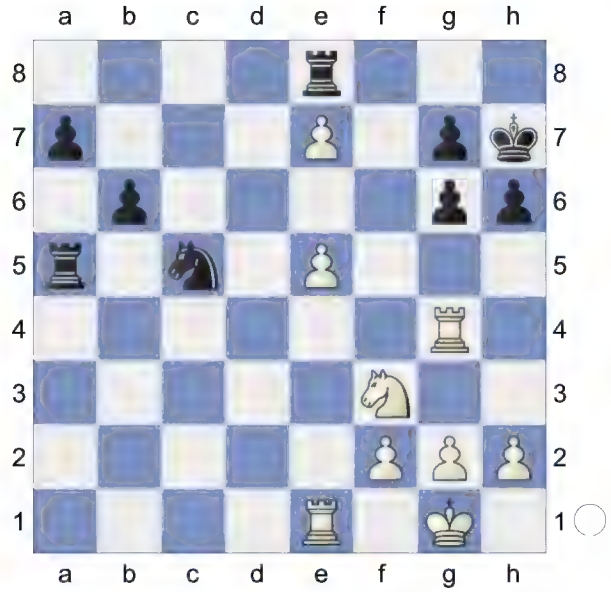
17.Bd2 Qa4 18.Rfe1 cxd4 19.cxd4 Rfc8 20.Qe4

[20.d5 seems wilder. exd5 21.e6 fxe6 22.Bxh6 Nf8 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ne5]

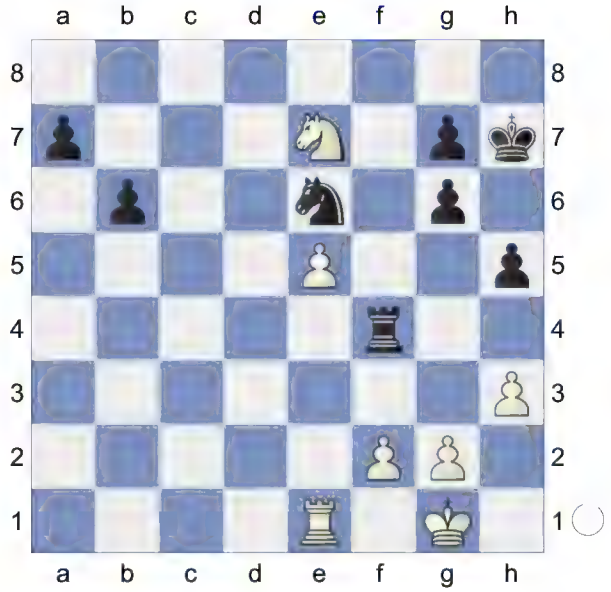
20...Qc2

21.Qg4 Qg6 22.Qxg6 fxg6 23.Bb4 Bxb4 24.Rxb4 Rc2 Inhibits Rb4-b2.
25.a4 -0.44/22
[25.a3= 0.01/20]
25...Rac8∓

26.a5 Ra2 27.d5 Rxa5 28.dxe6 Nc5 29.Rg4 Kh7 30.e7 Re8



31.Nd4 -2.31/25
[31.Rd1∓ -0.85/22]
31...Ra4 -1.20/23
[Not 31...Rxe7 32.Nc6 Nd3 *(32...h5? 33.Rd4+-)* 33.Rge4∓]
[31...Nd3!-+ -2.31/25 32.Rb1 Rxe5 *(32...Nxe5? 33.Re4∓)*]
32.h3 h5
[But not 32...Rxe7?! 33.Nc6 Rxg4 34.hxg4=]
33.Rf4 Rxe7 aiming for ...Nc5-d3.
34.Nc6 Strongly threatening Rf4xa4.
34...Rxf4 35.Nxe7∓ Endgame. KRN-KRN **35...Ne6** -0.76/22
[⌓35...Re4 -1.25/23 36.Rxe4 Nxe4]



36.Nc6 a6 37.Rd1 Rc4 0.01/23
[37...Rf8∓ -0.68/23]
38.Rd6!= Ng5 39.f3 -0.74/23 Prevents Ng5-e4.
[39.Nd8= 0.12/23 remains equal.]
39...Nf7∓ 40.Re6 a5

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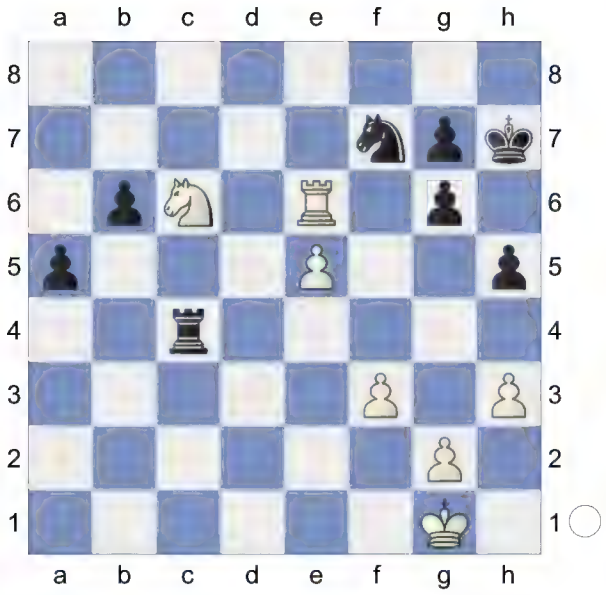
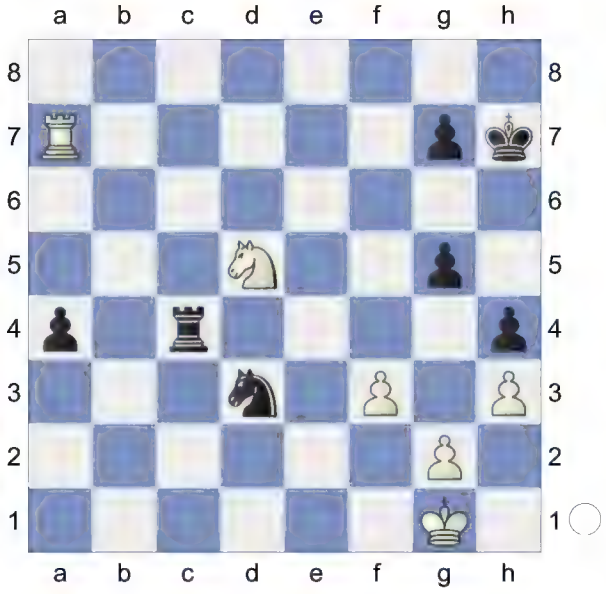


41.Ne7 a4 42.Rxb6 Nxe5 ...Rc4-c1+ is the strong threat. **43.Ra6 h4 44.Nd5 Nd3 45.Ra7 g5**



46.Nf6+ Kh6 47.Ne4 Rc1+ -0.89/5
[47...Rb4∓ -0.50/22 feels stronger.]
48.Kh2 Rc2! 49.Ra6+ g6 0.01/23
[49...Kh5∓ -0.48/25 50.Rxa4 Ne1]
50.Ra7 Ne1

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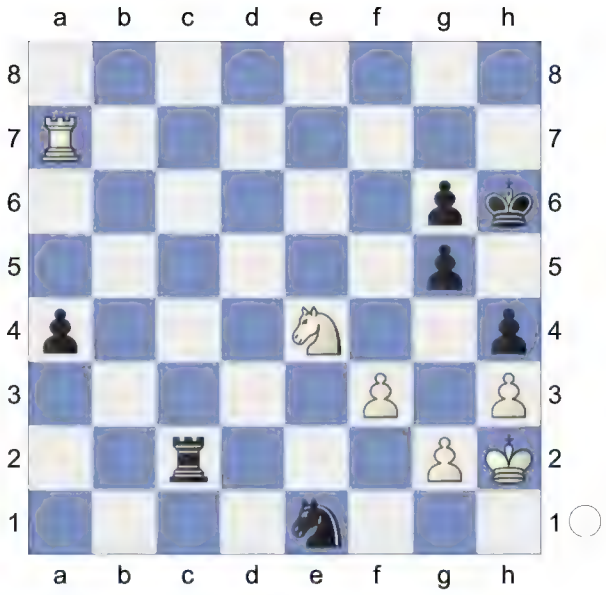
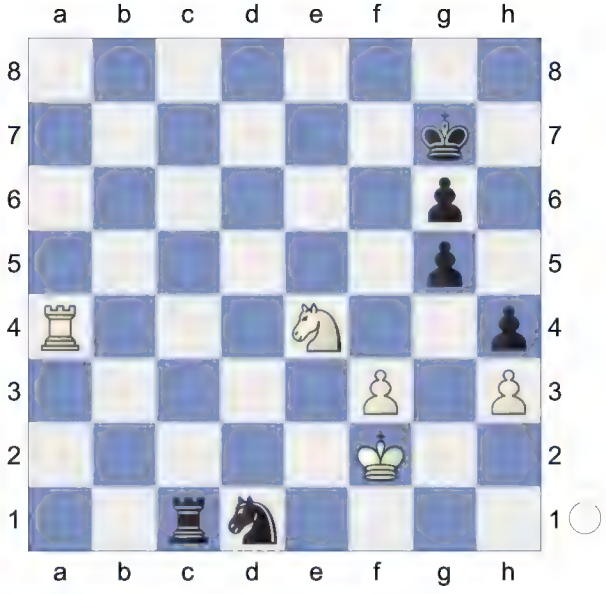
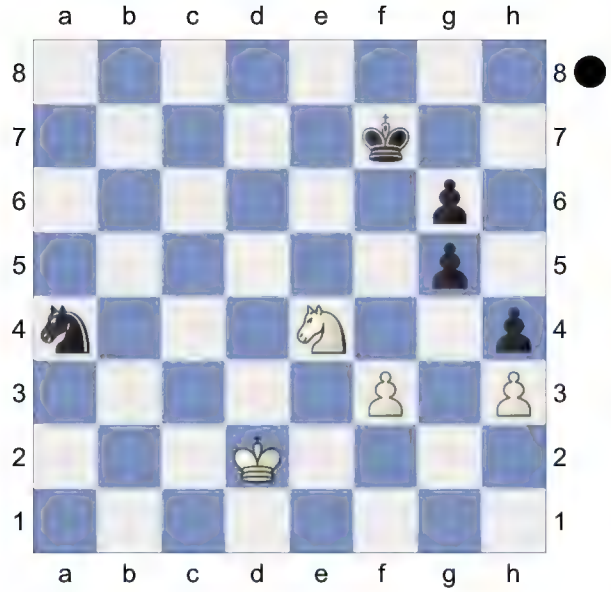


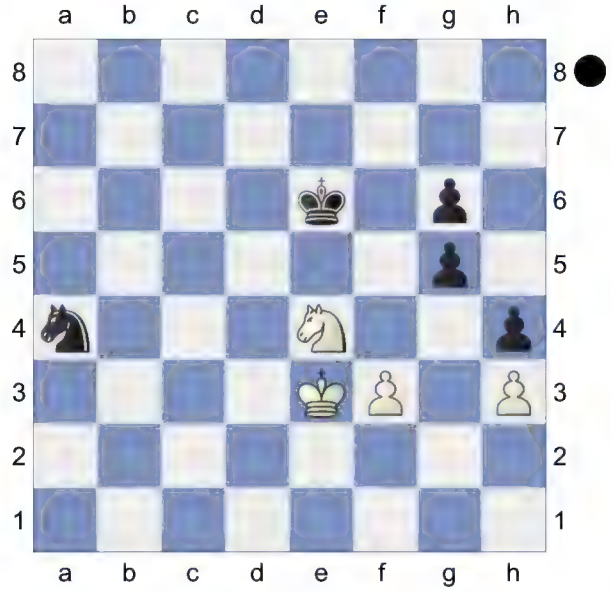
51.Kg1 Nxg2 And now ...Ng2-e1 would win. **52.Nf2** -0.53/24
[52.Nf6!= 0.01/23 g4 53.Nxg4+ Kg5 54.Rxa4]
52...Ne3!∓ 53.Rxa4 Kg7 -0.01/25
[53...Rc1+∓ -0.57/25 54.Kh2 Rb1]
54.Ne4 Rc1+ 55.Kf2 Nd1+



56.Ke2 Hoping for Ke2-d2! **56...Nc3+ 57.Kd2 Nxa4 58.Kxc1∓** KN-KN
58...Kf7 0.00/31
[Better is 58...Nb6∓ -0.84/30]
59.Kd2 -1.17/30
[59.Nxg5+= 0.00/31 Kf6 60.f4]



59...Ke6! 60.Ke3



Nb6!

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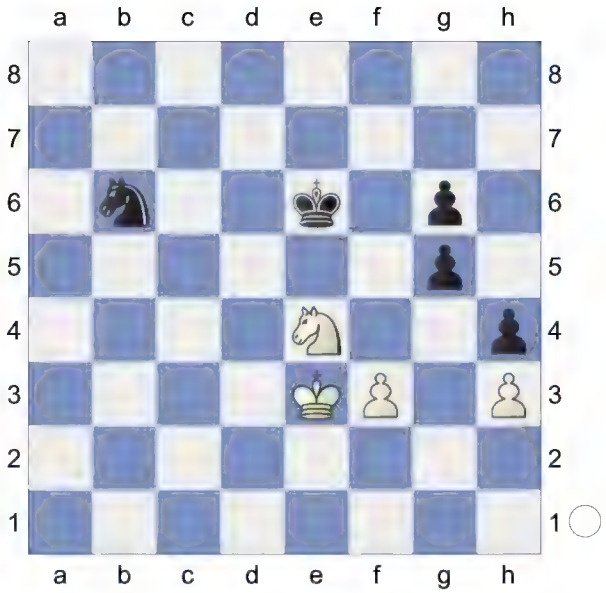
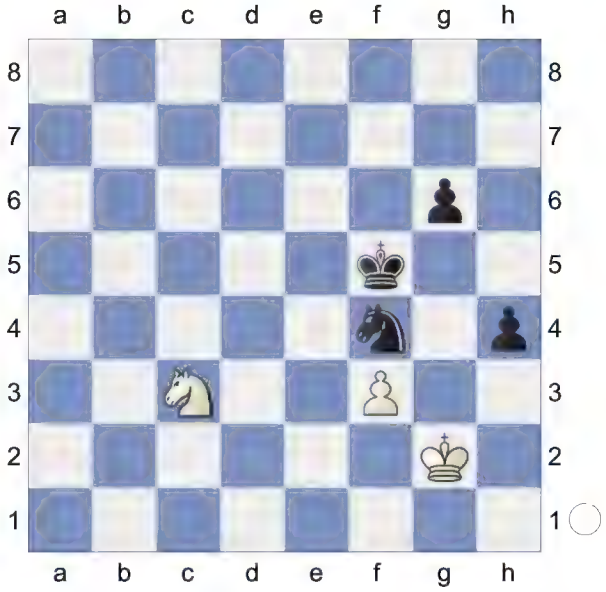


61.Nxg5+ Kf5 62.Ne4 Nd5+ 63.Kf2 Nf4 64.Nc3 Nxh3+ 65.Kg2 Nf4+



66.Kf2 Ke5 67.Ne4 Ne6 68.Kg2 Kf4 69.Nf6 Kf5 70.Ne4 Ng5? -0.01/29

[70...Nf4+-+ -1.68/24 71.Kf2 Nd3+ 72.Ke3 Nf4]

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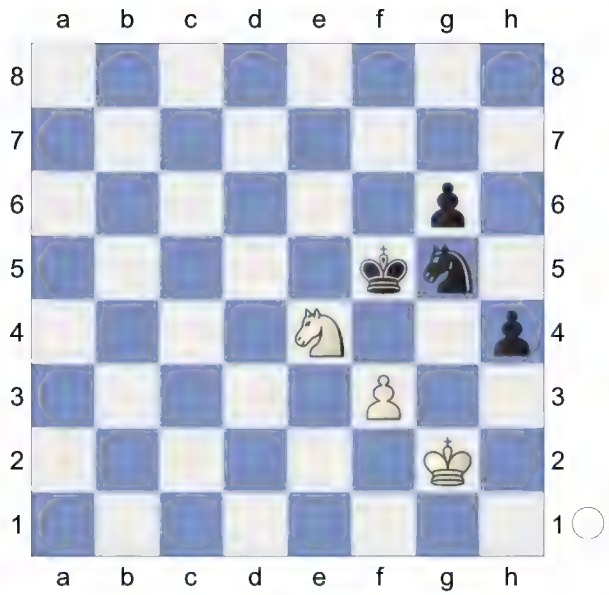
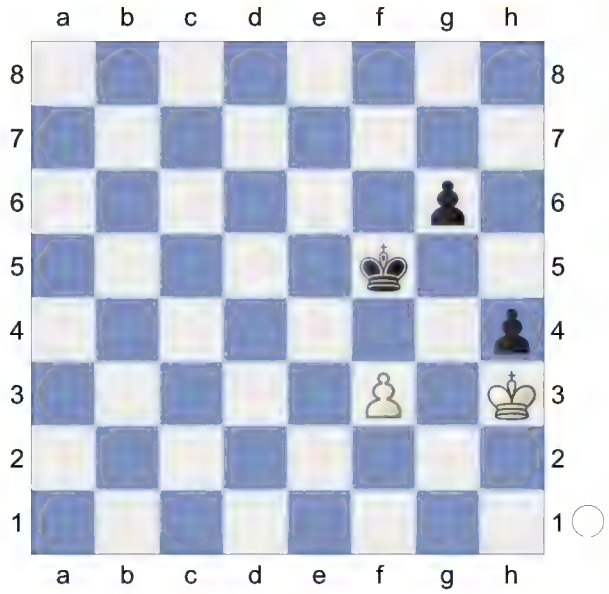


71.Nxg5? -#25/29
[71.Nc3= -0.01/29]
71...Kxg5 72.Kh3 Kf5



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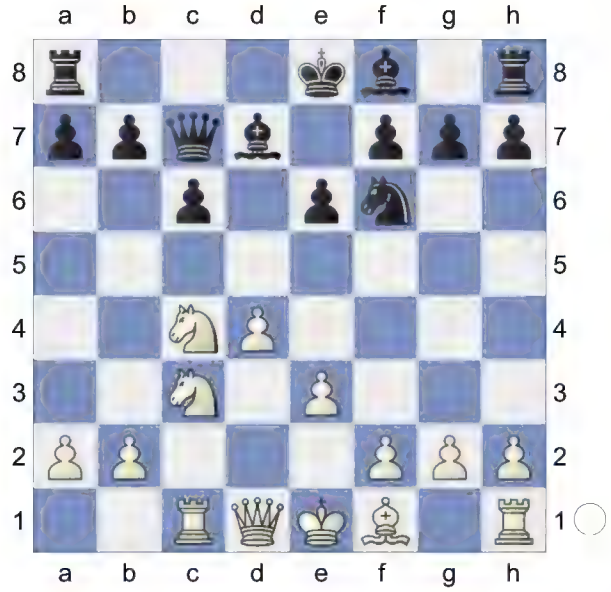
187 **D52**
□ **Bastian,Herbert** **2315**
■ **Mueller,O** **2355**
BRD 46/197 1988
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7N
[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4 Nxe4 7.0-0 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Qg4 Nc6 11.Bh6 Bf6 12.Rae1 Ne7 13.Bc1 c5 14.Ba3 b6 15.Qf3 Rb8 16.Ng4 Nf5 17.dxc5 Be7 18.Ne5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 ½-½ (22) Campos (2711)-8.b3 a6 9. ♗b2 (2626) Politiken Cup 2004 (6)]
[4...Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
[4...Ne4 5.e3 Nd7 6.Bd3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qc2 h6 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 c5 13.Bb2 Qc7 14.Rac1 a6 15.dxc5 Kh8 16.c6 Qxc6 17.Nd4 Qc5 18.Qe2 Qa5 19.Nb3 1-0 (60) 8.e3 0-0 7. ♗e2 ♘bd7-Shaefer,N USSR 17/153 1974 (8)]
[4...a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.h3 Bd6 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Qd2 h6 12.Bf4 g5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qc2 Rg8 15.Ne2 h5 16.Ng3 g4 17.hxg4 hxg4 18.Nh4 Rh8 19.Nhf5 0-1 (47) Edouard,R (2551)-Cornette,M (2551) FRA-ch 95th Albi 2022 (2.2)]

5.Bg5 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1 Bd7



11.g3 Be7 12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.e4 b5 15.Nd2 b4

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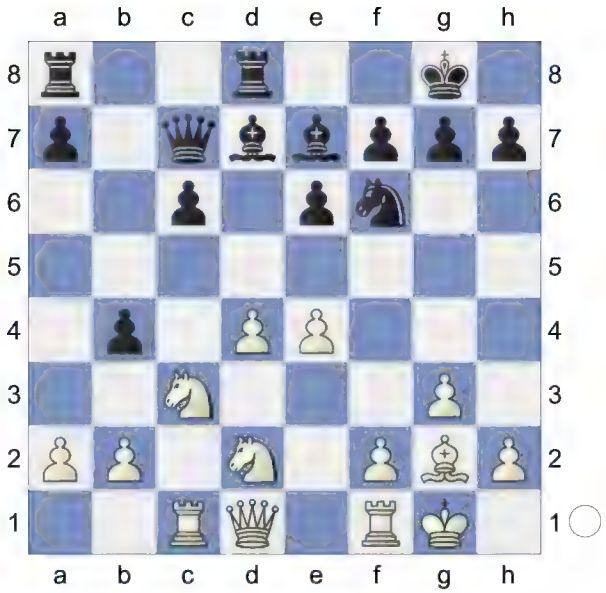
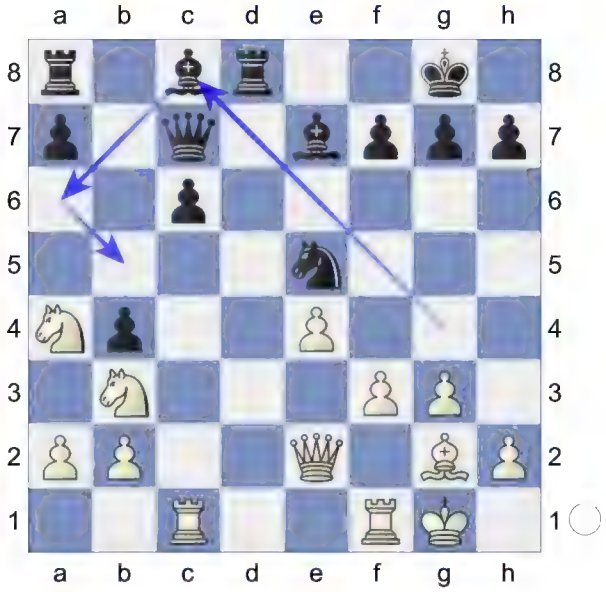


16.Na4 e5 17.dxe5 Ng4 18.Qe2 Nxe5 19.Nb3 Prevents Qc7-a5. **19...Bg4 20.f3 Bc8**



Black is more active. A strong pair of Bishops. **21.Nbc5!** Wards off Ne5-d3 **21...Qa5 22.b3 Nd7 23.Qf2 Nb6 24.Rfe1 Ba6 25.Bf1** -0.15/22

[⌓25.f4 0.28/20]

25...Nxa4=

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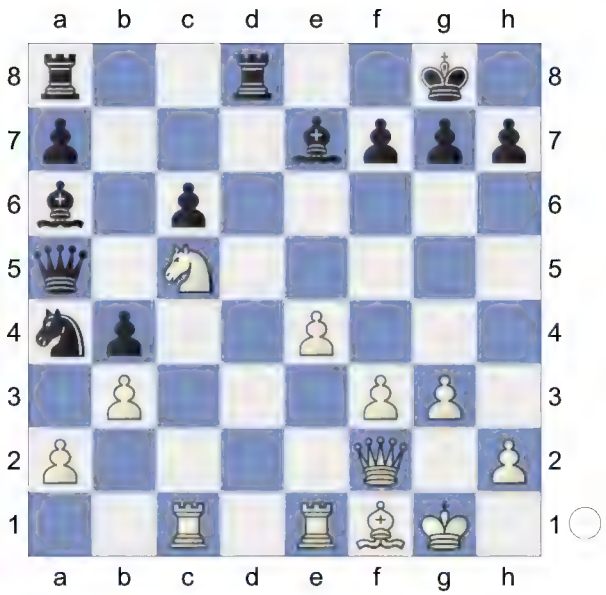
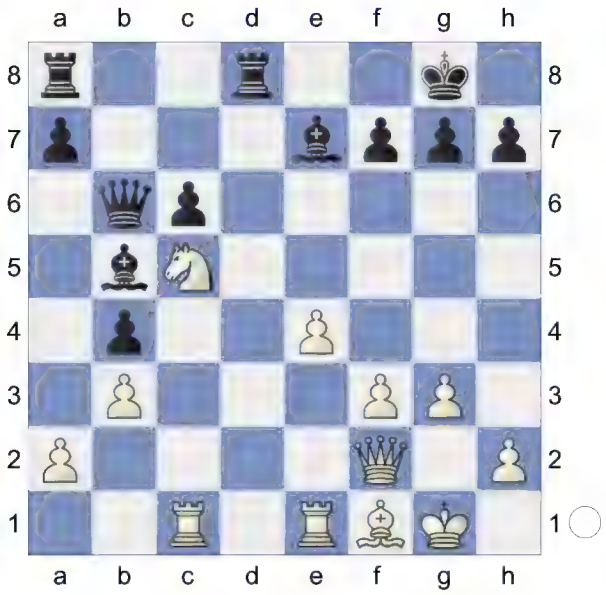


The position is equal. **26.Nxa4 Bb5 27.Nc5 Qb6**



Repels Nc5-b7.
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0-1

188 **D52**
□ **Bekemann,Uwe** **2287**
■ **Flor Trejo,Remigio** **2287**
corr CADAP-GER 2012
[Bekemann,Uwe]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Damit ist die Cambridge-Springs-Variante in der semi-slawischen Verteidigung entstanden. **6...Qa5** Die Idee des Nachziehenden besteht darin, die Fesselung des Springers c3 auszunutzen und am Damenflügel aktiv zu werden. **7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6**
[In "Playing 1.d4 - The Queen's Gambit" bevorzugt Lars Schandorff 8...Bb4 und dann weiter 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2]
9.Bd3 Bb4
[9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd5 *(oder 10...Na4)* 11.0-0 Qxc3 12.Qe2 Hierzu meint Schandorff: "Ein typisches Szenario in der Cambridge-

Springs-Variante: Schwarz hat über das konsequente Ausnutzen der Fesselung des c3-Springers einen Bauern gewonnen, aber er ist dafür in seiner Entwicklung weit zurückgeblieben."]

10.Rc1 f6?!

Bis hierher verfügte ich noch über einige Referenzpartien in meiner Datenbank, nun aber ist sie fast "blank". Und nur eine im Spitzenschach gespielte Partie ist darunter. Diesen Sprung stellte ich mit einem "Hoppla!" fest. Auch wenn in der einzigen Partie aus dem Spitzenschach nun gerade Ex-Weltmeister Smyslov am Brett gesessen hat (siehe weiter unten), ist für mich 10... f6 eine eher zweifelhafte Wahl. Vermutlich muss man schon Smyslov sein, um die Konsequenzen souverän meistern zu können. Immerhin schwächt Schwarz seine weißen Felder vor der Haustür seines noch unrochierten Königs bemerkenswert. **11.Bh4 Nxc3** White is slightly better. **12.bxc3 Ba3 13.Rb1 c5 14.Bb5+N**

[Die von Engines auch für gut befundene 14.0-0 sagte mir an dieser Stelle nicht so zu, weil nach c4 *(14...Bd7* 0.47/19 14...c5-c4 0.10 *15.Be4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 0-0-0 17.Qe2±)* 15.Be2 der Läufer Aktivität verloren hat und der gegnerische Bauer auf c4 doch irgendwie stört. Ich denke, dass Schwarz hier zufrieden sein könnte, nach Bd7 16.e4 0-0 17.Qe3= wären die Chancen völlig ausgeglichen.]

[In Waganian-Smyslov, Montpellier 1985, geschah hier 14.Qc2 mit der Folge Bd7 Wards off Rb1-b5 15.0-0 Ba4 0.64/21 *(15...c4!=* 0.01/21 *16.Bxh7 0-0-0)* 16.Qe2± 0-0 17.c4 Rf7 18.Nd2 Rd8 19.Nb3 Bxb3 20.Rxb3 -0.01/20 *(20.axb3±* 0.56/21 *cxd4 21.Rfd1)* 20...cxd4= 21.Rd1 g6 22.Bc2 d3 23.Bxd3 Bf8 mit einem weitgehend ausgeglichenen Spiel. Die Partie endete dann letztlich auch mit einem Remis, vereinbart nach dem 72. Zug von Schwarz. 24.Qc2 Na4 25.Rb5 Qc3 26.Qxa4 Rxd3 27.Rbb1 b6 28.h3 Kg7 29.Rbc1 Qa3 30.Qe8 e5 31.g4 g5 32.Bg3 Re7 33.Qc8 Qc5 34.Qxc5 Rxd1+ 35.Rxd1 bxc5 36.Rb1 Kf7 37.Kf1 Rd7 38.Ke2 Ke6 F-F (63) 8.♕e2 ♗b4 9.0-0-0-3.. Nf6 8Cup corr 1974]

14...Kf7

[14...Bd7 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Rxb7 aiming for 0-0. Qa6! 17.Rb3±]

15.0-0 cxd4

[15...a6 16.Be2 Nd5 17.Rb3 cxd4 18.Nxd4±]

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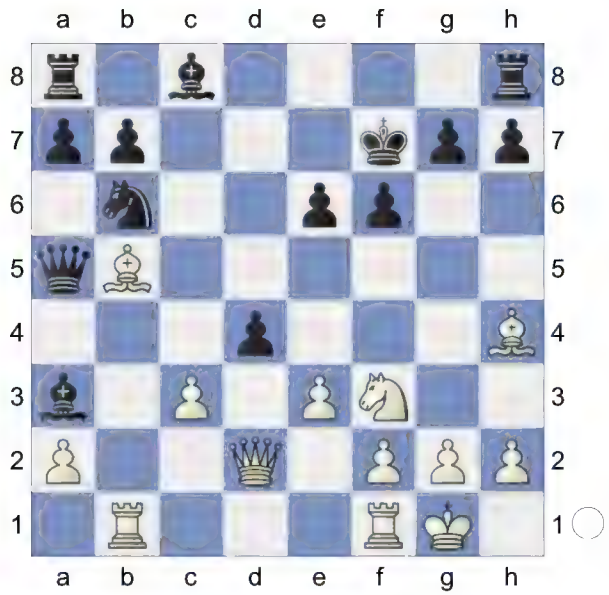


16.Qe2 Als ich diesen Zug spielte, hatte ich das Gefühl, mein Gegner würde die Partie zu sorglos fortsetzen und das drohende Unheil übersehen. Und so kam es dann auch! Die weißen Felder am Königsflügel des Nachziehenden sind eben nun mal geschwächt.

[Einen leichten Vorteil gesichert hätte auch 16.exd4 Nd5 17.Rb3 Black must now prevent c3-c4. a6 18.Bd3± Hier aber hätte die Spekulation auf des Gegners Unachtsamkeit keine ähnliche Nahrung gefunden wie beim Partiezug.]

[16.Nxd4 e5 17.Nc2 Be7∓]

[16.Qxd4 Be7=]

16...a6? 0.96/18

[16...Rf8 17.cxd4± Kg8± und der weiße Vorteil hält sich noch in Grenzen. *(*oder auch *17...Nd5±)*]

[16...Nd5 und das von Weiß in der Partie ausgeführte Manöver geht nicht, weil der Springer das Feld f6 im Auge behält. 17.c4 *(17.Ne5+?* Dies würde das besagte Manöver einleiten *fxe5 18.Qh5+ g6 19.Qf3+ Kg7-+)* 17...Nc3 18.Ne5+ fxe5 19.Qh5+ Kg8 *(19...g6* geht auch *)* 20.Qe8+ Bf8 21.f4 *(21.Bd7 Bxd7∓; 21.Be7 h6 22.Qxf8+ Kh7∓)* 21...e4 22.Be7 h6 23.Qxf8+ Kh7 24.Qf7 Qc7 25.f5 exf5 26.Rxf5 dxe3 27.Rf6 *(27.Rf6!? Bf5!* Prevents Qf7-g6+ *28.Re1* Strongly threatening Rf6xh6+! *Nxb5! 29.Rxe3∓; 27.Rf6!? Bf5□ 28.Re1 Nxb5 29.g4* Decoy *Bxg4 30.Qg6+ Kg8 31.Qf7+ Kh7 32.cxb5=; 27.Be8 Ne2+ 28.Kh1 Rxe8 29.Rg5 hxg5 30.Qh5+ Kg8 31.Qxe8+* und wieder bleibt nur ein Dauerschach.*; 27.c5 Rg8 28.Rg5 Nxb1 29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.Bf6 Bf5 31.Rxf5 gxf6 32.Qxh6+ Qh7 33.Qxf6+ Rg7 34.Rd5=)* 27...Bf5! 28.Rxh6+ -1.07/5 *(28.Re1!=* 0.01/23 remains equal. *Nxb5 29.cxb5)* 28...Kxh6∓ 29.Bg5+! Kxg5 30.Qxc7 Nxb1 31.Qxg7+ Kh5= 0.01/24 *(31...Bg6±* 0.46/23 *)*]

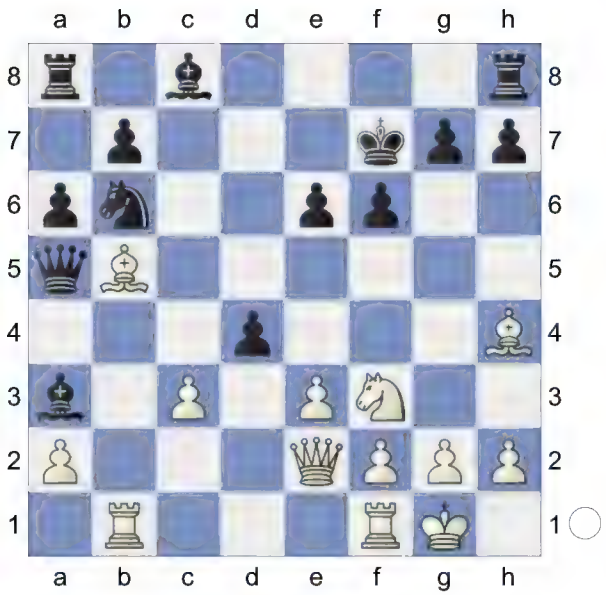
[16...Qxc3± 2.11/18 16...Rh8-d8 -0.06 17.Rb3 Qc5 2.44/23 Dodges Nf3-e5+ *(17...d3±* 0.94/22 *18.Ng5+ fxg5 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qxg5 Qc5* ...Qc5xg5 is the strong threat. *21.Qf6+ Kg8)*]

[16...Nd5± 0.71/20]

[16...dxc3? 17.Ne5+ Ke7 *(17...fxe5 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Be8 g6 20.Qf3 Kg7 21.Qf6+ Kh6 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.Qxh8#)* 18.Qh5+-]

[16...Nd5± 0.57/18 is superior.]

(Diagram)

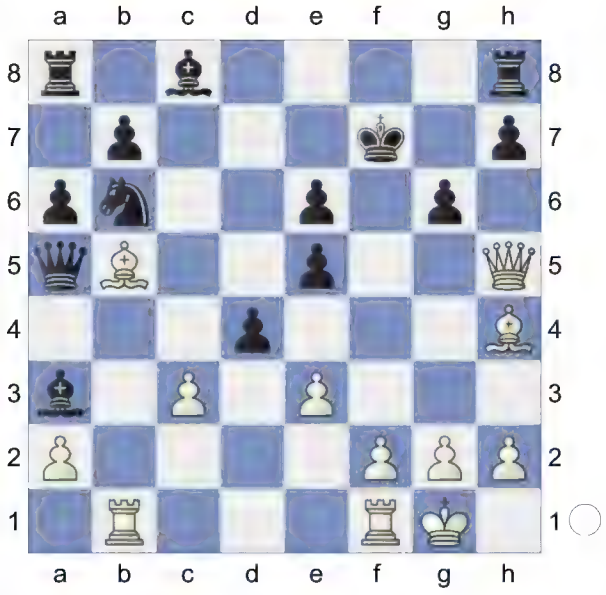


17.Ne5+!± Ke7

[17...fxe5? #6/14 17...Kf7-e7 1.05 18.Qh5+

A) 18...Kg8 19.Be8! h6? #4/10 *(19...g6 20.Qf3 Kg7; 19...g6+-* 2.24/5 *20.Qf3 Kg7 21.Qf6+* Skewer *Kh6 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.Qxh8#)* 20.Qf7+ Kh7 mit Matt.;

B) 18...g6



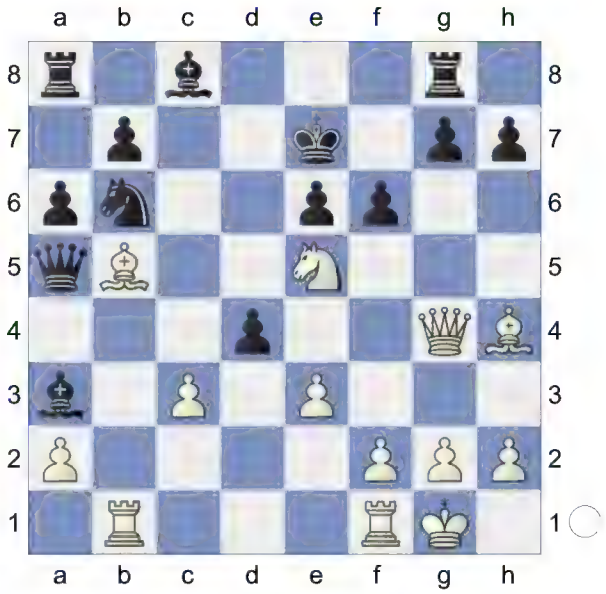
19.Qf3+! Kg8 20.Be8 Kg7 und das Mattnetz ist fertig.]

[17...fxe5 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Be8 g6 20.Qf3 Kg7 21.Qf6+ Skewer Kh6 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.Qxh8#]

18.Qg4 Dancing on a razor blade. White is more active. **18...Rg8** 2.13/21

[18...axb5 19.Qxg7+ *(19.Qxd4? Nd5-+)* 19...Kd6 20.Nf7+ *(20.Qxh8 fxe5 21.Bd8 Bd7; 20.Qxf6 Re8+-; 20.exd4 fxe5 21.Qxh8 Kc6±; 20.Bxf6 Re8+-)* 20...Kc6 21.Qxh8 dxc3 22.Bxf6+- *(22.Qxf6 Nd5+-)*]

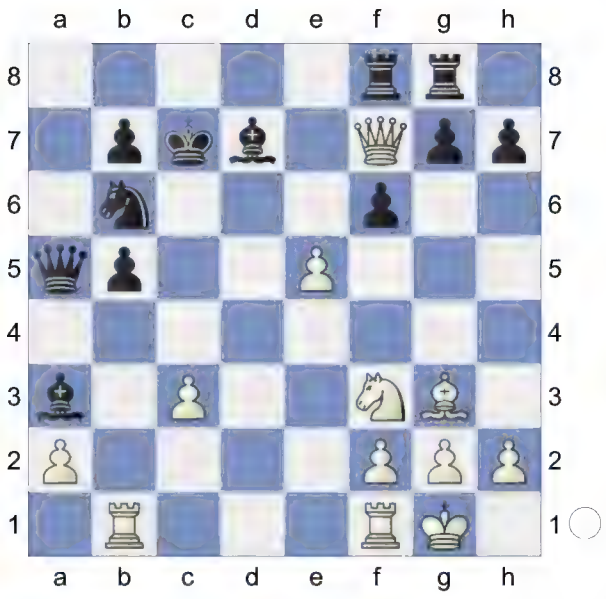
[18...g5± 1.21/20 keeps fighting.]



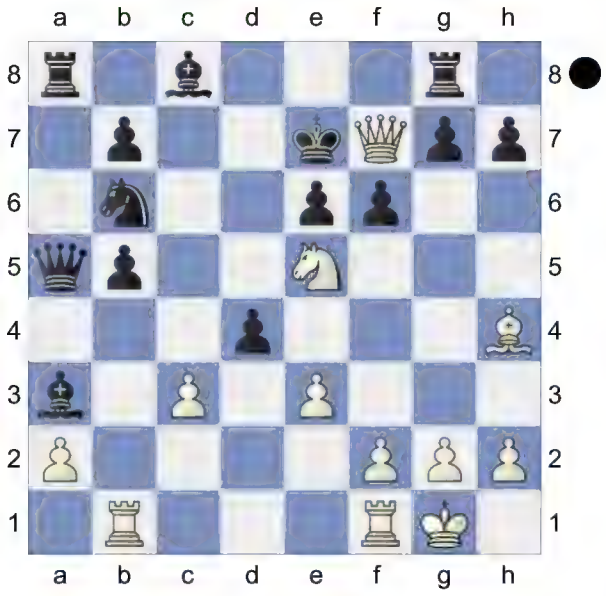
19.Qh5!+- axb5 20.Qf7+

[20.Qf7+ Kd6 21.Nf3 Hoping for Bh4-g3+. Bd7 1.13/20 *(21...Nd5+-* 1.94/15 *)* 22.Bg3+± e5 ...Bd7-e6 would now be deadly. 23.exd4 *(23.cxd4* 1.33/23 23.e3xd4 2.48 *Raf8 24.dxe5+ Kc7 25.e6+ Kd8+-)* 23...Kc7 24.dxe5 Raf8

(Diagram)



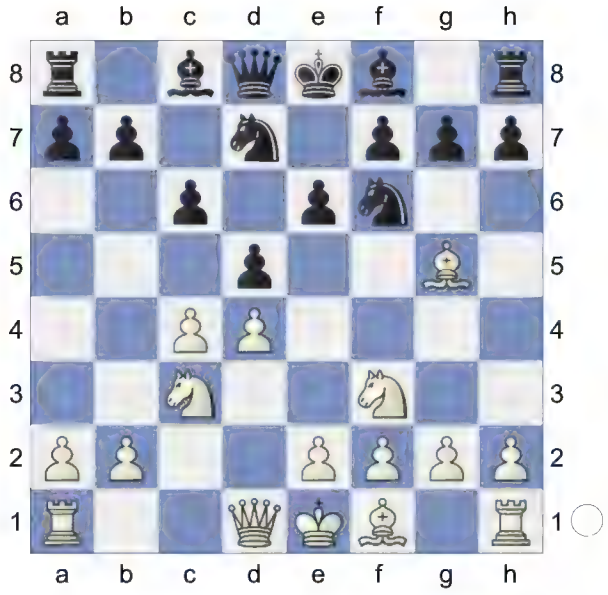
25.e6+! Kd8+-]
[Worse is 20.cxd4 Rf8±]



An dieser Stelle stellte mein Gegner das Ziehen ein und lief in die ZÜ. Die Partie ist verloren, z.B.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
1-0

189 **D52**
□ **Anderson,B W** **2271**
■ **Grabner,Helmut** **2384**
WC28SF08 05.07.2004
[Andersson,BW]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6
[2...e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 And White is no better. exd5 6.Nxd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd8 Bb4+ 8.Qd2 Bxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Kxd8]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



Sveshnikov var. **6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5**
[No better is the main alternative 7.Nd2 Bb4 *(7...dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7; 7...Ne4 8.Ndxe4 dxe4 9.Bh4)* 8.Qc2 *(8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2* Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 8...0-0 9.Be2 c5 *(9...e5)*]
[7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.Bd3

dxc4 And White is getting nowhere. 10.Bxc4 0-0]

7...Nxd5N

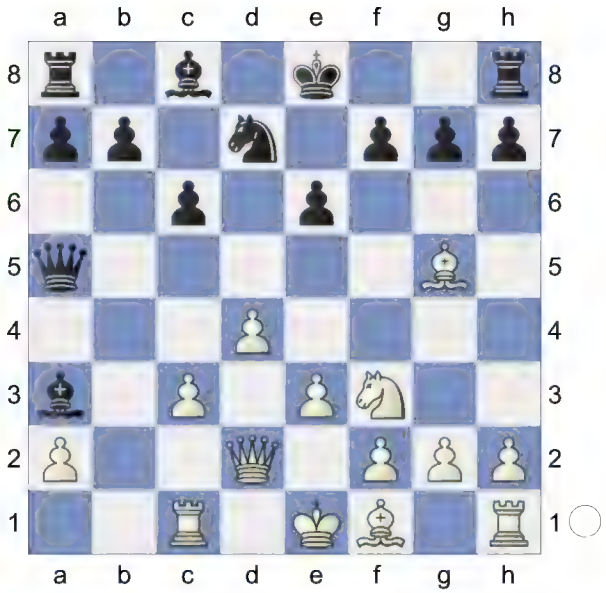
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3

[9...h6 10.Bh4 c5 The win is now straightforward. 11.Bc4 N7b6 12.Bb5+ -0.20/21 *(⌓12.Be2 0.25/21)* 12...Bd7= 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.0-0 cxd4 15.Qxd4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 0-0! 17.c4 N5f6! 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.e4 e5 20.Qb2 Rc7 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Nxe5 Re8 23.Nf3 Nxe4 24.Rd5 Qa4 25.Qb3 Qc6 26.Rd4 Rce7 27.h3 Is interesting because after Nc5 28.Qc3 Re4 29.Rcd1 b6 30.Rd6 -0.88/21 *(30.Qc2=* -0.26/19 *)* 30...Qa4∓ 31.R6d2 Qxc4 32.Qa1 Re2 33.Rd4? -2.62/22 *(33.Nd4∓* -0.97/18 *Rxd2 34.Rxd2)* 33...Qxa2 White can't win!]

10.bxc3 Ba3

(Diagram)



11.Rb1 b6 White has an edge. **12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.Bh4**

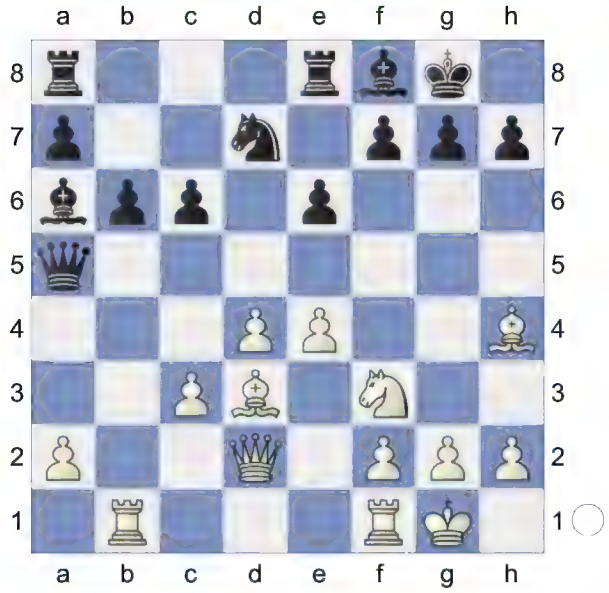
[15.Rfe1 Rac8 16.Re3 -0.25/17 *(16.Bc2* 0.16/17 feels stronger.*)* 16...Bf8 17.Bf4 c5

A) 18.d5 exd5 19.Bxa6 Qxa6 20.exd5 Rxe3 21.Bxe3 Nf6 22.Rd1 -1.57/21 *(⌓22.Bg5* -0.81/20 *)* 22...Rd8;

B) 18.Bxa6!? Qxa6 19.Ne5 -0.83/21 *(19.Qe2∓* -0.40/18 is superior. *Qxe2 20.Rxe2)* 19...cxd4!?∓ The best defence available. 20.cxd4 Red8 21.Rd1 -1.09/22 *(* White should try *21.Nxd7∓* -0.56/18 *Rxd7 22.Rd3)* 21...Qa4 Threatens to win with ... Rc8-c2. 22.Rd3 Rc2 23.Qe3 Rxa2 ...Nd7-c5! would now be deadly. 24.Qf3! -1.69/20 Intending to induce ...d5 *(24.h4∓* -0.98/19 might work better.*)* 24...Nxe5-+ 25.Bxe5 Ra1 26.d5! Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Qc2 Against Be5-c7 28.h4 The point of [39] Qb6 a5 Black can't avoid substantial material loss. 29.h5 h6 30.Bf4 -2.91/21 *(⌓30.Rd3* -1.85/20 *exd5*

31.exd5) 30...exd5-+ 31.exd5 a4 32.Qg4? -4.80/21 *(32.d6* -2.49/19 is a better defense. *)* 32...a3]

15...Bf8



One of the few playable ideas to avoid what had been the main line, until Annand's improvement for White. If [16]exf5 then ...e4, but the Rook can't now support ...f5. Perhaps even more to the point, White can post his Knight strongly at d5. **16.Rfd1 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rac8 18.e5!?** Suggested by Rogozenko / King annotating Shirov - Kramnik but tried only in Pilgaard - Horvath where a much less effective plan was tried [see move 18]. **18...h6 19.c4!** The only game I could find in which [18]Nxb4 had been played was Maki - Atakisi '02, drawn after ...Rb8 [19] Nc6, but it seemed to me that occupation of the strongpoint d5 with the knight would be a superior plan. **19...Be7** 0.34/20

[19...b5= -0.10/19 might be stronger.]

20.Bxe7± Rxe7N

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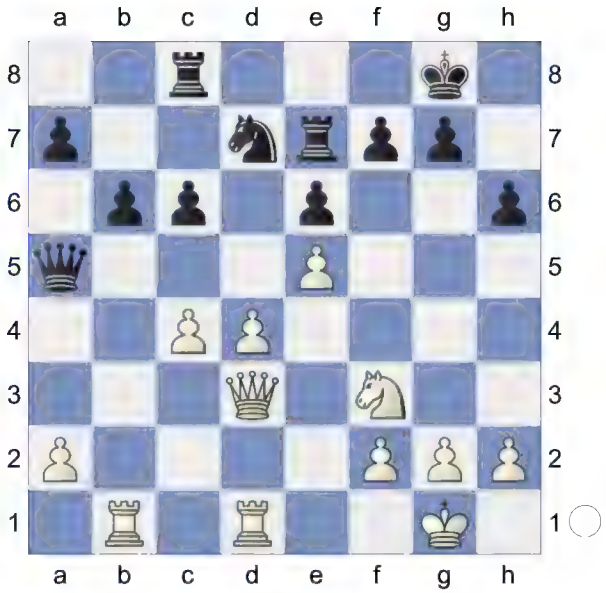
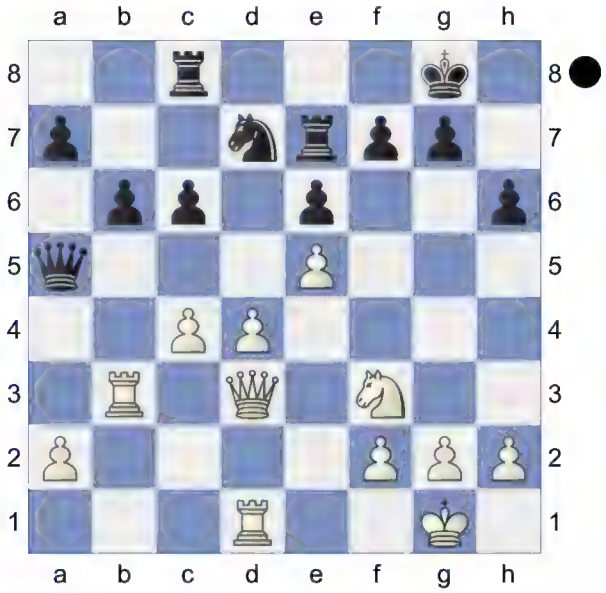


21.Rb3



Strongly threatening Rb3-a3. **21...Qa6 22.Rdb1** -0.68/21

[22.Ra3± 0.39/19 Qb7 23.Qe4]

22...c5!∓ 23.d5 -1.13/20

[23.Ra3∓ -0.55/20 Qb7 24.Qe2]

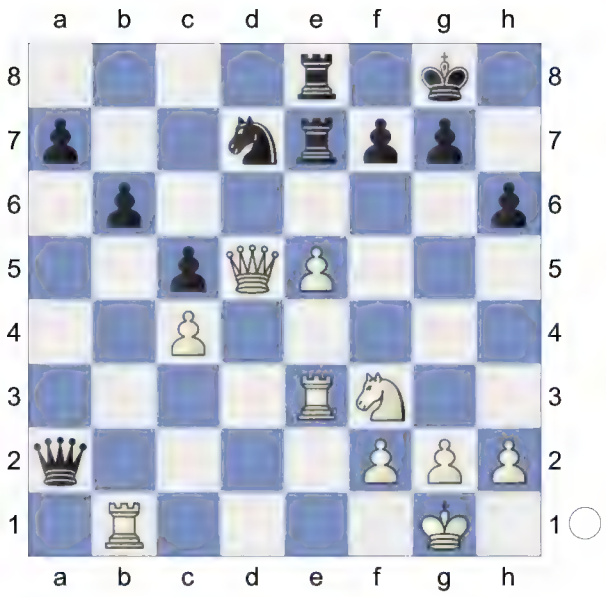
23...exd5∓

[23...Qxa2? 24.d6 *(24.Ra3 Qxa3 25.Qxa3 Nf8+-)* 24...Ree8 25.Ra3+-]

24.Qxd5

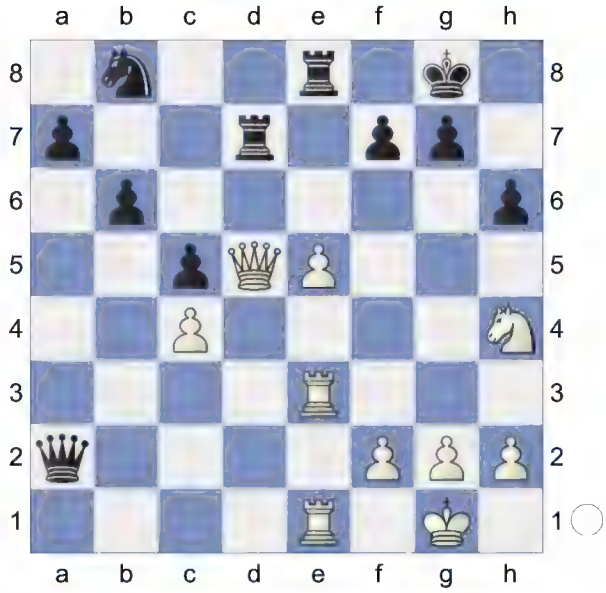
[24.cxd5 -1.46/21 24.Qd3xd5 -1.06 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Nxe5]

24...Rce8 25.Re3 Qxa2



26.Rbe1 Nb8? 0.19/24
[26...Nf8∓ -1.40/21 aiming for ...Re7-d7. 27.Qd3 Rd7]

27.Nh4 -0.45/22 At the cost of the exchange, White retains the Knight at it's strong central post, and must justify this with pressure on the Queen's wing.
[Better is 27.e6= 0.19/24 Rxe6 28.Rxe6 Rxe6 *(28...fxe6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Qxe6+ Kh7 31.Qf5+ Kg8 32.Qc8+ Kh7 33.h4±)* 29.Rxe6 *(29.Qd8+ Kh7=)* 29...fxe6 30.Qxe6+ *(30.Qd8+ Kh7=)* 30...Kh7 *(30...Kh8? 31.h4±)* 31.Qf5+ Kh8 32.h4]
27...Rd7

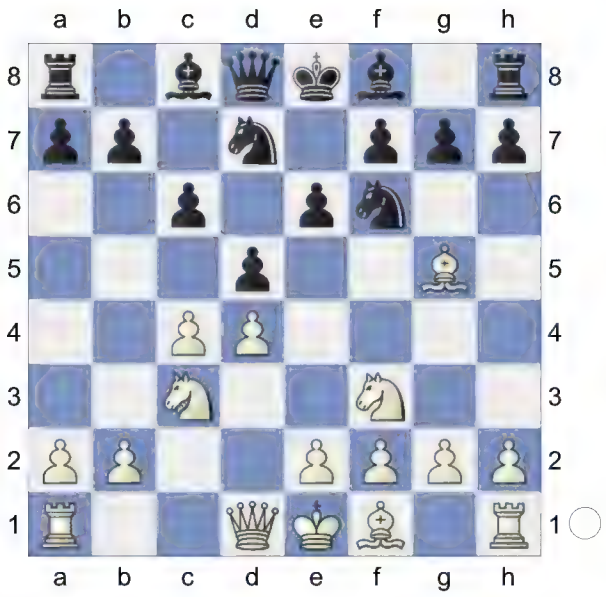


Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise) . Loss on time!?
1-0

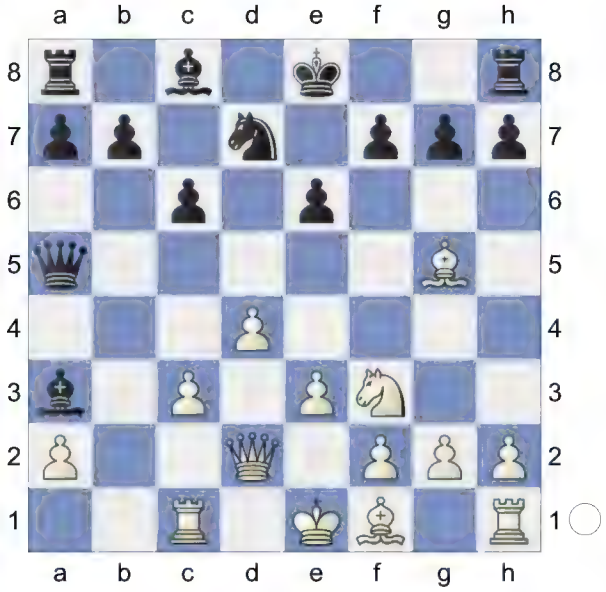
190 **D52**
□ **Gulatz,Maurice** **2227**
■ **Roberson,Peter T** **2418**
Sitges Sunway op 9th (2) 13.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



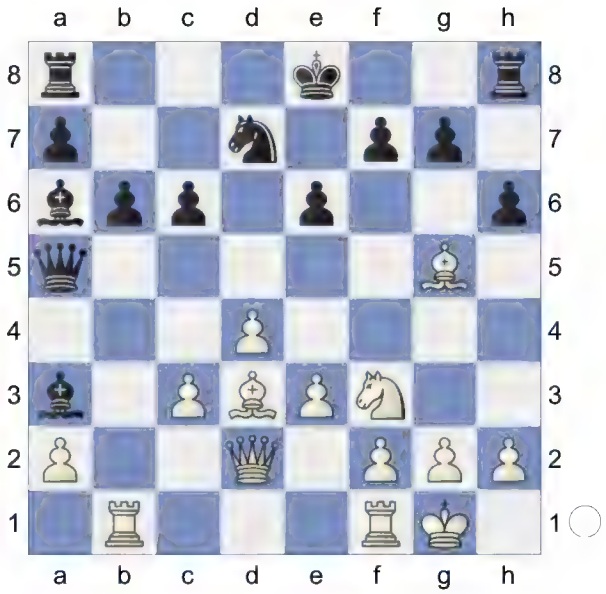
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3



11.Rb1 b6 The position is equal. **12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 h6N**

[13...0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.Bh4 Bf8 16.Rfd1 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rac8 18.e5 h6 19.c4 Be7 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Rb3 Qa6 22.Rdb1 c5 23.d5 exd5 24.Qxd5 Rce8 25.Re3 Qxa2 26.Rbe1 Nb8 27.Nh4 Rd7 0-1 4 Bf4 Bb4+ 5 Nd2 Mainline-Proctor,R Man-Machine 2003]

[13...Bxd3 14.Qxd3 0-0 15.e4 e5 16.Bh4 Rac8 17.Nd2 b5 18.f4 exd4 19.cxd4 Bb4 20.Nf3 c5 21.e5 cxd4 22.Qf5 Nc5 23.Be7 g6 24.Qh3 Rfe8 25.Ng5 h5 26.f5 Bd2 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.Rf6 1-0 (31) 3.♘f3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 ♕e7 5,g (2595)-Vincenti,L (2604) CCOL14/G1/B5 2000 Be3+ 29.Kh1 Kg7 30.Rbf1 Bxg5 31.Rxg6+ 1-0 3.♘f3 ♗b4 4. ♗d2 ♕e7 5,g (2595)-Vincenti,L (2604) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (14.3)]



Threatens to win with ...Ba6xd3. **14.Bh4 0-0 15.Rfd1 Bxd3**

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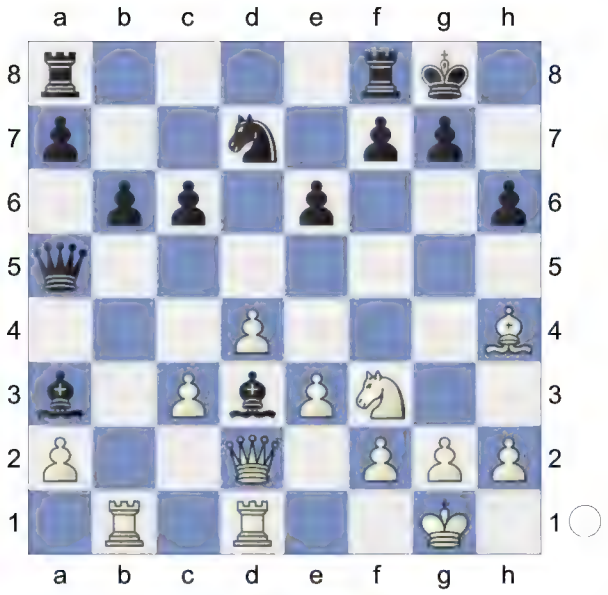
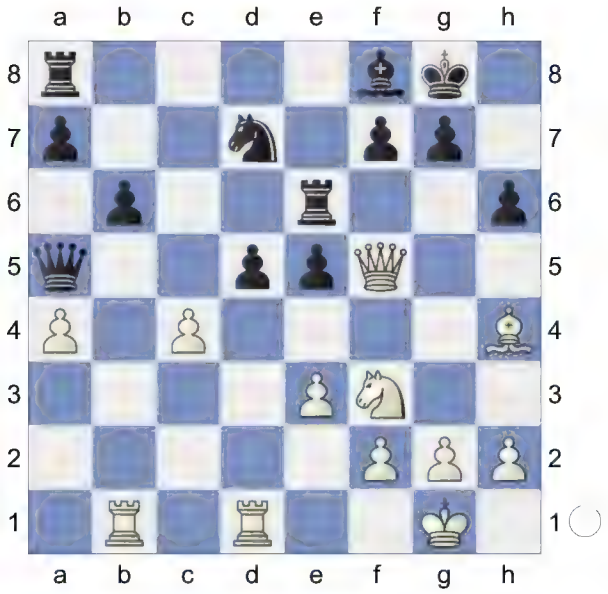


16.Qxd3 Rfe8 17.c4 Bf8 18.a4 e5 0.45/23
[18...Qxa4= 0.04/21 19.Ra1 Qb4]
19.Qf5± Re6 20.d5 cxd5



21.cxd5 Rd6 22.Nxe5 Nxe5 23.Qxe5 Qxa4 24.Bg3 Rd7 25.Rd4 -0.14/20
[25.Ra1± 0.36/18 Qc2 26.e4]
25...Qc2=

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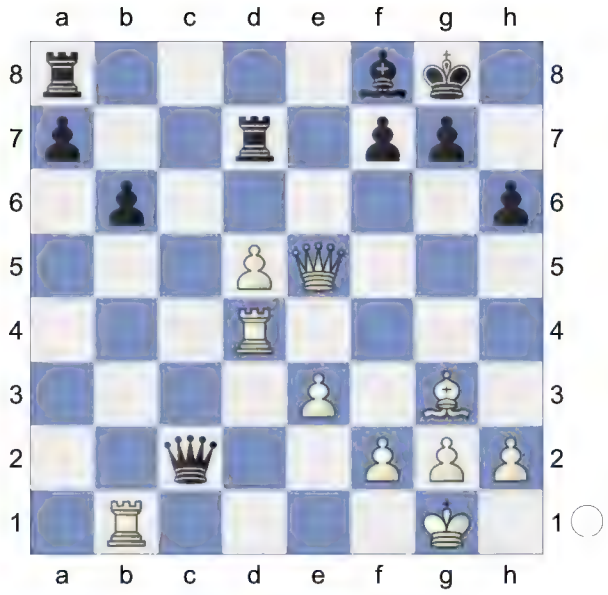
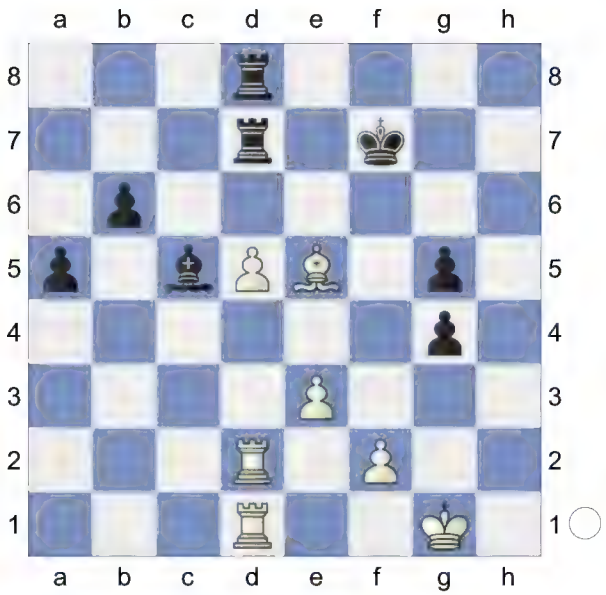


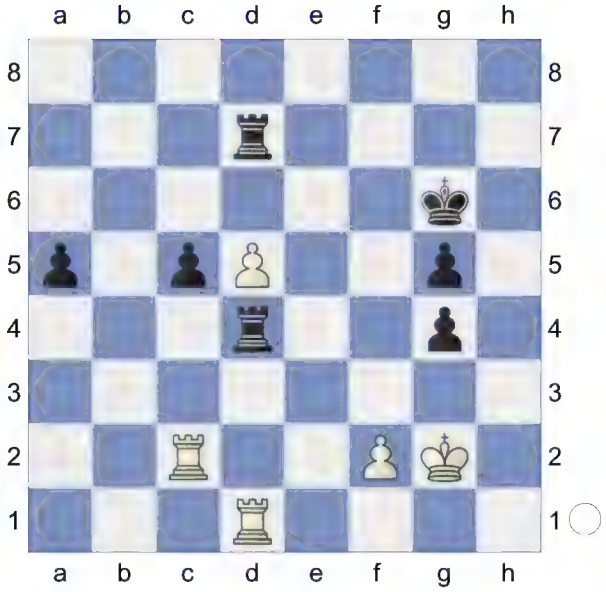
26.Rbd1 Rad8 27.Qh5 Bc5 28.R4d2 -0.76/20
[28.R4d3!= -0.01/21]
28...Qe4∓ 29.Qh4 Qxh4 30.Bxh4 g5

31.Bg3 f5 32.Be5 Kf7 Wards off Be5-f6 **33.h4 a5 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.g4 fxg4**

(Diagram)



36.Kg2 Kg6 37.e4 Re8 -0.32/22
[Black should play 37...Re7∓ -0.99/22 38.Bd4 Rxe4 39.Bxc5 bxc5]
38.Bd4∓ Rxe4 39.Bxc5 bxc5=
Endgame. KRR-KRR **40.Rc2 Rd4**



41.Rdc1 -2.05/24
[41.Ra1= -0.18/22 and White is okay.]
41...R4xd5-+ ...Rd7-a7 would now be deadly.
[And not 41...R7xd5 42.Rxc5 Kf5 *(42...Rxc5 43.Rxc5 a4 44.Ra5∓)* 43.Rc8=]

42.Rxc5? -3.90/25
[42.Ra1∓ -1.33/21 was worth a try.]
42...Rxc5 43.Rxc5 KR-KR **43...Ra7 44.Rc3 a4**

And now ...a4-a3 would win. **45.Ra3 Kf5**

46.Kg3? -6.89/27
[46.Kf1 -3.12/27]
46...Ra8 47.Kg2 Ke4 48.Kg3 -8.03/26
[⌓48.Kf1 -4.53/26]
48...Kd4 White must now prevent ...Kd4-c4. **49.Kxg4 Kc4?** -0.01/24
[49...Ra5-+ -5.57/28 50.Kf3 Kc4]
50.Re3? -5.77/25

[50.Kxg5= -0.01/24 and White stays safe. Kb4 51.Ra1]

50...a3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.35

0-1

191 **D52**

□ **Bellmann,Herbert** **2206**

■ **Genzmann,Manfred** **2226**

31.DFM/V5 corr 1999

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6N

[4...Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 h6 8.Bh4 c5 9.Nge2 c4 10.Bc2 Nc6 11.a3 Ba5 12.0-0 Quickstarter Queen'S Gambit-QGD 4th Move Sidelines: 4...B Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

[4...c5 5.e3 *(5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Be7 8.g3 Nc6 9.Bg2 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Be6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qd3 h6 13.Be3 Qd7 14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Rac1 Bb4 16.Bd4 Be7 17.Qc2 Qc6 18.Qb3 Qa6 19.e3 Rac8* 0-1 (22) 2.g3 ♘c6 3.d4 cd4 20095-8.e5 ♘e4 9.♘e4 de4 1975 England (11)*)* 5...cxd4 6.exd4 Be7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.a3 0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Rc1 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd5 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Ba2 Na5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxc8 Qxc8 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.Qa4 Qe8 19.Qc2 1-0 (35) 4.f3 ♘ f6 5.dc5 (2454)-Hashimoto,S (2190) 141/(19) Astana 2019 (1)]

5.e3 Nbd7

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7

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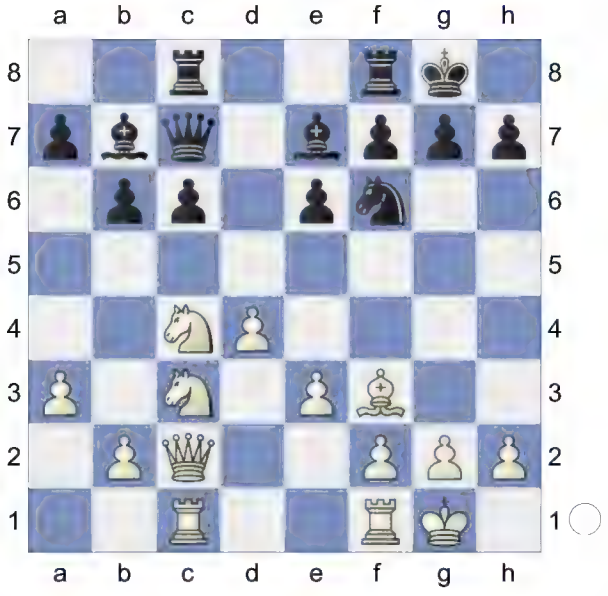
11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 b6 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Bf3 Rac8 15.a3 White has an edge. **15...Be7**



16.b4 Rfd8 17.Qb3 Nd5 18.Ne4 Ba6 19.Rfd1 Bxc4 20.Rxc4 a5

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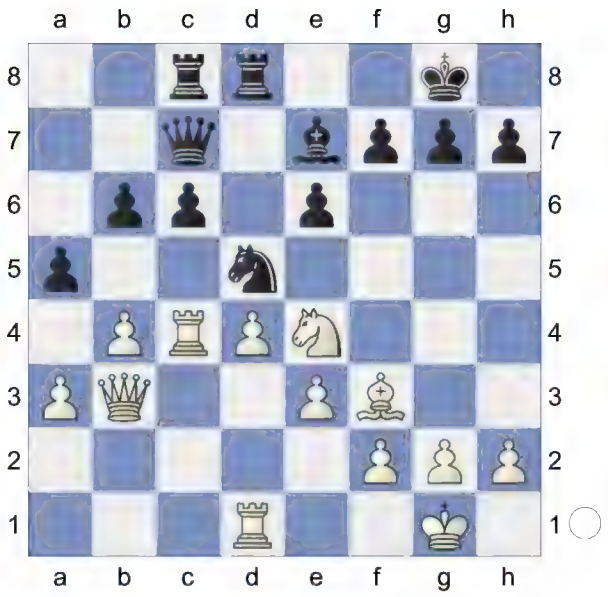
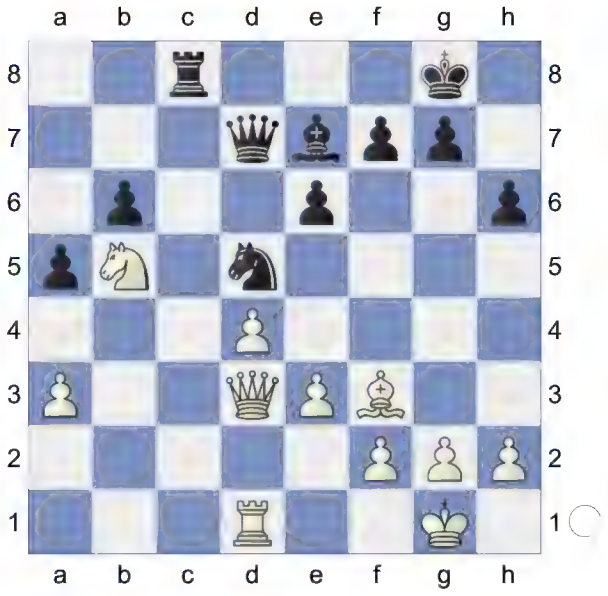


21.b5 Qd7 22.Nc3 cxb5!

[Don't go for 22...Nxc3? 23.bxc6+-]

23.Nxb5 Rxc4 24.Qxc4 Rc8 25.Qd3 h6



26.g3 g6 27.Be2 White is weak on the dark squares **27...Kg7** The position is equal. **28.e4 Nc7 29.Qb1 Nxb5 30.Bxb5 Qd6**

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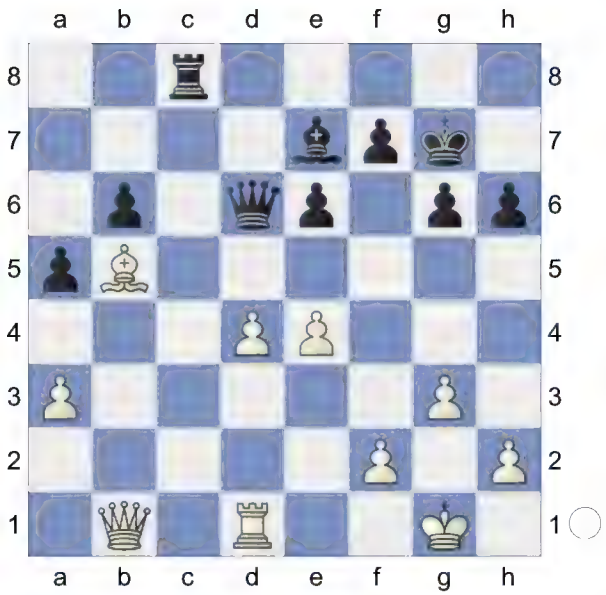
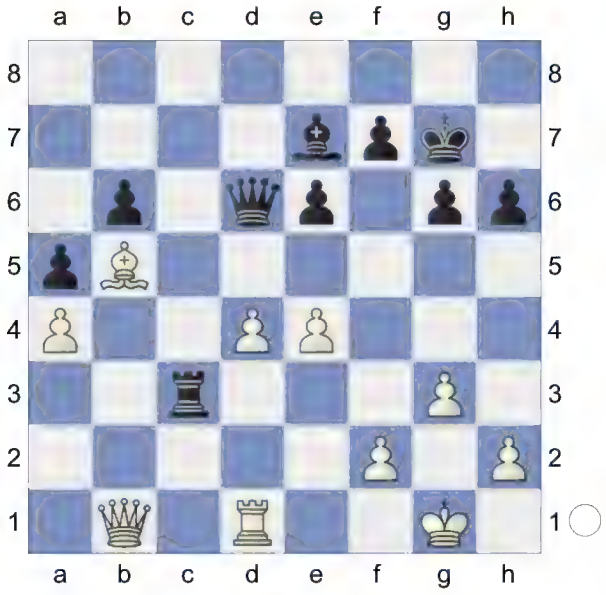


31.a4 Rc3



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½-½

192 **D52**
□ **Alexopoulos,Georgios** **2200**
■ **Fouriki,Artemis** **0**
Match/Training Alexopoulos-Fouriki +8-0..
[Siaperas,Triantafyllos]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.c4 Siaperas Siaperas **1...e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6**

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 N7b6N 0.54/17
[9...Nxc3= 0.15/17 deserves consideration. 10.bxc3 Ba3]
[9...h6 10.Bh4 c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.0-0 N5f6 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Nd2 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rac8 18.Nc4 Qa4 19.f3 Ba6 20.Bg3 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Qxa3 22.Ra1 Qb4 23.Ba6 Rce8 24.Rfb1 1-0 (36) Caulkett,P (2620)-12.cd4 ♘cd4 13.a4 ♗c5 (2475) (B1.1) Wijk 1995]
[9...e5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxa3 12.e4 Nc7 13.Bd3 D 52/03 2003]
[9...c5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 N5f6 12.Bd3 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Qe2 0-0 15.e4 c4 16.Bb1 Qxa3 17.e5 Bxf3

18.Qxf3 Nd5 19.Be4 Qa5 20.Qg3 D 52/03 2003]

10.e4 Nxc3

11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 White has an edge. **12...0-0 13.Bd3 Nd7** 0.82/19

[13...c5± 0.41/20]

14.e5± b6 15.Qe2! White is more active. To reposition the Queen on e4 creating threats against Black's Kingside. But White has to calculate precisely to make certain that ...Qxc3+ is not "effective" now or in the near future!

15...Bb7

[15...Qxc3+? 6.09/21 15...Rf8-e8 0.91 16.Bd2]

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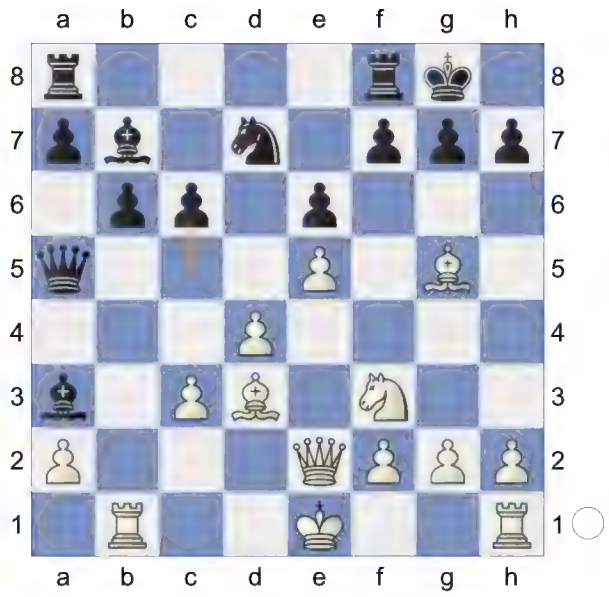


16.Qe4 g6

[16...f5? 2.78/19 16...g7-g6 1.18 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Bxf6 Qxc3+? 7.22/22 *(18...Rxf6 2.02/20 19.Qxh7+ Kf8)* 19.Ke2+- Rxf6 20.Qxh7+

A) 20...Kf7 21.Ne5+? 2.53/5 *(21.Rb3 7.15/20 Qa5 22.Bg6+* Decoy *Rxg6 23.Ne5+ Ke7 24.Qxg6 Qa6+ 25.Ke3)* 21...Ke8+- *(21...Kf8? #5/12* 21...Kf7-e8 2.51 *22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Qxg7+; 21...Ke7 22.Qxg7+)* 22.Qxg7;

B) 20...Kf8 21.Qh8+ Kf7 22.Ne5+ Ke7 23.Qxg7+]

[16...Qxc3+ 17.Bd2 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Bxc3 Rae8 21.Qxe8 Rxe8+ 22.Ne5]

17.h4!! Probably "safer" would be 17.0-0, but Alexopoulos decides to go all out for the attack and leaves his King in the center. He has calculated correctly that ...Qxc3+ is not a serious threat now or in the future! **17...Qd5** 2.33/24

[17...Rfb8± 1.15/19 was necessary.]

18.Rb3!+- Qa5 6.16/19

[18...Qxe4+ 19.Bxe4± The Bishop on a3 is "trapped" and Black will have to sacrifice material to save it!]

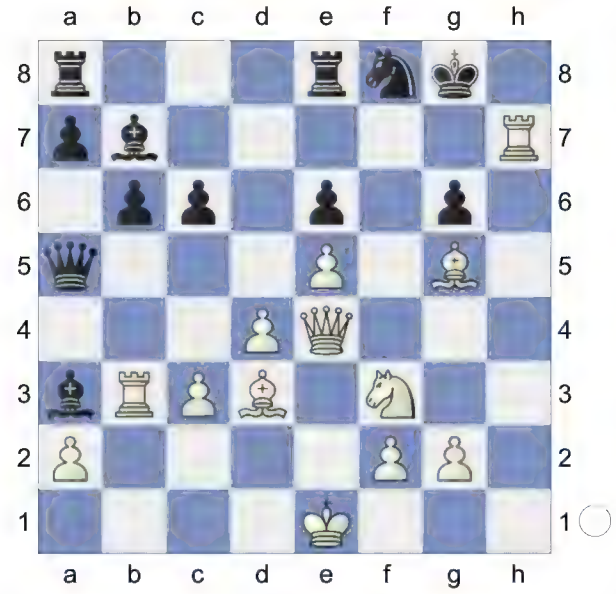
[18...f6 2.88/23 19.Qxd5 *(19.Rxa3 fxg5 20.Nxg5 c5+-)* 19...exd5]

19.h5 Qe4-h4 is the strong threat. **19...Rfe8 20.hxg6** White wants to mate with Qe4-h4. **20...fxg6**

[20...hxg6 21.Qh4+-]

21.Rxh7!! Remove Defender, Decoy. White mates .A spectacular Rook sacrifice! **21...Nf8□**

[21...Kxh7 22.Qxg6+ Kh8 23.Qh7#]



22.Bf6! Black is weak on the dark squares Still leaving the Rook en prise! **22...Ba6** Black hopes to exchange White's attacking Bishop.

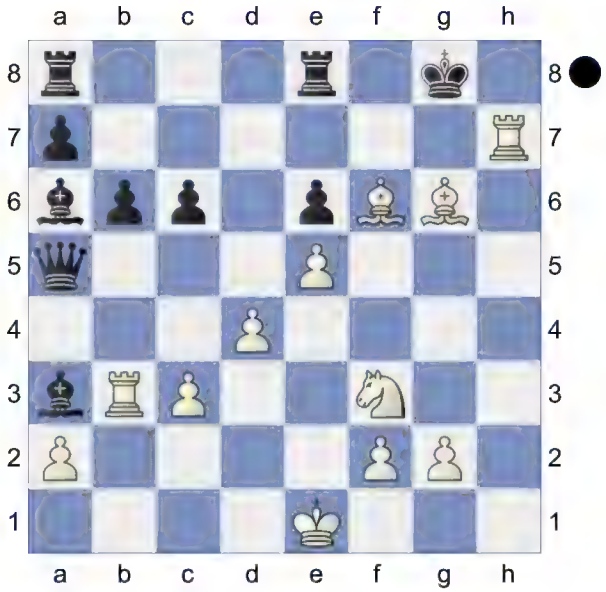
[22...Kxh7 23.Qh4+ Kg8 24.Qh8+ Kf7 25.Ng5#]

[22...Nxh7 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.Qg7#]

[22...Re7 23.Rh8+ Kf7 24.Qxg6+!! An amazing Queen sacrifice! Nxg6 25.Ng5#]

[22...Qxc3+ 23.Rxc3]

23.Qxg6+!! Back Rank A really spectacular Queen sacrifice! **23...Nxg6 24.Bxg6**



Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.80 Mate is unavoidable!

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193 **D52**

□ **Erlacher,Michael** **2186**

■ **Oberhofer,Cedric** **2265**

AUT-chT2W 2223 (8.5) 22.01.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined:

Cambridge Springs Variation

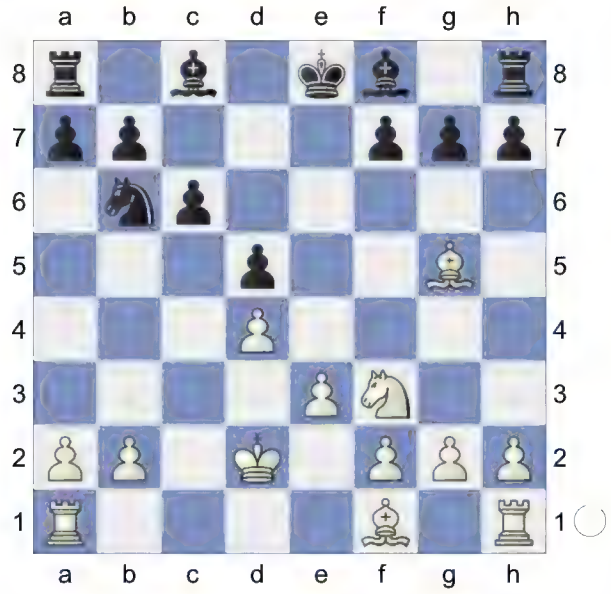
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Nxd5 Qxd2+! outshines the older 9... Nd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 9...Sd4.

10.Kxd2N

[10.Nxd2 exd5 11.Bd3 Bd6 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Bh4 a5 14.Bg3 Be7 15.a3 a4 16.Rc3 Nc8 17.0-0 Nd6 18.Rfc1 Kd7 19.h3 g6 20.f3 D 52/02 2003]

10...exd5



11.Bd3 Wards off Bc8-f5. The position is equal. **11...Bd6 12.Rhb1 f6**

[12...Be6]

13.Bf4 Bxf4

[13...Kd7 0.32/17 13...Bd6xf4 -0.22]

14.exf4 Bg4

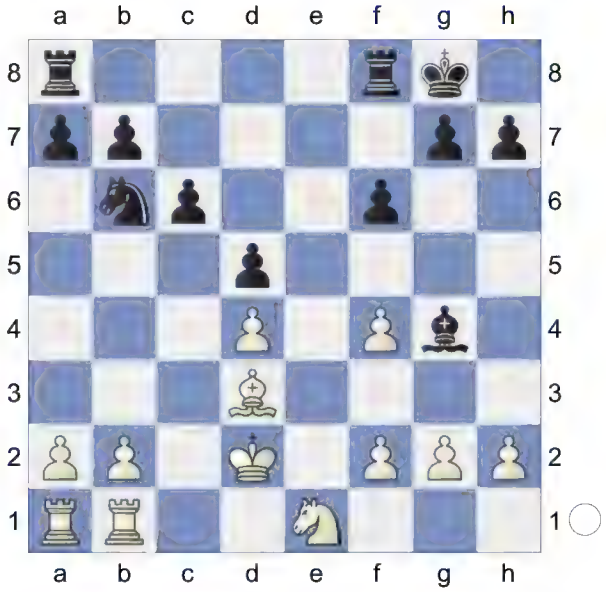
[14...Bd7]

15.Ne1 -0.45/17

[15.Re1+= 0.00/15 Kd7 16.Re3]

15...0-0 -0.01/15

[15...Nc4+∓ -0.45/17 feels stronger. 16.Bxc4 dxc4]



16.Nc2= Rfe8 17.Ne3N Bd7 18.b4 a6 19.a4 g6 20.g4 Kg7

[20...Kf7]

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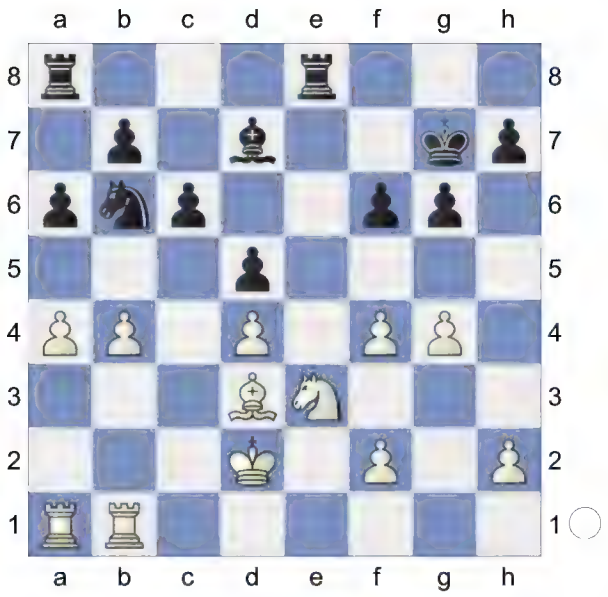
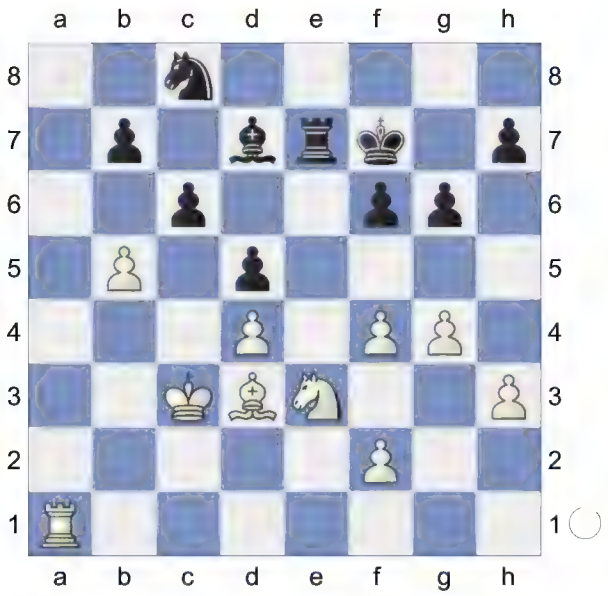
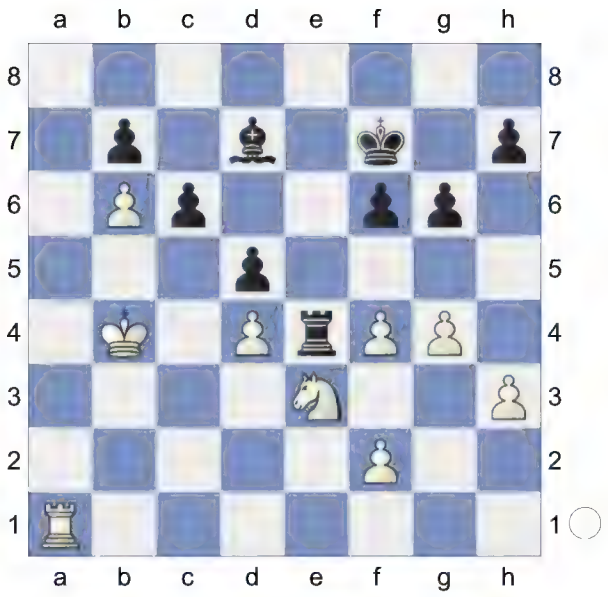


21.h3 Re7 22.Kc3 Kf7 0.78/19
[22...Nc8= 0.10/18]
23.b5± axb5 24.axb5 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Nc8

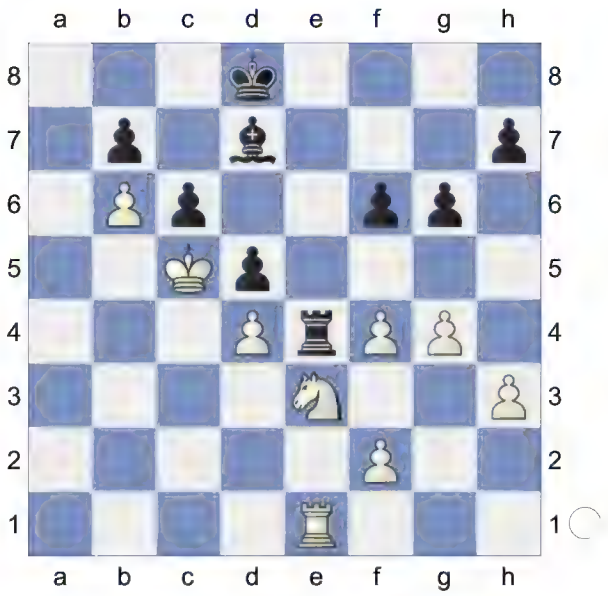


26.Kb4 Nd6 1.48/21
[Black should play 26...Re8 0.79/19]
27.b6
[27.Kc5 Nxb5 28.Bxb5 cxb5=]
27...Ne4 28.Bxe4 Rxe4 Endgame.

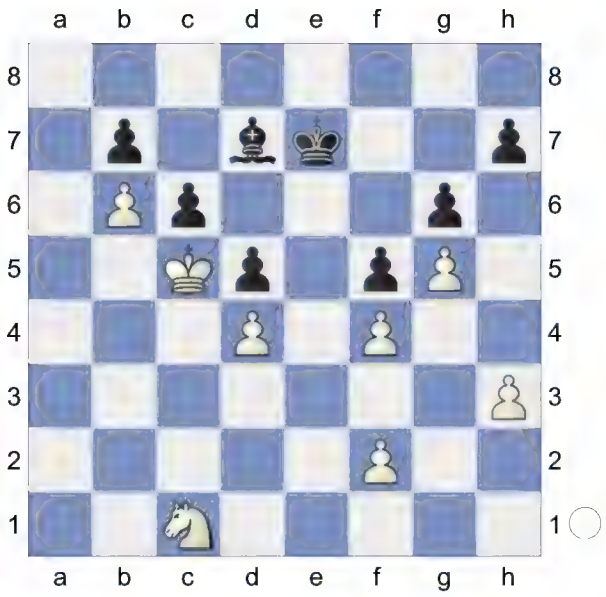
(Diagram)



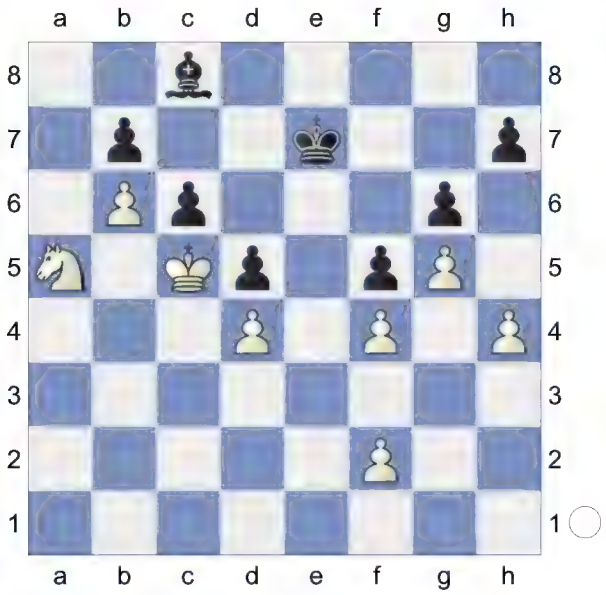
KRB-KRN **29.Kc5!** Black must now prevent Kc5-d6. **29...Ke7**
[29...Rxf4? too greedy. 30.Kd6+-]
30.Re1 aiming for f2-f3. **30...Kd8**



31.Ng2 Hoping for Kc5-d6. **31...Rxe1**
[31...f5? 2.72/22 31...Re4xe1 1.06]
32.Nxe1 KB-KN **32...Ke7 33.Nd3 f5?** 9.25/24
[33...Be6 1.83/27 34.Nc1 g5]
34.g5+- White is clearly winning.
34...Ke6 35.Nc1 Threatens to win with Nc1-b3. Predecessor: **35...Ke7**
(Diagram)



36.Nb3 Bc8 37.Na5
[37.Na5 Kd7 38.h4 Ke7



39.Nxc6+!]

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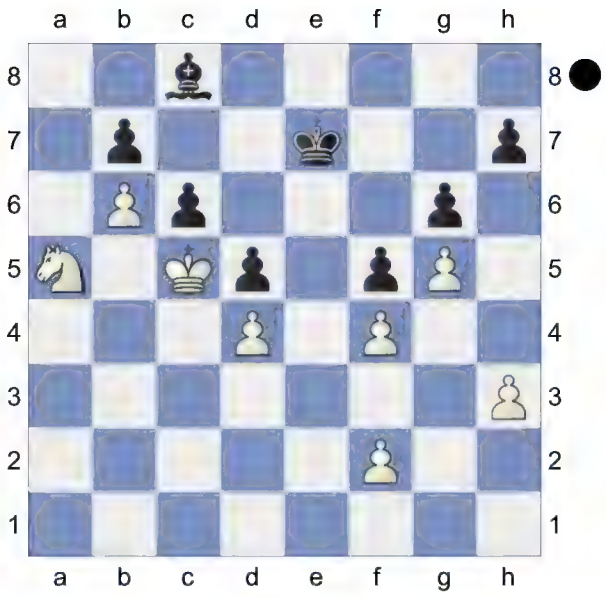

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.16 (very precise) . An unexpected result.
½-½

194 **D52**
□ **Sivakumar,Ashvin** **2172**
■ **Tsay,Vincent** **2310**
vs chess24.com (1.14) 31.05.2020
[Junior Tay]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Skembris,Spyridon: 'Skembris,S: 'Inf 92/(440)" **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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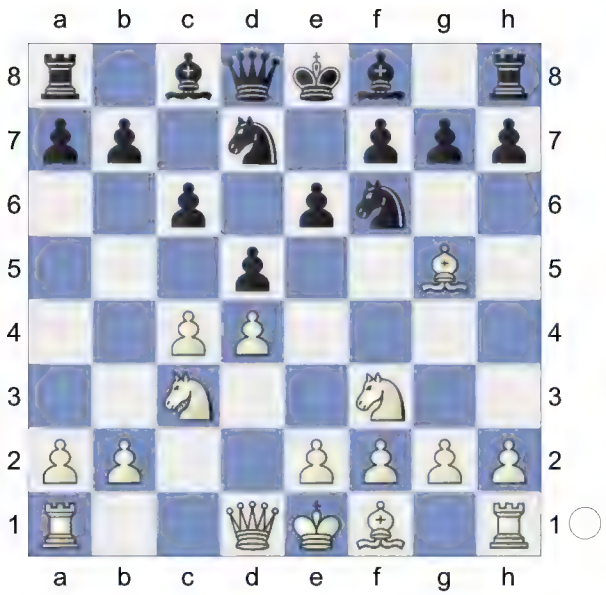
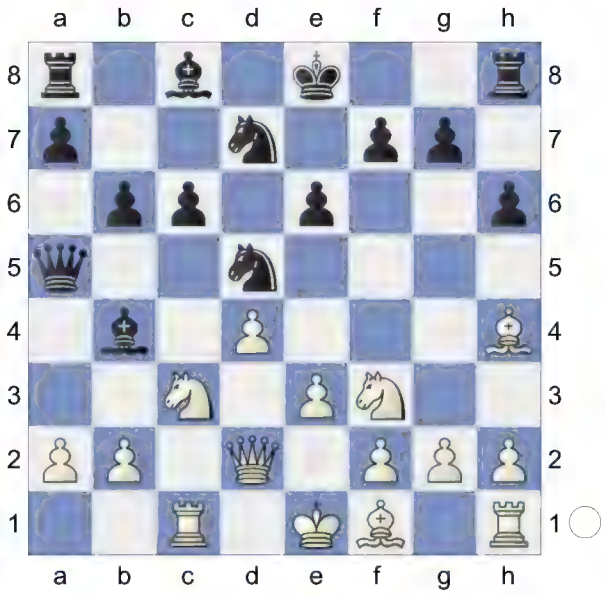


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 b6



11.Bd3

[11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 c5 13.c4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.f3 *(16.0-0 Rd8 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 g5 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.Bg3 Kg7 21.f4 f6 22.f5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5+ exf5 24.Rxf5 Rde8 25.Rd5 Re7* The Cambridge Springs Defence-Chapter 2 - 7.cd5/8. ♕d2 2018*)* 16...f5 17.0-0 Kf7 18.Nb3 Bc6 19.Rb1 Ba4 20.Bg3 Rhd8 21.Bc7 Rdc8 22.Bg3 Kf6 23.Nc1 e5 24.d5 b5 25.e4 Rab8 (33) De Boer,E (2471)-Wastfelt,T (2679) Budapest FS03 GM 2007]

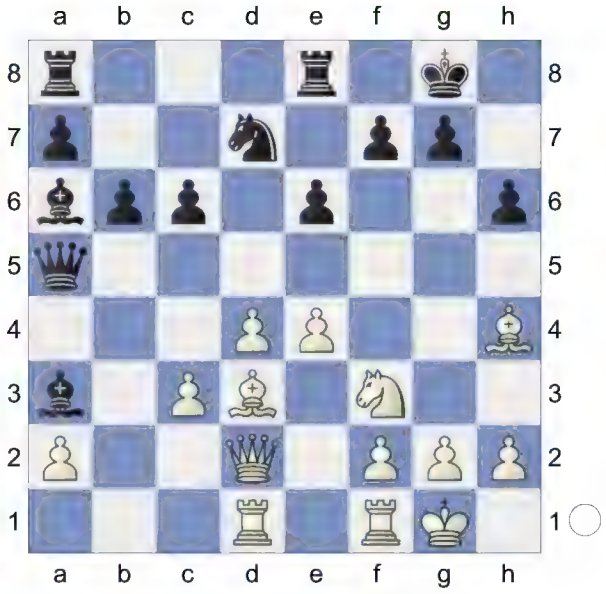
11...Ba6 12.0-0 next Bd3xa6 is good for White. **12...0-0** The position is equal.

13.e4 Nxc3N

[13...Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nxc3 *(14...Nf4 15.Qe3 Ng6 16.Bg3 Rfe8 17.a3 Bf8 18.Nb1 Rac8 19.Nbd2 Qb5 20.Nc4 c5 21.Rfd1 Qa6 22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Qe1 Ndf8 24.Qf1 b5* Halkias,S (2526)-Skembris,S (2446) (open) 92/(440) 2004*)* 15.bxc3 Ba3 16.Rb1 Bd6 0.34/17 *(16...Rfe8=* -0.05/19 was preferrable.*)* 17.e5 Bc7 18.c4 Bd8= 0.30/19 Black can equalize with relative ease according to Vuckovic. *(⌓18...c5* -0.08/21 *)*]

14.bxc3 Ba3 15.Rcd1 Rfe8

[15...Bxd3 simplifies 16.Qxd3 Rfe8 17.Nd2 Bf8]



16.e5!?N Be7? 0.34/23 Althout Black removes or pushes off a strong White attacker, his kingside is a trifle porous after this trade.

[Black should play the Stenitizian knight retreat 16...Nf8 17.Qe2 Bxd3

18.Rxd3 Qa4 and now Stockfish 11 demonstrated the flamboyant 19.Bf6!? Ng6! and White just keeps feeding pieces over... Wards off Nf3-h4 *(Not 19...gxf6* 1.34/25 19...Nf8-g6 0.08 *20.exf6 Ng6 21.Ne5 Bd6 22.f4!* and Black will get crushed on the kingside. *)* 20.Nh4! gxf6 21.Rg3 Kh7! 22.exf6! Hoping for Nh4xg6. Qa5 23.Qe4! Rg8 ...Qa5-d5 would now be deadly. 24.Nxg6! fxg6 25.Qxc6 Rad8 Wards off c3-c4 26.Qc7+ Kh8 27.Rh3 h5! 28.Qf4 Kh7 Prevents Qf4-h6+. 29.g4! And now Rf1-e1 would win. Qd5! when suddenly an even double rook ending materialises following 30.c4 Qxd4 31.Qxd4 Rxd4 32.Rxa3 Rxg4+ 33.Kh1=]

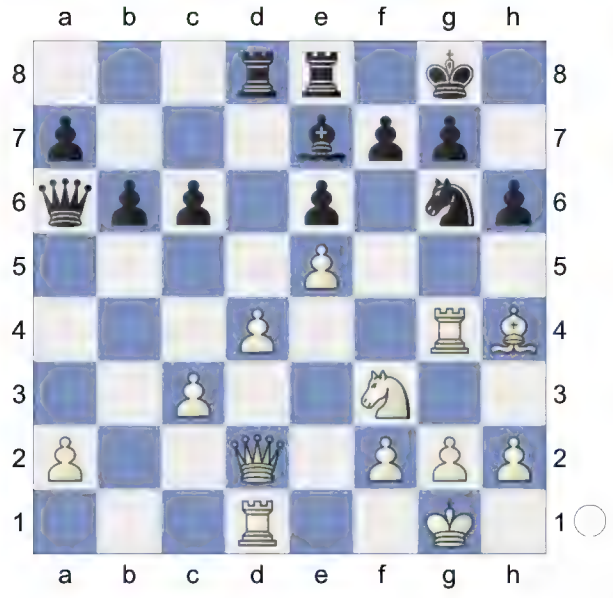
[16...Rac8= -0.13/21]

17.Bxa6 Qxa6 18.Rfe1 Rad8 19.Re4 Nf8 0.67/22

[19...Qa5= 0.19/21]

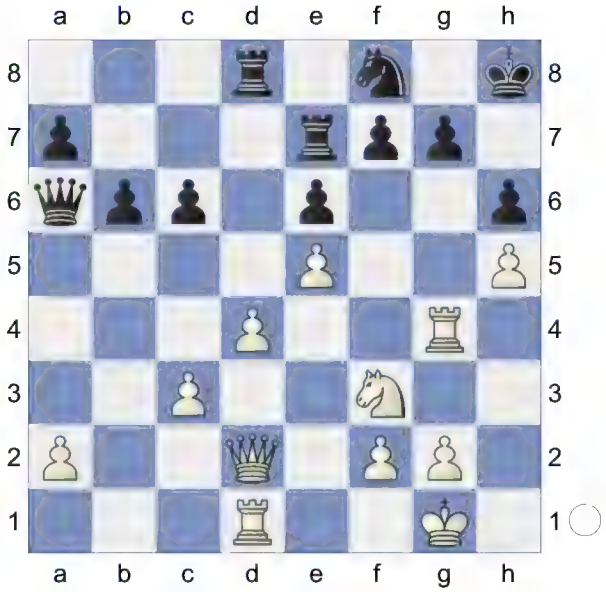
20.Rg4± Ng6 0.96/23

[20...Bxh4± 0.60/21 deserves consideration. 21.Nxh4 Kh8]



21.Bxe7± Rxe7 22.h4! Kh8

Black calmly curls up and asks White to do his worst... **23.h5 Nf8**



This will make a very good training exercise for students. How should White continue his attack? Is it better to send pieces in or to use pawns to prise open the kingside? **24.Qf4** 0.25/21 Ashvin sets up the dardstardly threat of Rxg7 and tries to bring in the heavies to crash through. The problem with serve and rushing to the net to volley is...the backcourt is rather airy...

[White should focus on the f4-f5 break here instead with 24.Nh4! Nh7 *(or 24...Rc7* 1.15/22 24...Nf8-h7 0.53 *25.f4 Qc8 26.Rf1!* Threatens to win with f4-f5. *Nh7 27.f5* Black must now prevent f5-f6. *exf5 28.Nxf5 Rg8 29.Qf4 Qe6± 30.Rf2* with a large advantage for White.*)* 25.f4 Qc8 0.97/20 *(25...Qc4±* 0.47/21 *)* 26.Rf1± Qd7 27.Qd3

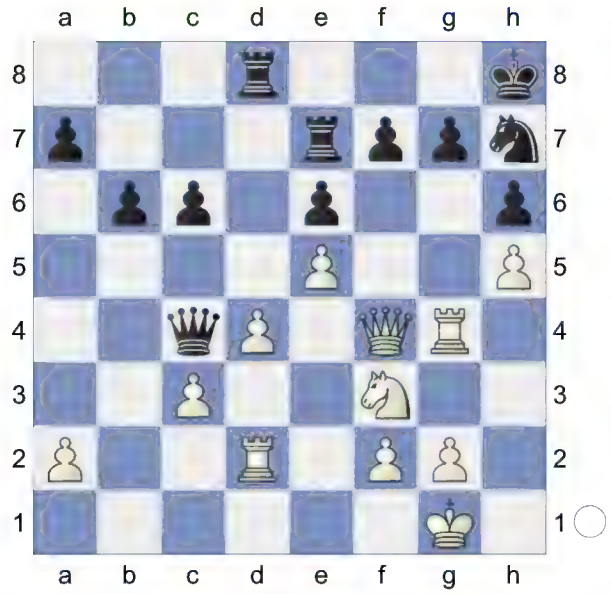
A) 27...c5 1.59/24 27...Re7-e8 1.12 28.Qg3! Rg8? 2.80/20 *(28...f5±* 1.13/21 was necessary. *29.Ng6+ Kg8 30.Nxe7+* Discovered Attack *Qxe7)* 29.f5 and White crushes through.;

B) Better is 27...Rg8 0.97/22

28.Qg3 Ree8;
C) 27...b5 1.37/22 28.f5± exf5 29.Nxf5 Ng5+-]
[24.Nh4± 0.65/21]

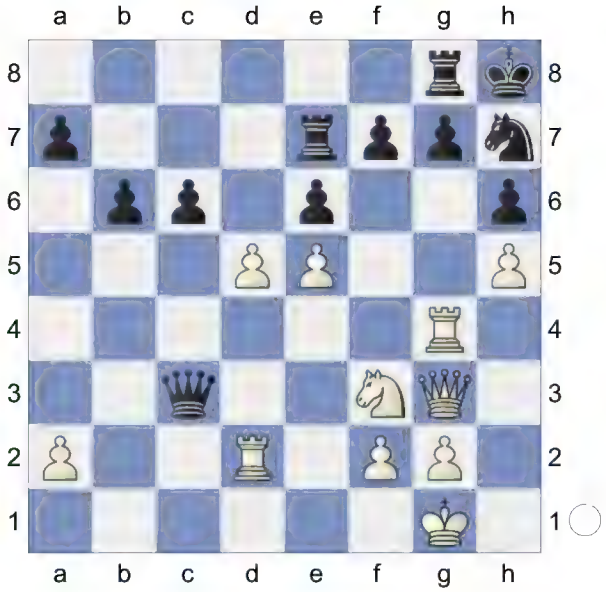
24...Nh7!= 25.Rd2 Qc4?! 1.02/23

[25...Qa3! is a better square to harass White from and Black has enough to keep White busy.]
[25...Qa3= 0.16/23 keeps the balance.]



The queen is susceptible to d4-d5 tricks from here. **26.Qg3± Rg8**

27.d5! Qxc3



28.d6 0.44/20 White does get a protected passed pawn but Black's more interested in trudging his queenside majority home while he shutters up his kingside.

[White does better to create light square weaknesses with 28.dxe6! Qc1+ 29.Kh2 fxe6 30.Nh4 Nf8 31.Rd8 Rf7 32.Qb3 Strongly threatening Nh4-g6+. Qc5 33.f4 b5 34.Qf3 0.01/18 *(34.Re8± 1.05/22)* 34...Qb6 1.30/21 *(34...Qc2= 0.01/18* remains equal.*)* 35.Rc8 when Black's pieces are too un-coordinated to hold out.]
[28.dxe6!± 1.15/23 aiming for Rg4xg7! fxe6 29.Nh4 Qc1+ 30.Kh2]

28...Rd7± 29.Rdd4? 0.01/20 Giving Black a tempo to get Charlie moving.

[White should play 29.Qf4± 0.56/19]

29...c5 30.Rc4 Qa1+

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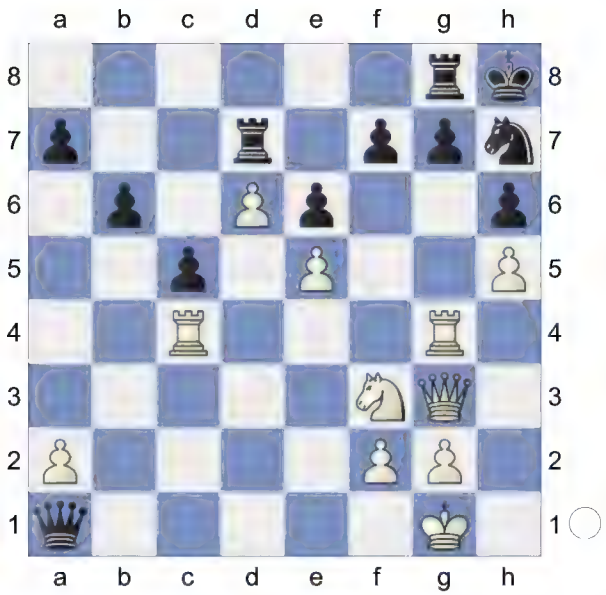
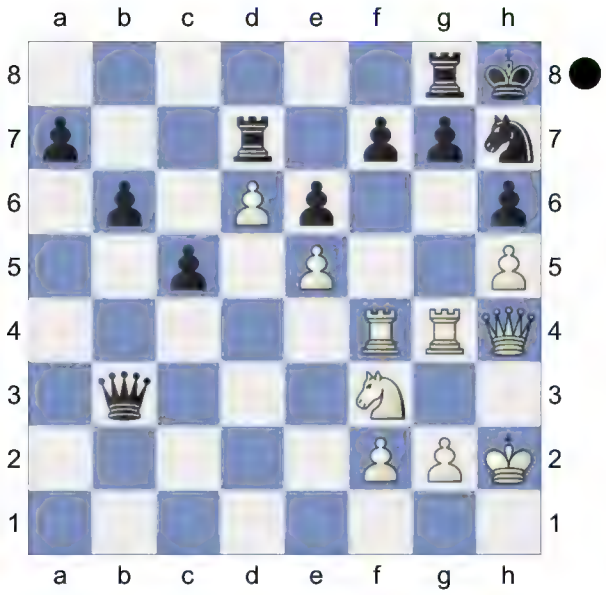
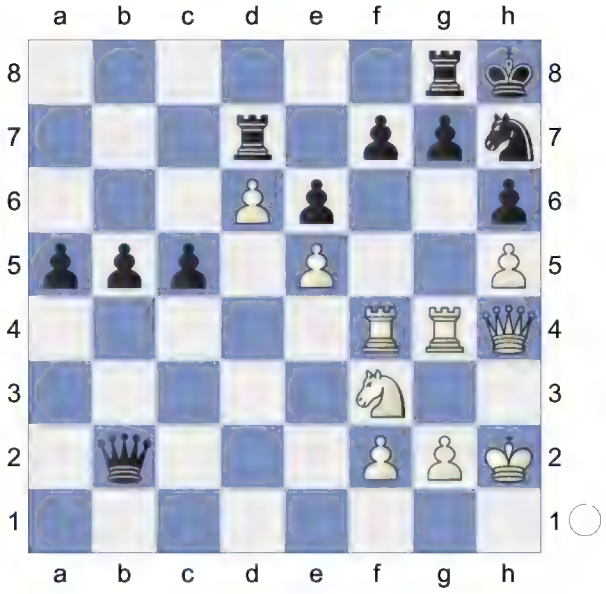


31.Kh2 Qxa2 32.Rcf4 -0.68/21
[32.Rc3!= -0.01/21]
32...Qb3 0.01/21 Despite the impressive accumulation of kingside forces, there is no way through.
[Black should try 32...Nf8∓ -0.68/21
33.Rc4 *(33.Rf6? Kh7∓)* 33...Qb3]
33.Qh4? -1.92/22
[33.Rf6!= 0.01/21 and White is okay.]

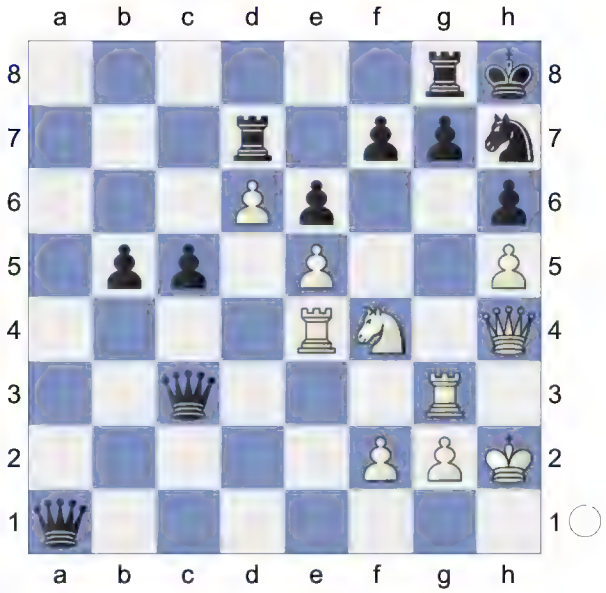


White does not recover from this.
33...b5!-+ 34.Rg3 -2.04/20
[34.Qe7∓ -1.54/20 Rxe7 35.dxe7]

34...Qb2 35.Rgg4 a5



36.Re4 -5.47/22
[36.Qg3 -2.84/21]
36...a4 Black is clearly winning. **37.Ne1 a3 38.Nd3 Qc3 39.Rg3 a2 40.Nf4 a1Q**



41.Rxc3 Qxc3 42.Re3 Qd4 43.Kg1 b4 44.g3

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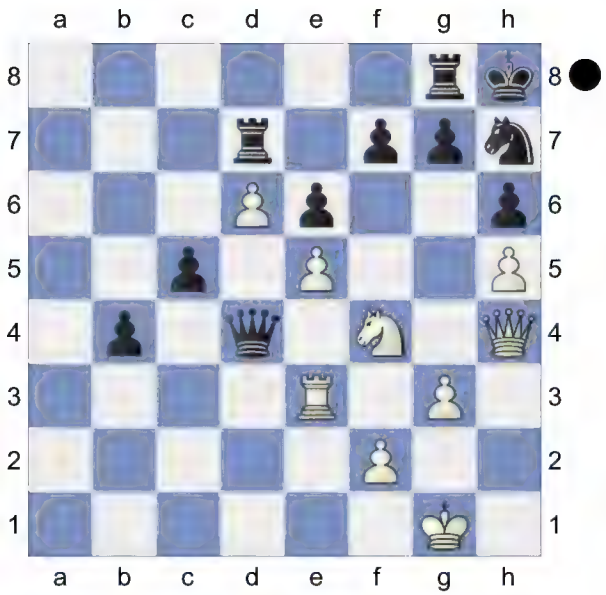
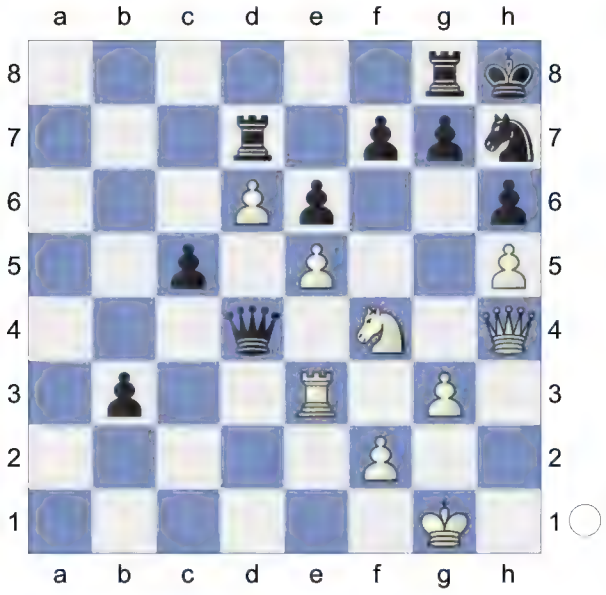


b3!



Nice cold blooded defense by Vincent.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.24 (precise)
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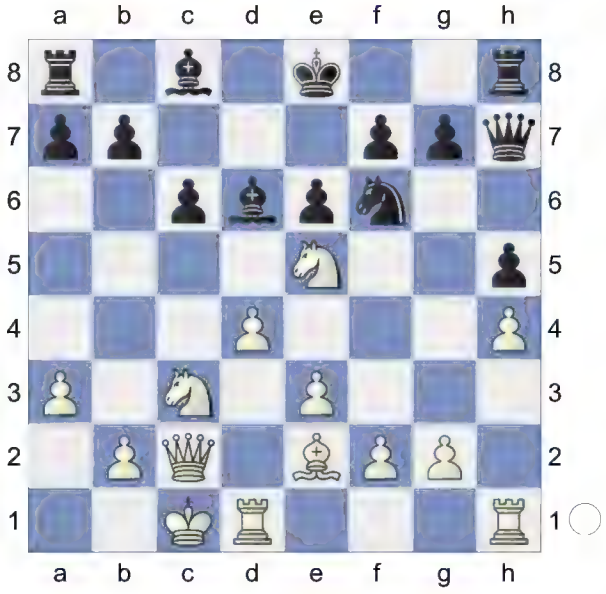
195 **D52**
□ **Bellmann,Herbert** **2166**
■ **Reisinger,Georg** **2057**
GER ML026 corr 1999
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qg5N
[10...Qc7 11.g3 *(11.a3 Be7 12.Be2 0-0 13.b4 b6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rab1 Rfd8 17.Rfc1 Ba8 18.h3 h6 19.Qb3 Qb8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Bf6 22.a4* D 52/08 2003*)* 11...0-0 12.Bg2 Bd7 13.a3 Be7 14.b4 b6 15.0-0 Rac8 16.Rfc1 Rfd8 17.Ne5 Bd6 18.f4 c5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.b5 c4 22.Bc6 Qe7 23.a4 Ng4 24.Ne4 Nxe3 25.Qf2 0-1 (26) Woog,F (2296)-Martin,A (2039) 78/(342) Ukraine 2000]

(Diagram)

11.a3 Be7 12.Ne5 h5 13.h4
White is slightly better. **13...Qh6 14.Be2 Bd6 15.0-0-0 Qh7**



16.Bd3 White has more active pieces.
16...Qh6 17.Kb1 0-0 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 f6 20.Nd3 Rb8

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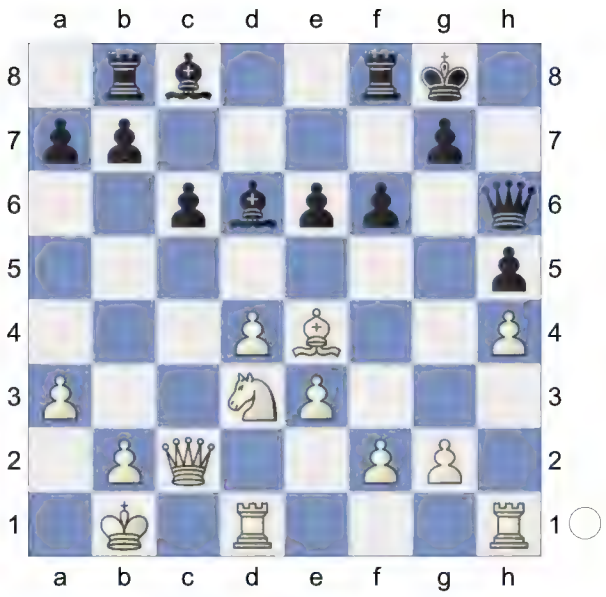
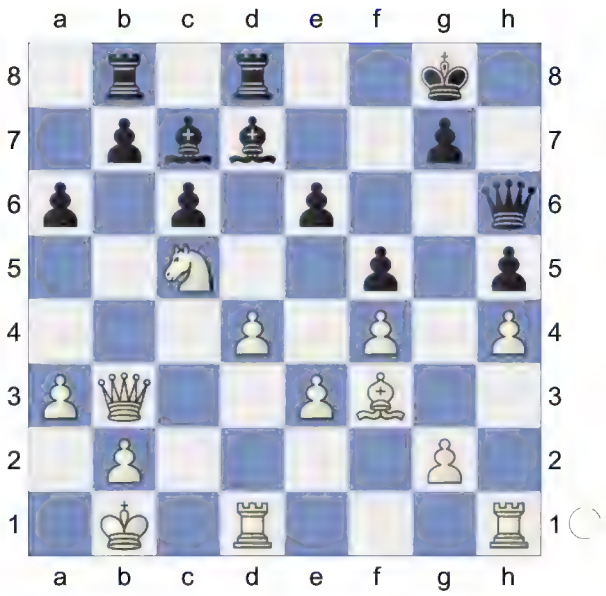
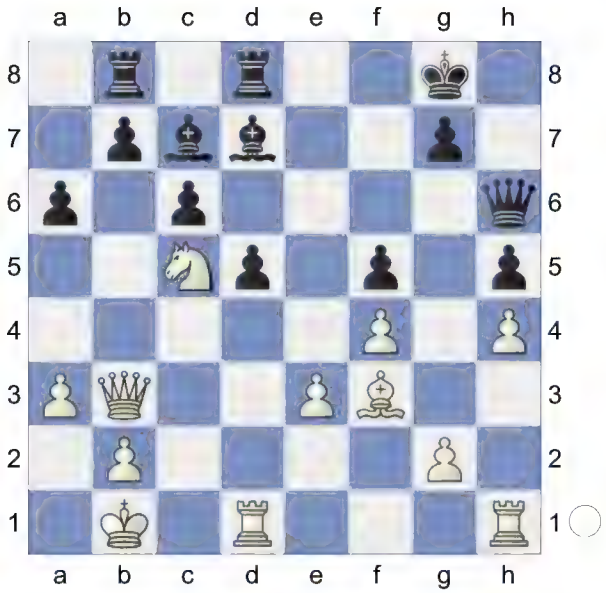


21.f4 f5 22.Bf3 Bd7 23.Qa4 a6 24.Nc5 Rfd8 25.Qb3 Bc7? 2.36/20
[25...Qg6± 0.77/18]

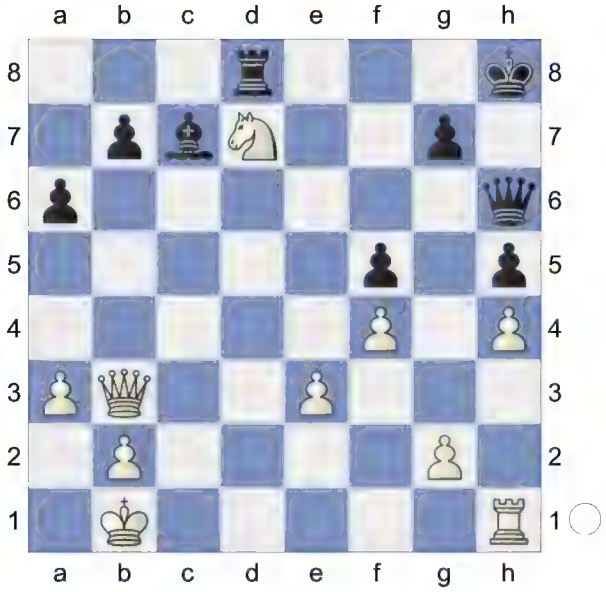


This move loses the game for Black.
26.d5!+-
[26.Nxb7 Bc8 27.Bxc6 Rd6-+]
26...exd5

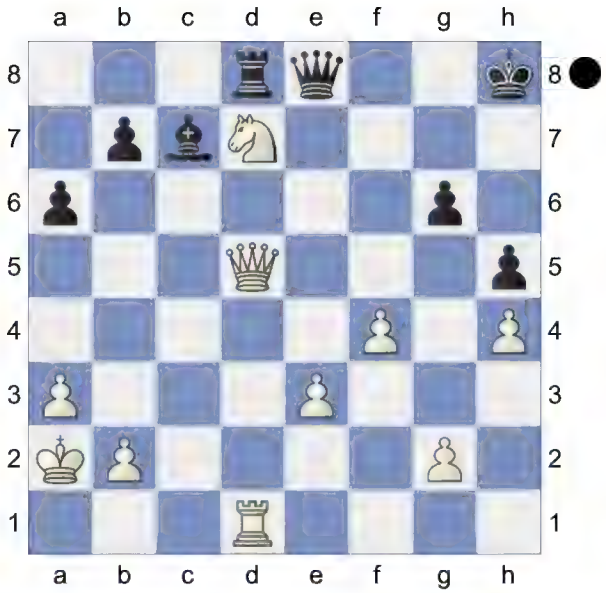
(Diagram)



27.Bxd5+! cxd5
[27...Kh8 28.Bf7]
28.Rxd5 Kh8 29.Rxd7 2.21/24
[⌓29.Nxd7 4.03/23 Qe6 30.Qd3]
29...Rxd7 30.Nxd7 Rd8



31.Qf7 Qc6 Against Nd7-c5. White has a decisive advantage. **32.Rd1** Threatens to win with Rd1-d5.
[Stronger than 32.Qxh5+ Kg8 33.Rd1 g6=]
32...Qe4+ 33.Ka2 Rd1-c1 is the strong threat. **33...Qe8 34.Qxf5 g6 35.Qd5**
(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
1-0

196 **D52**
□ **Roth,Peter1** **1834**
■ **Kamody,Mario** **1600**
SVK-ch I137 corr 2001
[Kamody]

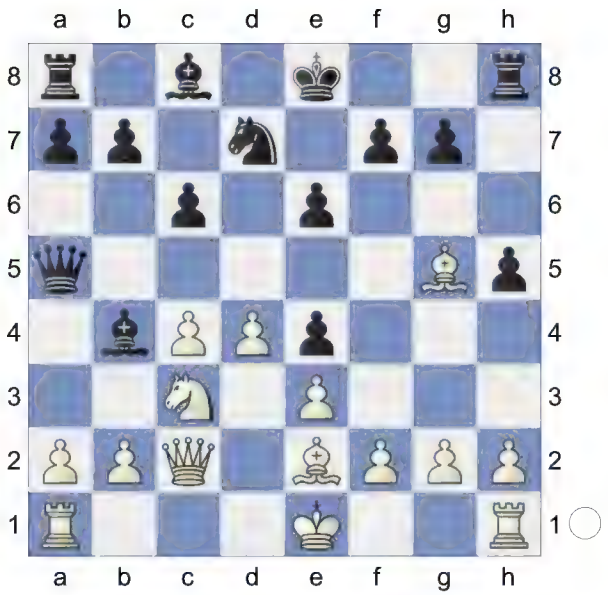
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 h5N 0.61/19
[⌓8...dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7 11.0-0-0 -0.20/19 *(⌓11.a3* 0.22/19 *Be7 12.Rc1)*]
[8...dxc4= 0.20/21 might be stronger. 9.Bxf6 gxf6]
[8...e5 9.dxe5 Ne4 10.Ndxe4 dxe4 11.0-0-0 f6 12.exf6 Qxg5 13.Nxe4 Qa5 14.a3 Bf8 15.fxg7 Bxg7 16.Nd6+ Ke7 17.Qe4+ Qe5 D 52/08-N,N 2003]
[8...0-0 9.Bd3 *(9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc7 14.Nb5 Qc6 15.a3 Be7 16.Na5 Qb6 17.b4 a6 18.Nc3 Qxd4 19.Rad1 Qg4 20.f4* D 52/09-N,N 2003*)* 9...dxc4 10.Bxf6 cxd3 11.Qxd3 Nxf6 Krumpacnik,D-Brumen,D Nova Gorica op-A 13th 2008 (7)]

9.Be2
[⌓9.Nb3!? 0.17/23 9.Bg5-h4 0.60 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qa4 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Bd3 b5 0.64/17 *(12...b6=* 0.03/20 *)* 13.e4 Bb7 0.87/20 *(13...dxe4±* 0.36/21 *14.Bxe4 Rb8)* 14.f3±]

9...Ne4 0.76/19 **10.Ndxe4± dxe4**



White is better. **11.c5**
[=11.h4 e5 12.dxe5 0.00/21 *(12.0-0±* 0.96/20 *Bxc3 13.bxc3)* 12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.0-0
A) 14...f6!? 0.48/21 14...Bc8-f5 0.05 15.Qxe4 0-0 16.Bf4?? -1.17/20 *(16.c5!±* 0.43/22 *)* 16...Bf5!-+;
B) 14...Bf5=]

11...e5? 1.89/22
[11...b6 12.0-0! bxc5 2.13/20 *(12...Bxc3±* 1.06/20 *13.bxc3 Ba6)* 13.Nxe4+- cxd4
A) 14.Qxc6 1.27/21 14.Ra1-d1 2.27 Rb8 1.81/21 *(14...Qd5±* 1.27/21 *15.Qa4 Rb8)*;
B) 14.a3 Be7 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Qxc6 0.70/22 *(16.Rfd1+-* 1.71/20 *)* 16...Qd5± 17.Qxd5 exd5 18.Ng3 0.12/21 *(18.Ng5!±* 0.56/21 *)* 18...dxe3 0.72/22 *(18...Nf6=* 0.12/21 *)* 19.Nxh5 0.24/21 *(*Better is *19.Nf5+±* 0.72/22 *Kf8 20.Nxe3)* 19...g6=]
[11...f6± 1.10/20 keeps fighting.]

12.0-0!+-
[12.Qxe4 Bxc3+ 13.Kf1 Bxb2-+]

12...Bxc3 13.h3?∓ 0.60/21
[⌓13.bxc3 f6 14.Qxe4 fxg5 1.35/21

(14...Nf8+- 1.76/23) 15.Qg6+± Kd8 16.Qxg7 Rf8 17.Qxg5+ 1.17/23 (17.Bxh5+- 2.02/23 Strongly threatening Bh5-g4. Qxc3 18.Rad1) 17...Kc7± 18.Rfc1 0.62/22 (18.Qe7± 1.20/21) 18...b6 1.89/20 (18...Kb8± 0.62/22) 19.cxb6+? 0.22/21 (19.Qe7+- 1.89/20) 19...axb6= 20.Qxh5±]

[13.Qxc3? Qxc3 14.bxc3 f6-+]

[White should try 13.bxc3± 1.42/21 Nf6 14.Bxf6 (14.dxe5 Nh7±) 14...gxf6 15.Qxe4]

13...Bxd4 1.41/23 **14.exd4± 0-0**

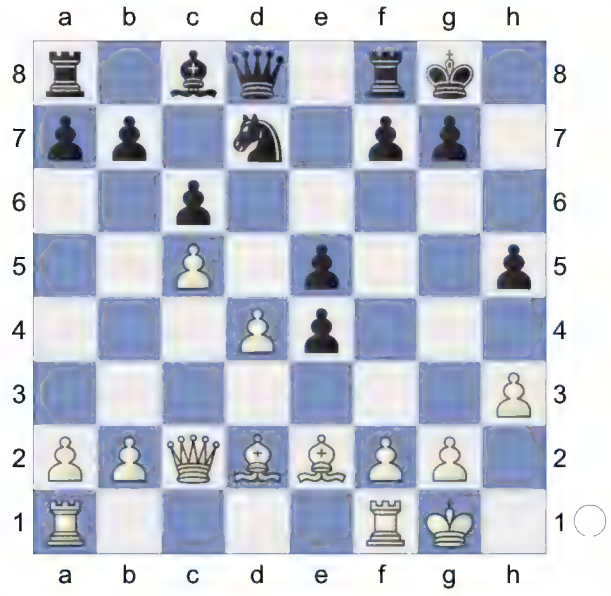
15.Bd2 0.35/23

[15.Qxe4!? Be2-d3 is the strong threat. exd4 2.46/24 (15...Qb4± 1.25/20 might work better.) 16.Qxd4? 0.57/20 (White must play 16.Bd3!+- 2.46/24 f5 17.Qxd4) 16...Nxc5∓]

[15.Bxh5 exd4 16.b4 (16.Qxe4 Nxc5 17.Qh4 Ne6∓) 16...Qxb4 17.Qxe4 Qxc5=]

[15.Qxe4± 1.32/24 Qb4 16.Rad1 (16.Bxh5 Nxc5 17.Qxe5 Ne6±)]

15...Qd8±



16.Qxe4 Nf6

[16...Nxc5?! 0.55/22 16...Nd7-f6 -0.05 17.dxc5 0.07/22 (17.Qxe5± 0.55/22 Re8 18.Qxh5) 17...Qxd2= 18.Qxe5=]

17.Qf3

[17.Qd3? -0.42/21 17.Qe4-c2 -0.01 Qxd4 18.Qxd4 exd4 19.Bg5 -1.01/22 (19.Rfd1∓ -0.46/22) 19...Ne4∓]

[17.Qxe5? is the wrong capture. Re8 18.Qg3 Rxe2-+]

17...Qxd4 18.Bg5 Nd5!

[18...e4?! 19.Bxf6 exf3 20.Bxd4 fxe2 21.Rfe1 Re8 aiming for ...Bc8-f5. 22.Be3 f5 23.g3= -0.78/20 (23.Rac1= -0.16/22)]

19.Qxh5 Bf5?!

[19...Qxc5 20.Bd3 -0.36/23 (20.Rac1= 0.09/22 Qd6 21.Rc4)

A) 20...e4? 1.18/23 20...f7-f5 -0.28 21.Bxe4! Nf6 Prevents Qh5-h7+. 22.Qh4! Nxe4 23.Be7 Qe5 24.Bxf8 Hoping for Qh4-d8. Kxf8 2.20/23 (24...Bxh3 1.68/21 was called for. 25.Ba3 Bf5) 25.Rad1+- -0.63/26 (25.Qh8+!+- 2.20/23 Ke7 26.Rae1);

B) 20...f5∓]

20.Qf3 Bg6

[20...Be6!?]

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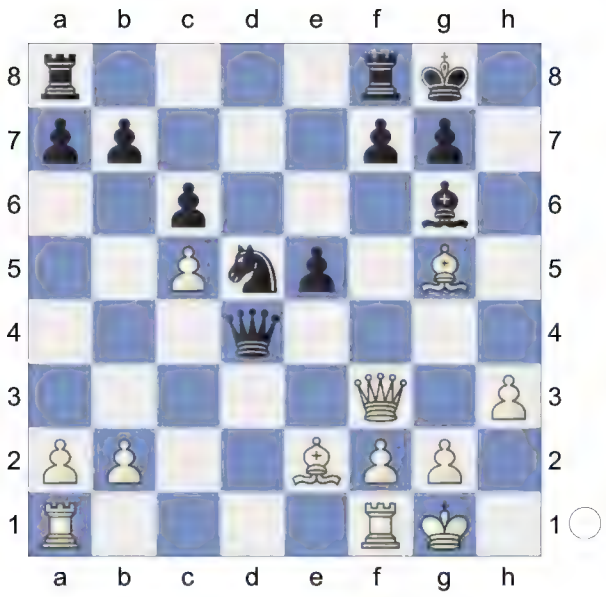
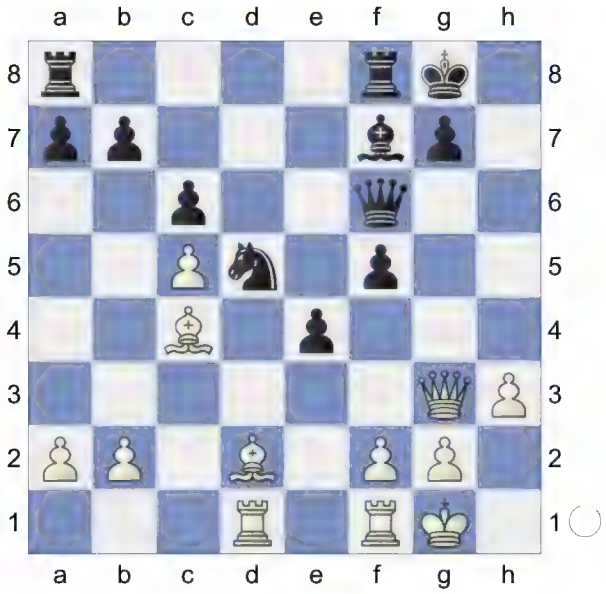
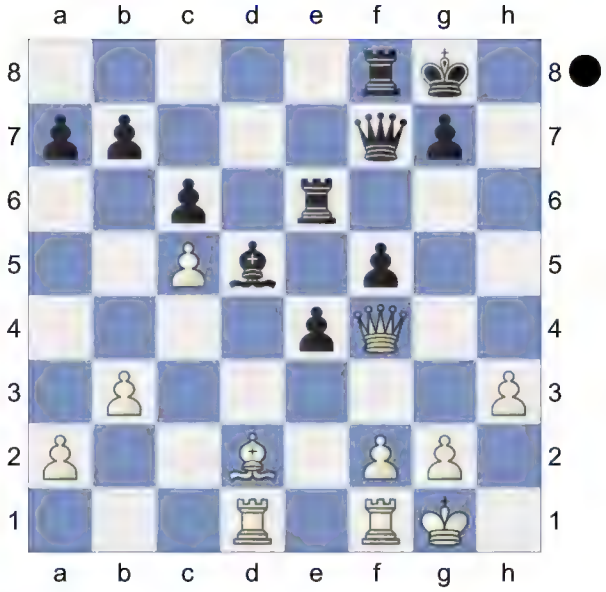


21.Qa3 e4 22.Rad1 Qe5 23.Bd2
[23.Be3!? f5 24.Bd4 Qe7 25.Qg3± Prevents Nd5-f4]
23...f5 24.Qg3 Qf6 25.Bc4 Bf7!



26.Bxd5?∓
[26.Bg5!? Qxb2 0.83/25 *(26...Qg6± 0.38/21)* 27.Rb1 Qd4 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Rxb7 Rf7 30.Rxf7 Bxf7 31.Bf4± 0.15/21 *(31.Be3± 0.90/20 Qd3 32.Qe5)*]
26...Bxd5 27.Bc3 -0.37/24
[27.Bf4= 0.13/21]
27...Qf7 0.01/20 Black is weak on the dark squares
[27...Qh6!?]
[Don't play 27...f4 28.Bxf6 fxg3 29.Bc3=]
[27...Qh6∓ -0.37/24 is superior.]
28.b3 -1.45/22
[28.Qf4= 0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
28...Rae8! -0.27/23
[28...f4?∓ 29.Qg5 Rae8 30.h4! -1.95/24 *(30.a4∓* -1.55/23 *)* 30...Re6-+ 31.h5 Dodges Re6-g6 Rh6 -1.36/23 *(31...Qe7-+* -1.81/24 *32.Qxe7 Rxe7)* 32.g4∓ fxg3 33.fxg3 Rxh5 34.Rxf7 Rxg5 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8 36.Be1∓ -1.64/23 *(36.Kf2∓* -0.39/21 *)*]
[28...f4∓ -1.45/22 29.Qg5 Rae8]
29.Be5 -3.05/22 White does not recover from this.
[29.Qf4!? Re6 30.Bd2 -1.56/23 *(30.Rd4=* -0.10/22 *)*



30...g5!∓]
[29.Qf4= -0.27/23]
29...f4-+ 30.Qg5 Re6

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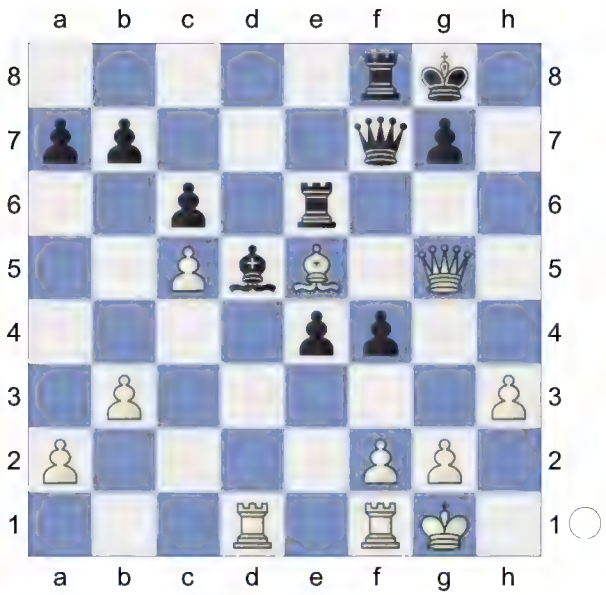
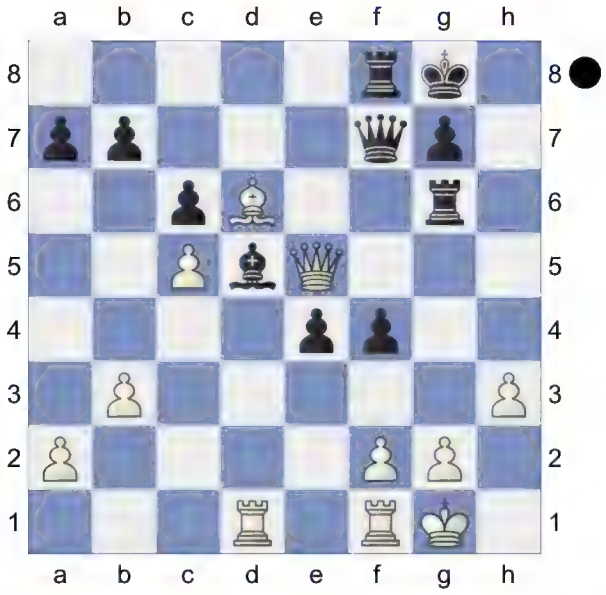


31.Bd6

[31.Rfe1 Rg6 32.Qh4? -8.43/19 *(32.Qxf4 -3.66/25 Qxf4 33.Bxf4 Rxf4 34.Rd4)* 32...e3-+]

31...Rg6 32.Qe7 -5.95/24

[32.Qe5

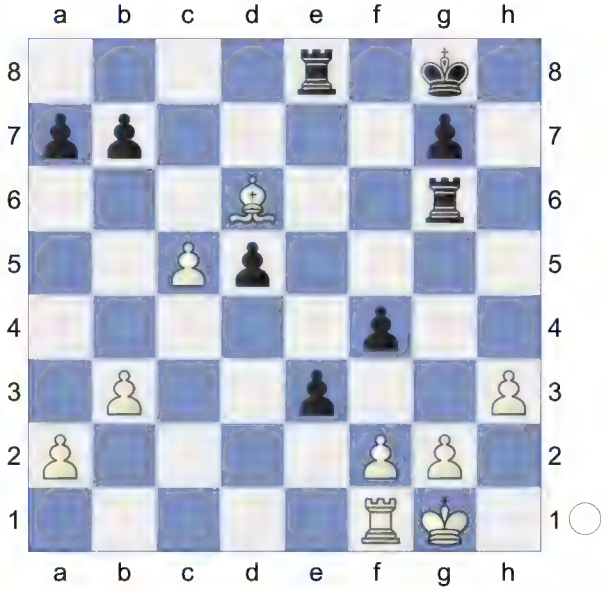


e3! 33.Rxd5 cxd5? 0.06/26 *(33...Re8-+ -2.82/26 34.fxe3 cxd5)* 34.Bxf8= f2xe3! would now be deadly. f3! 2.23/23 *(34...e2!± 0.41/23 35.Qxe2 Qxf8)* 35.Bd6?? -14.26/23 *(35.fxe3+- 2.23/23 Rxg2+ 36.Kh1)* 35...Rxg2+-+ 36.Kh1 e2 37.Re1 Rxf2 (-> ...Rf2-f1+) 38.Qg3 Rf1+ 39.Kh2 f2-+]

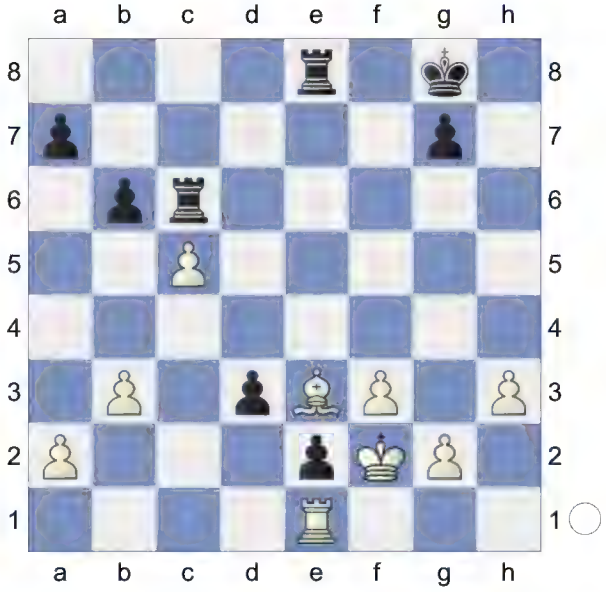
[32.Qe5 -2.88/25 was the crucial defense. e3 33.Rxd5]

32...Qxe7 Black is clearly winning.

33.Bxe7 Re8 34.Bd6 e3 Wards off Rd1-d2 **35.Rxd5 cxd5**



36.Bxf4 Endgame. KRR-KRB **36...e2 37.Re1 d4 38.f3 Rc6** 1:0 (**39.Kf2 d3 40.Be3 b6**



41.b4 bxc5 42.bxc5 Ra6 43.Ra1

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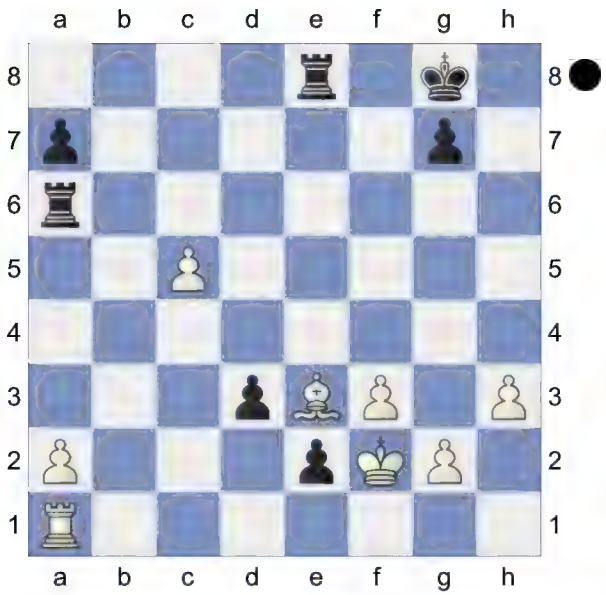
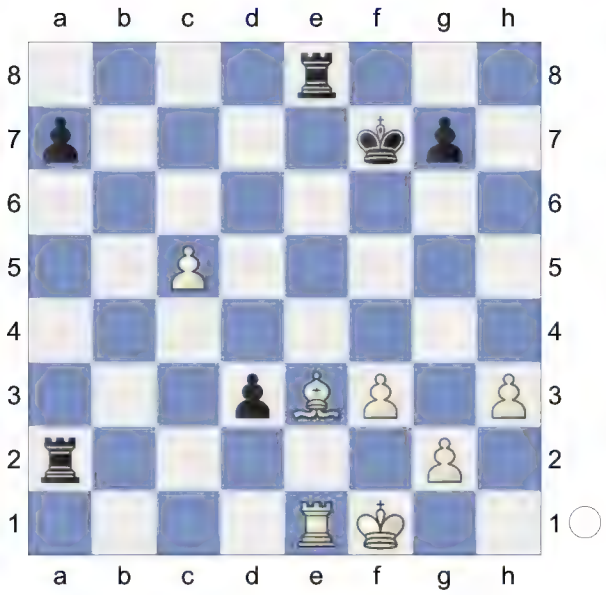


e1Q+! Deflection **44.Rxe1 Rxa2+ 45.Kf1 Kf7**



46.Bf4 Rxe1+ 47.Kxe1 Rxg2

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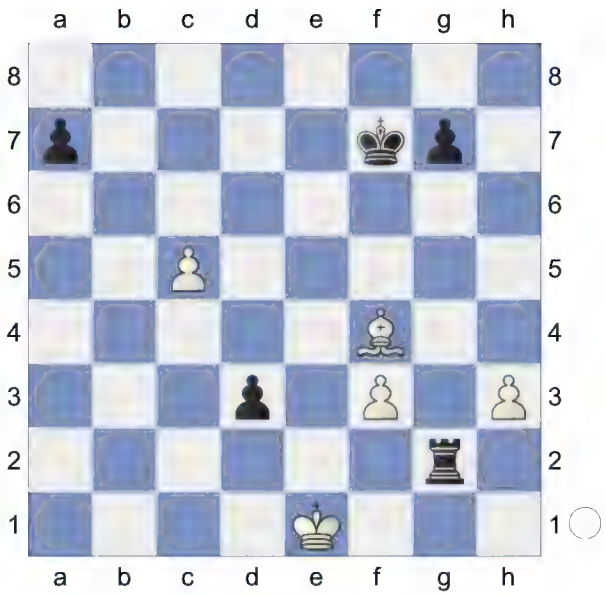

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197 **D52**
□ **Alexander,F F L**
■ **Thomas,George Alan**
City of Chess Club Championship 1919
[Sir George Thomas]

Neil McDonald: 'I have always been very impressed by Capablanca's comments to this game, which can be found in 'Chess Fundamentals'.'
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
(Annotated by Sir George Thomas)
1.d4 Capablanca,Jose R **1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5**
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G

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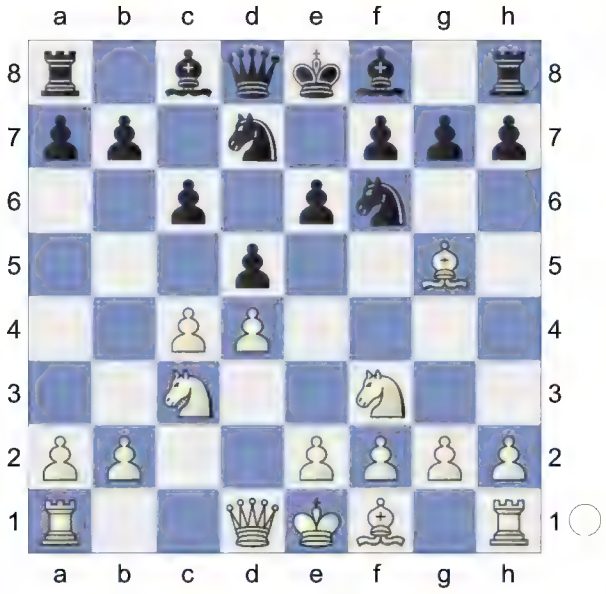
5...c6



6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4 5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5

One of the objects of Black's method of defence is to attack White's queen's knight doubly by ... Ne4, followed by ... dxc4.

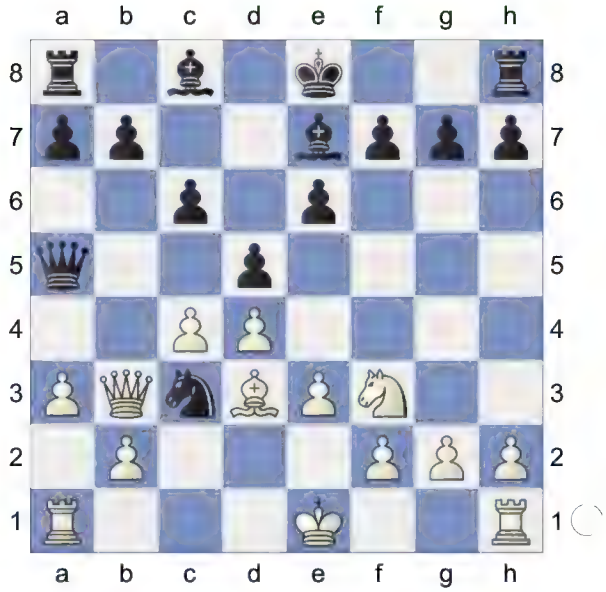
7.Bxf6

[But 7.Nd2 is probably a strong way of meeting this threat.]

7...Nxf6 8.a3 Ne4 9.Qb3 Be7

[9...Bd6 Capablanca,Jose R]

10.Bd3 Nxc3



11.bxc3 The position is equal. **11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Bf6**

I did not want White's knight to come to e5, from where I could not dislodge it by ... f6 without weakening my e-pawn.

13.0-0 0-0 14.e4 e5 15.d5

I wanted him to advance this pawn as there is now a fine post for my bishop at c5.

[White might play 15.Rfd1 -0.21/20 15.a3-a4 0.46, keeping the option of breaking up the centre later on. Bg4! Capablanca,Jose R]

[15.a4 Capablanca,Jose R Qc7]

[15.h3 Capablanca,Jose R]

15...Qc7

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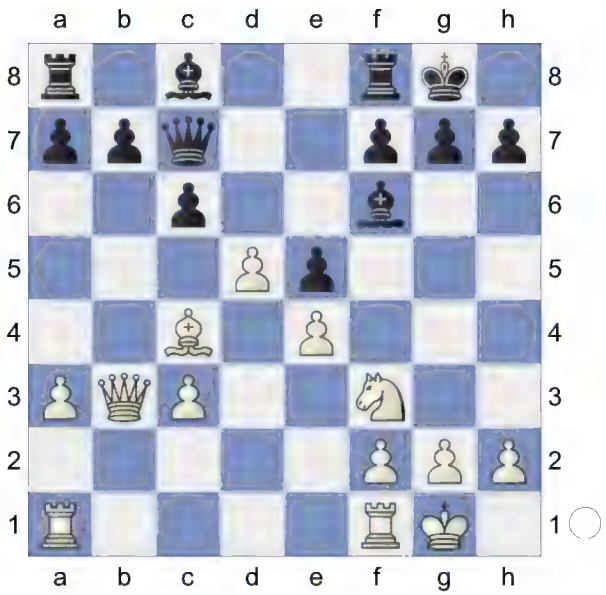


16.Bd3

This seems wrong, as it makes the development of Black's queen's wing easier.

[16.-- -0.24/17 16.d5xc6 0.15 At present he cannot play 16...b6 0.50/20 because of the reply *(16...Bg4=* -0.24/17) 17.dxc6 followed by Bd5.]

16...b6 17.c4 Bb7 18.Rfc1

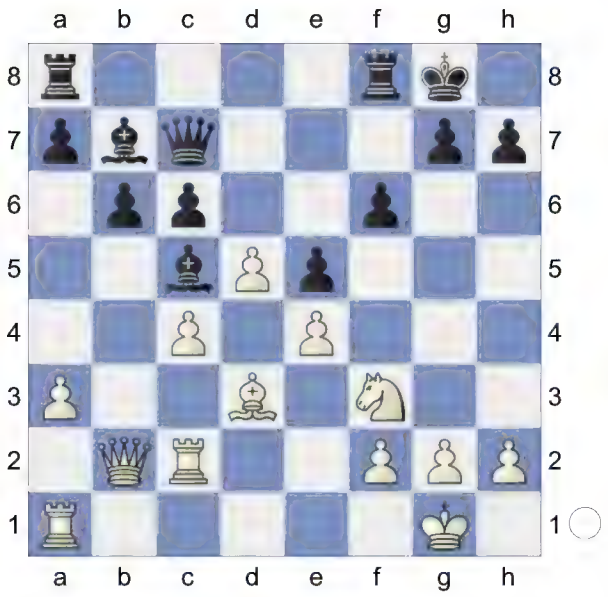
With the idea of Rab1 and c5. But it only compels Black to bring his bishop to c5, which he would do in any case.

18...Be7 19.Rc2 Bc5 20.Qb2

Neil McDonald: 'Here Black defended the hanging pawn on e5 with' **20...f6**

[It would have been better, probably, to play 20...Rfe8 with the idea of ... f5 presently.]

[Neil McDonald: "Black's play hereabouts is poor: it lacks force and there seems to be no well-defined plan of attack. It is true that these are the most difficult positions to handle in a game. In such cases a player must conceive a plan on a large scale, which promises chances of success, and with it all, it must be a plan that can be carried out with the means at his disposal. From the look of the position it seems that Black's best chance would be to mass his forces for an attack against White's centre, to be followed by a direct attack against the king. He should, therefore, play' 20...Rae8 Neil McDonald: ', threatening ...f5. If White is able to defeat this plan, or rather to prevent it, then once Black has fixed some of the white pieces on the kingside he should quickly shift his attack to the queenside, and open a line for his rooks, which once they enter in action should produce an advantage on account of the great power of the two bishops'. --- Capablanca talks of a plan on the grand scale, but it doesn't remain an abstraction as he then suggests what it should be. But he doesn't give variations - he just makes very general suggestions of where the pieces should go. --- There is a sense of easy authority behind such comments that I find breathtaking. I never met Capablanca, of course, but I can appreciate the impression that he made on his contemporaries. No wonder his great rival Alekhine described Capablanca's 'flabbergasting quickness of chess perception'. --- And yet such a way of annotating games causes abhorrence amongst modern variation mongers. They would mutter darkly about Capablanca's vague generalizations and yearn for a few columns of closely analysed variations after 20... Rae8, with a sprinkling of =+ or -+ signs to show them how to think.']



Neil McDonald: ', prompting a sharp retort full of wisdom from Capablanca:'
21.Rb1 Rad8 0.14/18
[⌓21...a5 -0.27/16]
22.a4 -0.25/16
[⌓22.Nd2 0.14/18]
22...Ba6 23.Rd1
White has clearly lost time with his rook moves.
23...Rfe8 24.Qb3
To bring his queen across after Nh4 and Be2. **24...Rd6 25.Nh4** -0.35/17
[25.Ne1= 0.06/16]
25...g6

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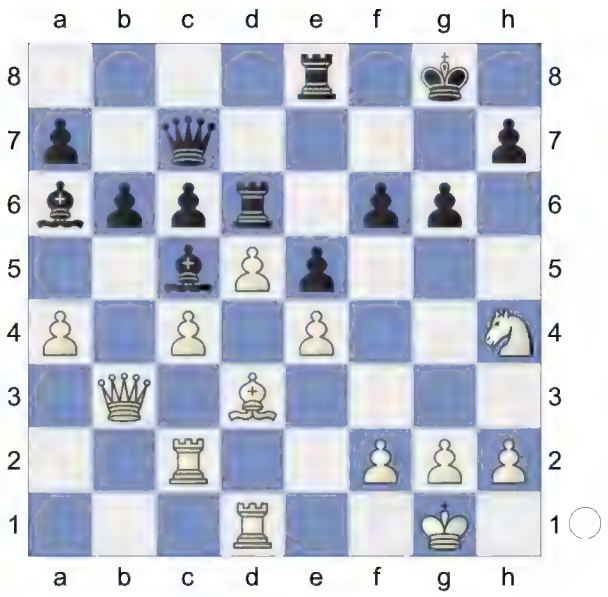
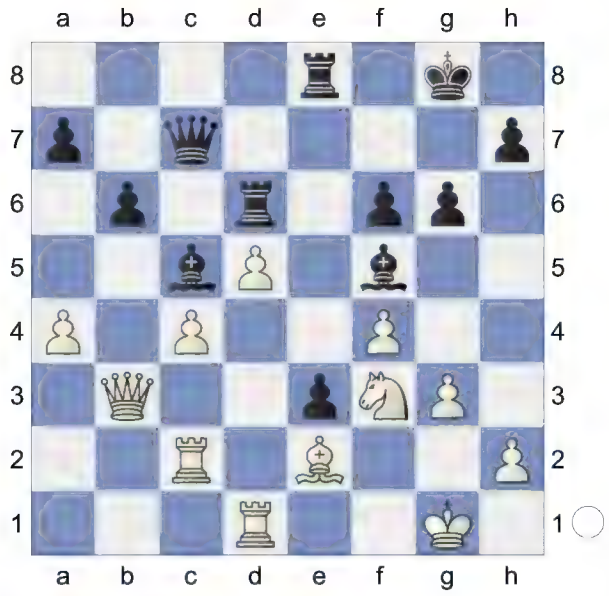


26.Be2 cxd5 0.36/21
I thought this exchange necessary here, as White is threatening to play his bishop via g4 to e6. I did not expect him to retake it with the e-pawn
[26...Bc8 Capablanca,Jose R 27.Qg3 -1.24/19 *(27.Nf3=* -0.16/15 keeps the balance.) 27...cxd5∓ 28.cxd5 Bxf2+!]
[26...Bc8= -0.11/17 might be stronger.]
27.exd5 -1.11/20 which seemed to expose him to a violent kingside attack.
[If he retook with the c-pawn 27.cxd5 I intended to exchange bishops Bxe2 28.Rxe2 and rely on the two pawns to one on the queen's wing.]
[27.cxd5± 0.36/21 was the only good move. Bxe2 28.Rxe2]
27...e4∓ White is weak on the dark squares **28.g3 e3** -0.74/21
[28...f5 Capablanca,Jose R]
[⌓28...f5 -1.21/19 29.Ng2 g5]
29.f4 Bc8 30.Nf3 -1.76/19
[30.Kh1∓ -0.92/19 was worth a try.]
30...Bf5 -1.01/21
[30...g5!-+ -1.76/19 Threatens to win with ...g5xf4. 31.fxg5 fxg5 32.Nxg5

Qg7]



31.Rb2 Re4 -0.67/19 Prevents Nf3-d4.
[31...Bh3∓ -1.16/19 32.Kh1 Kg7]
32.Kg2 -1.03/21
[32.Qc3!∓ -0.67/19 is superior.]
32...Qc8 33.Ng1 -1.58/20
[⌓33.Qc3 -0.81/19]
33...g5 34.fxg5
[If now 34.Bf3 -1.86/20 34.Be2-d3 -1.42 gxf4 35.Bxe4?? -4.58/20 *(35.Ne2∓ -1.46/19 is more resistant.)* 35...Bxe4+ with a winning attack.]
34...fxg5 35.Rf1 -2.54/21
[35.Nf3∓ -1.45/18]
35...g4? -1.01/20
[35...Rh6 Capablanca,Jose R. aiming for ...Re4-e8. 36.Kh1]
[35...Rh6-+ -2.54/21 is more deadly. White must now prevent ...Re4-e8. 36.Kh1 Re8]

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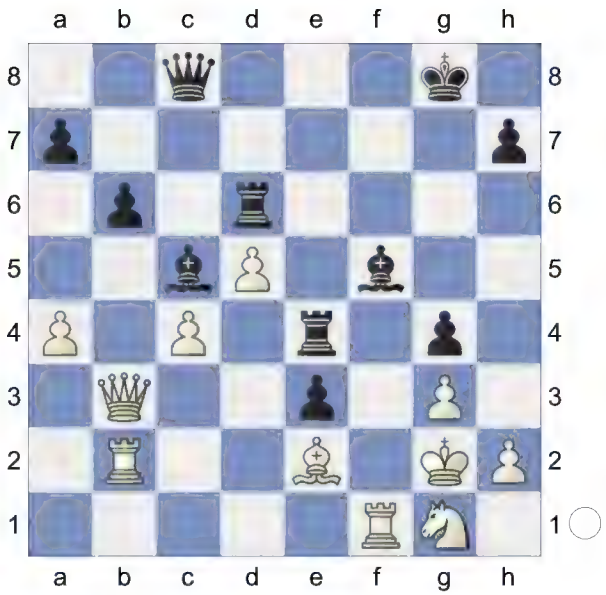
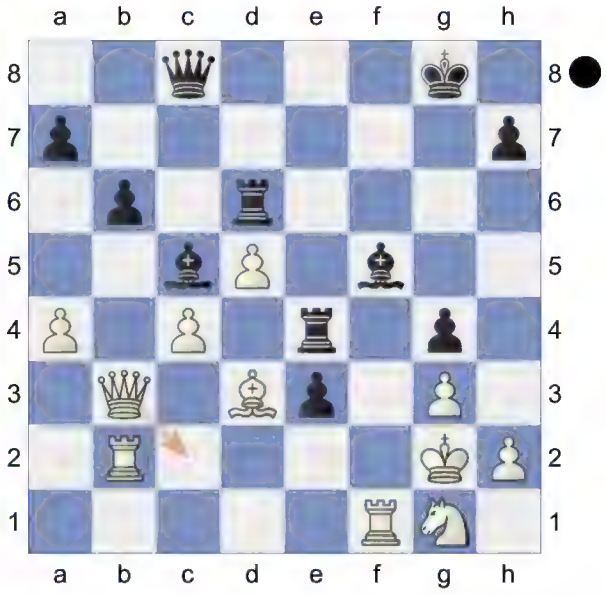


36.Bd3



Strongly threatening Qb3-c2! **36...Rf6!**↑ Black is in control. Black is more active.
37.Ne2

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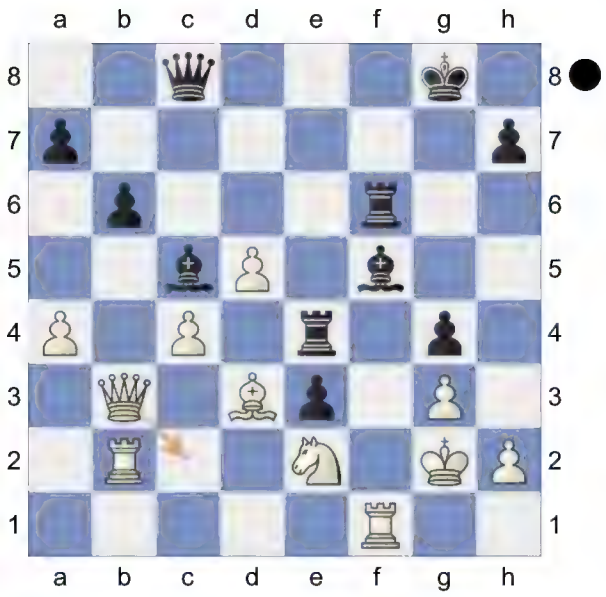


Qf8! Neil McDonald: '. The game finished in some style with:'. ...Bf5-g6! is the strong threat. **38.Rbb1**

[Again preventing 38.Bxe4? -#4/10 38.Qb3-c3 -1.51by the masked attack on White's rook - Bxe4+. White therefore protects this rook.]

[Neil McDonald: 'Capablanca analyses' 38.Nf4? -7.28/22 38.Rb2-b1 -1.45 Capablanca,Jose R

A) 38...Qh6? -0.50/20 38...e3-e2 -7.25 39.Qc2? -#10/21 Neil McDonald: '.' *(39.Re2∓ -0.50/20)*

A1) 39...--?? 6.15/21 39...Re4xf4 -#11;

A2) Neil McDonald: '. Now' 39...e2 Neil McDonald: 'would be a trivial win, e.g.' 40.Nxe2 *(40.Bxe2 Rxf4* Neil McDonald: 'exposes an attack on the white queen' *)* 40...Qh3+ 41.Kh1 Qxf1+ Neil McDonald: 'and mates.';

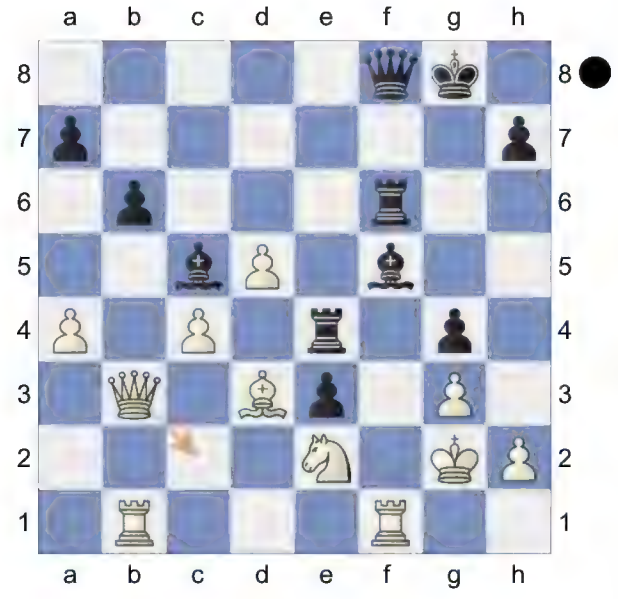
A3) 39...Rxf4!! -#10/21 mates 40.Rxf4 *(40.h4 gxh3+)* 40...Qh3+ 41.Kh1 Be4+ 42.Bxe4 Rxf4 43.Bxh7+ Kf8 44.Qf5+ Rxf5 45.Rg2 Rf1+ 46.Rg1 e2 47.Rxf1+ exf1Q#;

A4) Neil McDonald: '. Instead Capablanca writes: 'I take pleasure in offering the position to my readers as a most beautiful and extraordinary win for Black beginning with' Neil McDonald: '. Now Capablanca only gave a move two exclamation marks once in a blue moon, so a move deserving three must be something special. As a matter of fact, it is a blunder:' 39...Qh3+?? 2.22/23 Neil McDonald: '??' '!!!. I leave the variations for the student to work out.'' 40.Nxh3+- gxh3+ 41.Kh1 e2 42.Rbb1! Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: '(the only move but good enough) and the black attack has faltered. --- Armed with a chess computer, a 10-year-old could refute a move that the greatest natural chess genius gives three exclamation marks. Now that is food for thought. Though I hope the reader doesn't think me immodest if I remark that I found 42 Rbb1 not long after I got 'Chess Fundamentals' as a 13th birthday present, when computers were still a laughing stock. --- Capablanca would never have blundered with 39... Qh3+ if faced with this situation in a tournament game. He advised that you should always play the most straightforward winning move, the one that finishes the game most quickly. Undoubtedly he would have preferred 39...e2. --- Despite the

faults of 39...Qh3+ we can see that for all his (wonderful) talk of logic and commonsense in 'Chess Fundamentals', Capablanca was still an artist who wasn't indifferent to a queen sacrifice. And we can all find 42 Rbb1 if we look hard enough at the position, but we could study chess for a lifetime without achieving the level of comprehension Capablanca shows in his spontaneous, 'lazy' comment at move 20.';

B) 38...e2 39.Nxe2 Rxe2+ 40.Rxe2 Be4+ 41.Bxe4 Rxf1]

[38.Rxf5 Rxf5 39.Nf4 Rfxf4 40.gxf4 Rxf4 41.Qd1 Rf2+ 42.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 43.Kh1 Qf3+ 44.Qxf3 gxf3 45.h3 e2 46.Bxe2 fxe2 47.Kg2 e1Q *(47...e1B? 48.Kf3-+)* 48.Kf3 Qf1+ 49.Kg4 Bd6 *(49...Qxc4+ 50.Kg3 Qd3+ 51.Kg2 h5 52.h4 Qe2+ 53.Kh3 Qf1+ 54.Kh2 Bd6#)* 50.Kg5 Qg2+ *(50...Qxh3 51.c5 Qg2+ 52.Kh5 Be7 53.cxb6 Qh3#)* 51.Kh5 Qg6+ 52.Kh4 Bg3#]



38...Qh6 -0.77/20 The board is on fire.

39.Qc2 -5.89/27 White does not recover from this.

Making a double attack on the rook, and preparing to defend the h-pawn.

[39.Rxf5? Rxf5 40.h4 Rf2+ *(40...gxh3+ 41.Kh1)* 41.Kh1 Re7-+]

[39.Kh1∓ -0.77/20 lives longer. Re5 40.Rf4]

39...Qh3+

[But not 39...Qg6? 40.Rxf5 Rxf5 41.Nf4 *(41.Bxe4 Rf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf6+-)* 41...Rexf4 42.gxf4+-]

40.Kh1 Hoping for Ne2-g1! **40...Rxc4!!**

[If 40...Rh6 -2.44/23 40...Re4xc4 -4.96 41.Ng1 Qxg3 (-> ...e3-e2!) 42.Qg2 . Black therefore tries to get the queen away from the defence.]

Decoy **41.Qxc4** -#10/21

[The best defence was 41.Rxf5 , but Black would emerge with queen against rook and knight.]

[41.Rxf5-+ -4.28/22 Rxf5 *(41...Rxc2 42.Rxf6 Rd2 43.Bc4-+)* 42.Bxf5 *(42.Bxc4? Rf2-+)* 42...Rxc2 43.Bxc2]

41...Bxd3

[Again, not 41...Rh6?? 3.26/5 41...Bf5xd3 -#15because of 42.d6+ .]

42.Rxf6

[If 42.Qxd3

then, at last, Rh6! wins.]

42...Bxc4 This pair of bishops is nice.

43.Nf4

e2!

The queen has no escape, but White has no time to take it.

44.Rg1 Qf1

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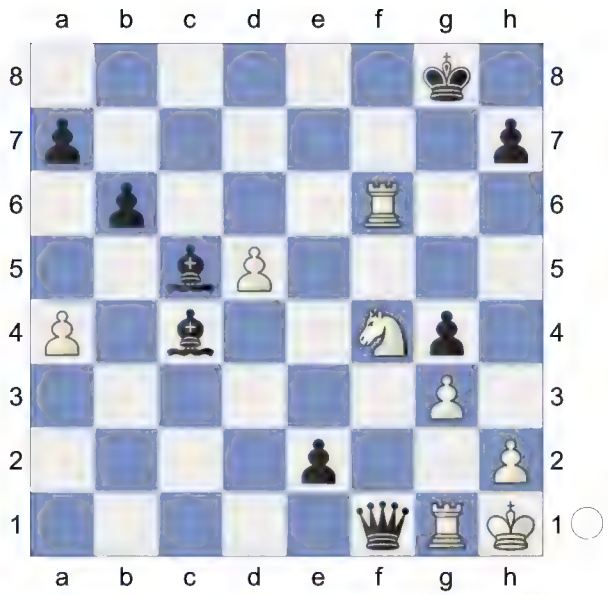

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.21 (precise) White Resigns

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[Alekhine,Alexander]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Alekhine: The book of the London International Chess Tournament. Philadelphia, David McKay.p.6 **1...d5**

2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7N

[4...dxc4 5.e4 *(5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qb8 11.d5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rxd5 Qb7 15.e4 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.Rad1 Nb6 18.Bf4 0-0 19.R5d2 Rfe8* 0-1 (32) 21.Qc4 (2537)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2707) USSR 36/510 1983 (2)) 5...Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6

11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Nc5 a5 17.Ndxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Nd3 1-0 (63) Van Hoolandt,P (2037)-Leardini,M (1587) EU Small Countries ol 8th 2023 (2.4)]

[4...Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

5.Bg5 c6

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

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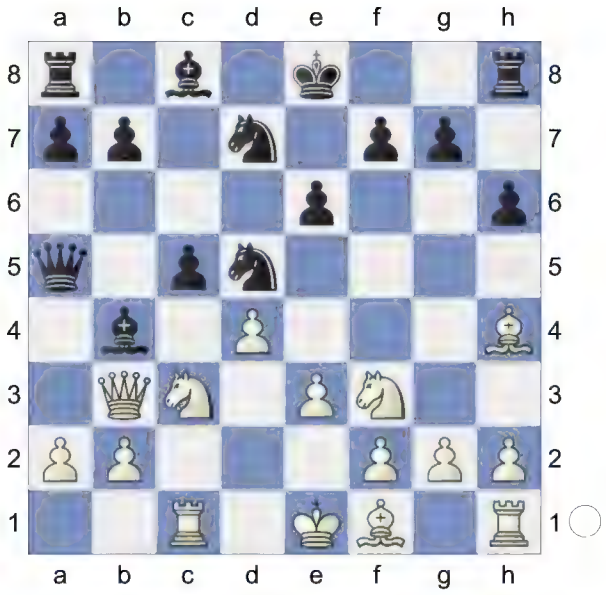

11.a3 Bxc3+ The position is equal. **12.bxc3 cxd4** Up to now Black has followed the modern theoretical method and obtained a position with good fighting chances. But this exchange was not necessary. **13.exd4 0-0?** Allowing the White knight to get control of the important spot c5.13...a5, and a4 was still preferable. **14.Bg3 Re8**

[14...N7b6 0.62/21 14...Nd7-f6 0.01 15.Bd3 Bd7 16.0-0 Qa4 17.Qxa4 0.46/22 *(White should try 17.Qb2±* 0.98/21 *)* 17...Bxa4± 18.c4 Nf6 19.Rb1 Bc6 20.Ne5 Rfd8 21.c5 aiming for Ne5xc6. Na4! 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Ba6 And now Ba6-b7 would win. Rxd4 24.Bb7 -0.79/22 *(24.Be5=* -0.26/23 *Rd2 25.Bb7)* 24...Rad8∓ 25.Be5

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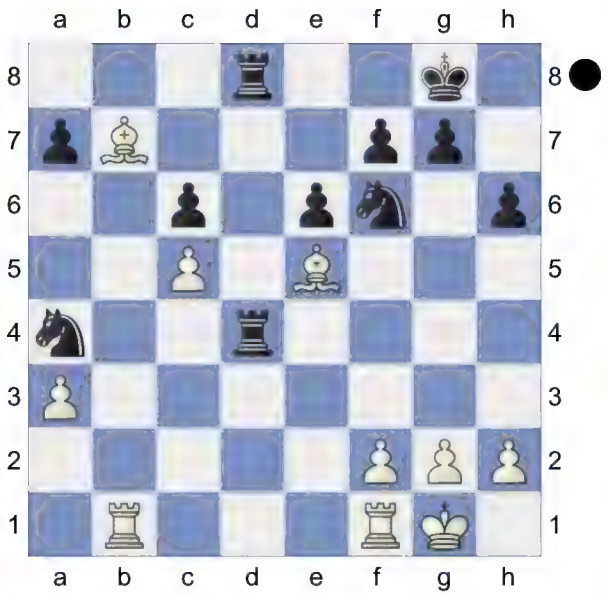
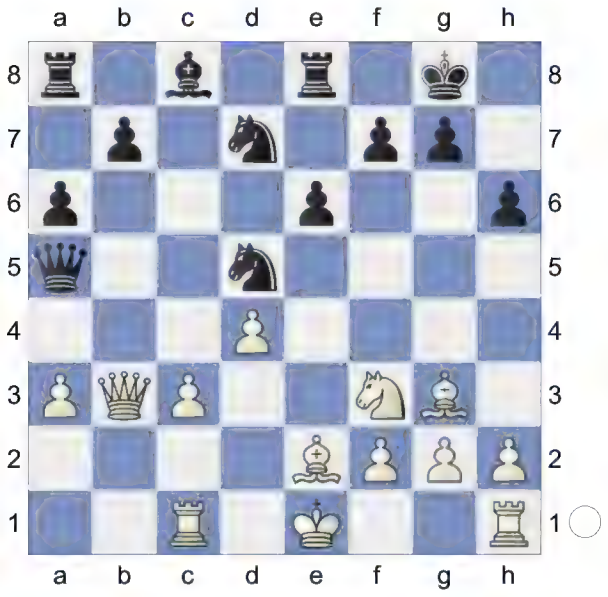


Rd2 -0.30/23 *(25...Rd3!∓* -0.89/22 *26.Bxc6 Nxc5)* 26.Bd6 -1.33/23 *(26.Bxf6=* -0.30/23 keeps the balance. *gxf6 27.Rbc1)* 26...Ne4 -0.85/21 *(⌓26...Nc3* -1.33/23 *27.Rbe1 Nfe4)* 27.Bxc6 Naxc5 28.Bf4 Rc2 Strongly threatening ... Ne4-c3. 29.Be3 -2.19/19 *(29.Bxe4∓* -1.24/22 *Nxe4 30.Be3)*]

15.Be2 a6



16.0-0 b5! 17.Nd2 N7f6 18.Rfd1 Bd7 19.Qb2 Rec8 20.Nb3 Qd8

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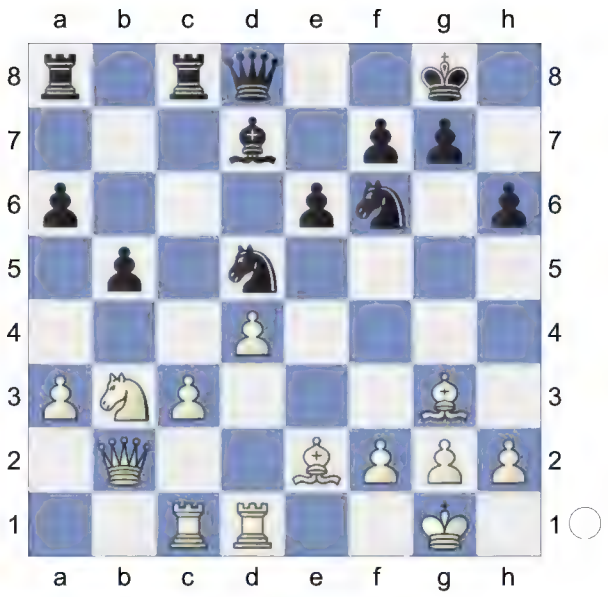
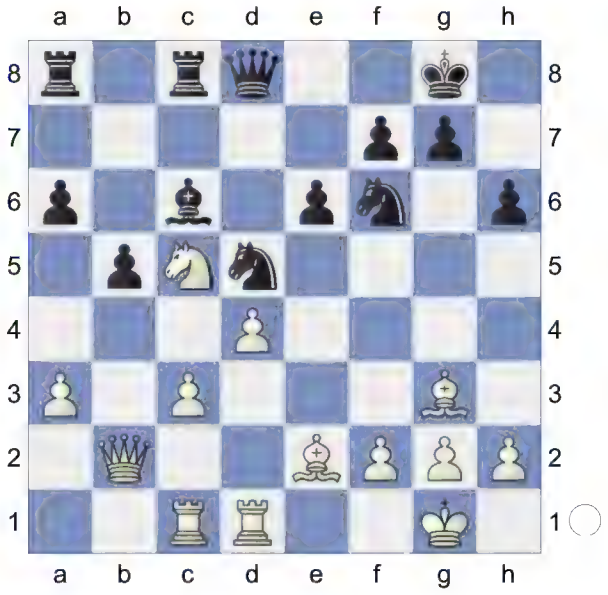


21.Nc5 Bc6



22.a4! Qa5

[22...Qb6 23.Ra1]

23.Nb3 Qb6

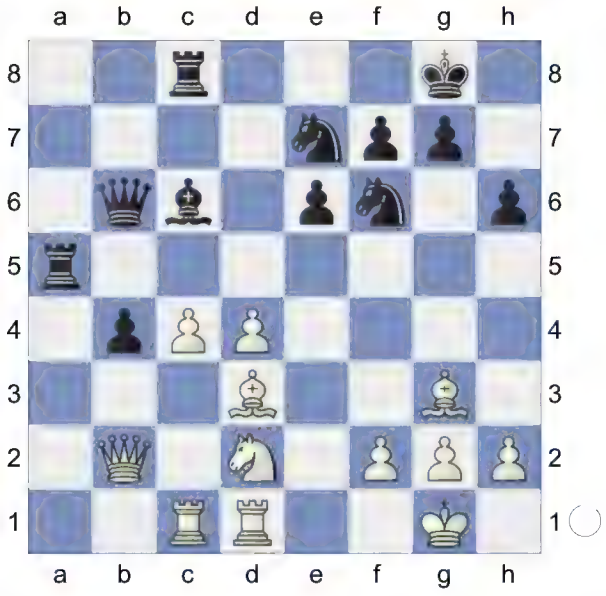
[23...Qxa4? 24.Ra1 Nxc3 25.Rxa4 *(25.Qxc3 Nd5+-)* 25...Nxd1 26.Bxd1+-]

24.axb5 axb5 25.Nd2 Repels Nf6-e4

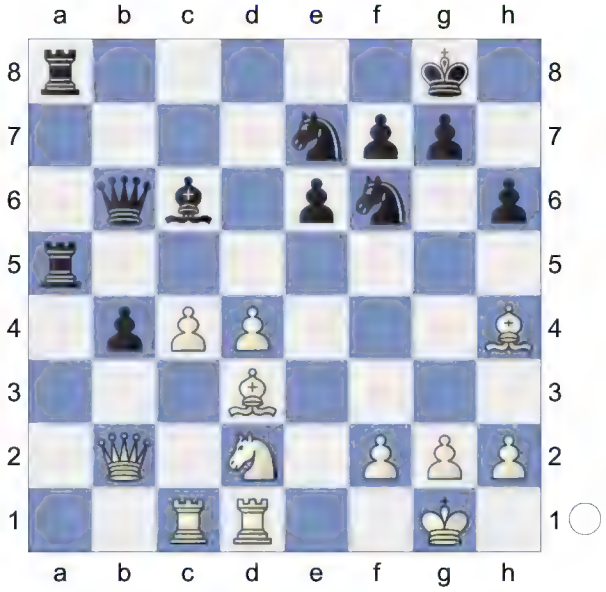
25...Ra5

(Diagram)

26.Bd3
[26.c4 simplifies bxc4 27.Qxb6 Nxb6 28.Nxc4 Nxc4 29.Rxc4 Bb7 30.Rxc8+ Bxc8 31.Be5]
26...b4? 2.41/22
[26...Nh5]
[26...Rca8= -0.21/19]
27.c4 1.19/19
[27.Nc4+- 2.41/22 Qa7 28.Nxa5 *(28.cxb4 Ra2+-)* 28...Qxa5 29.cxb4 Nxb4 30.Bf1]
27...Ne7±



28.Bh4 0.95/18 This pair of bishops is nice.
[⌓28.c5! 1.58/20 Qa7 29.Nc4 *(29.Qxb4 Nfd5±)*]
28...Rca8 1.97/19
[28...g5± 0.95/18 keeps fighting.]



The situation is now cleared. Black has no compensation for the weakness of his Queen's side pawns. Flohr's method of exploiting his advantage is very instructive. He finally succeeds in obtaining pressure on the King's wing after having forced Black's move 28...f6, and the combined attack on both wings puts Black in inextricable difficulties. The final moves are pretty. **29.d5!+- Ra2 30.Qe5 Ba4** 1.94/19
[30...Nexd5± 1.58/20 31.cxd5 Nxd5]

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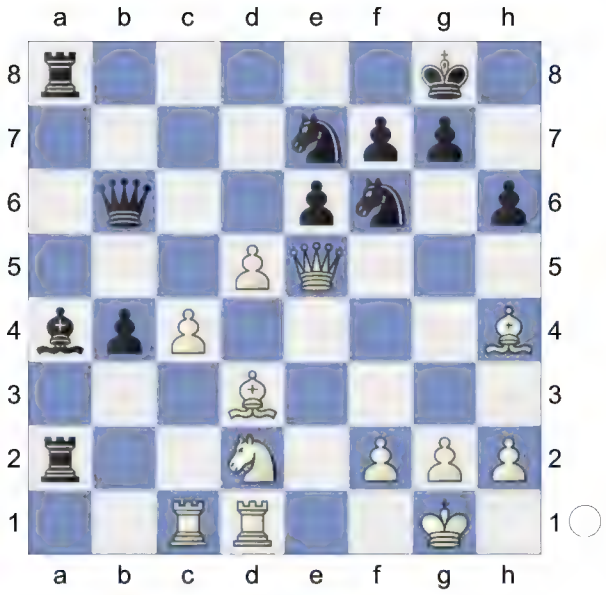

31.Bxf6 gxf6 3.24/19
[31...Bxd1 32.Rxd1 1.06/21 *(⌓32.c5* 1.56/20 *Qa7 33.Bxg7)* 32...gxf6± 33.Qxf6 Qd8 34.Qxh6 Nf5]
[⌓31...Bxd1 2.02/22 32.c5 *(32.Bxe7 Rxd2 33.c5 Qb7∓; 32.Rxd1 gxf6 33.Qxf6 Qd8±; 32.Qg3 Ng6±)* 32...Qb8]
32.Qxf6
[32.Qg3+ Kh8±]
32...Qd8 4.82/21
[32...Bxd1 33.Qxh6 f5]
[⌓32...Bxd1 3.22/22 33.Qxh6 *(33.Rxd1 Qd8±)* 33...Ng6]
33.Qxh6 Nf5 34.Bxf5 exf5 35.Re1 Re1-e3! is the strong threat. **35...Be8?** 6.00/18
[35...Qf8 36.Qf4 Qg7 37.Re3]
[35...Qf8 3.65/20 36.Qf4 Re8]

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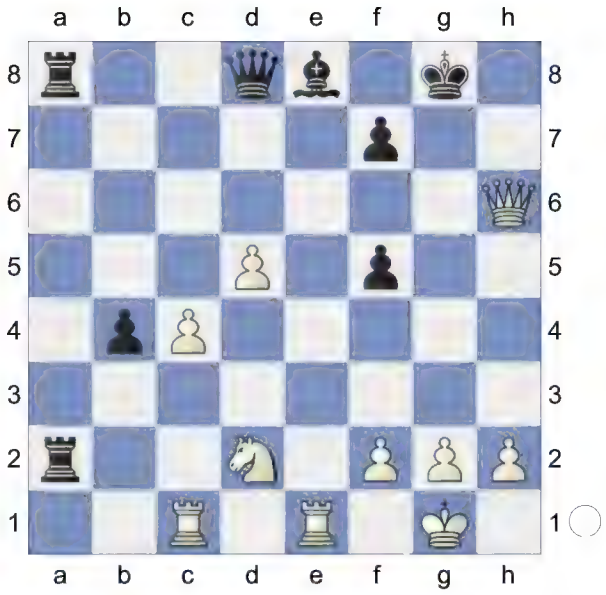
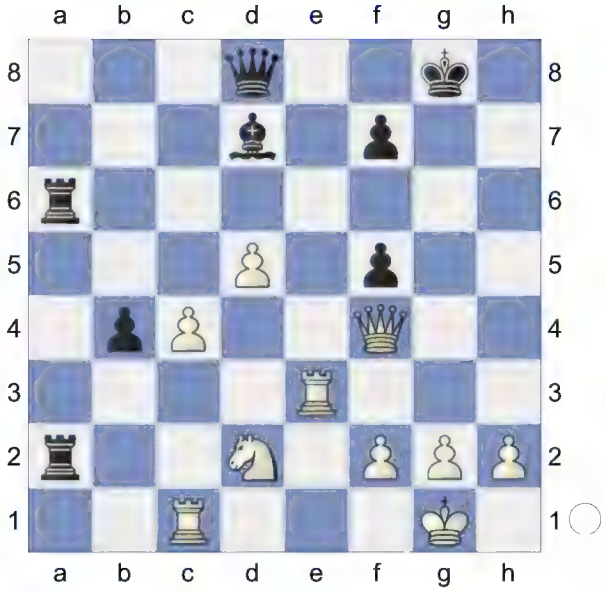


36.Re3 White wants to mate with Re3-g3+. **36...R8a6 37.Qf4 Bd7** 8.33/20
[37...Ba4]
[⌓37...Ba4 4.52/21 38.Rce1 Rg6]



38.d6! Qf6 Or 38...Rb6 39.Rc5, etc.
[38...R6a3 39.Re7]
39.Rg3+ Kf8 40.Ne4 Qh8
[40...Qe6 41.Qh4 Rxd6 42.Nxd6]

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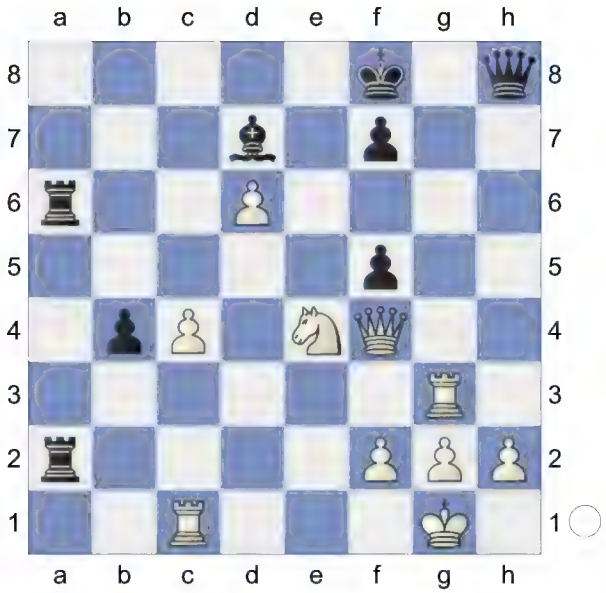

The Rook cannot be taken on account of 41.Ng6+, followed by 42.Ne7+ **41.Qg5! f6 42.Nxf6**

[42.Qxf6+ Qxf6 43.Nxf6 Rxd6+-]

42...Rxd6 43.Nxd7+! Remove Defender

43...Rxd7 With the possible end

44.Qxf5+ Ke7

[44...Ke8 45.Qe6+ Kd8 46.Rg8+ Qxg8 47.Qxg8+ Kc7]

45.Qg5+

[45.Qg5+ Kd6 46.Rd3+ followed by 47.Qh7+ Qxh7 48.Ng6 mate.

The logical line was 46...Kc7 followed by a4 and eventually b4, etc. 47.Qc5+ Kb8 48.Rxd7 Qc8 49.Qxb4+ Ka8 50.Qe7 25.86/5 *(⌓50.Rb1 #5/12 Ra7 51.Rxa7+ Kxa7 52.Qe7+ Ka8 53.Qa3+ Qa6 54.Qxa6#)* 50...Qxd7 51.Qxd7 White threatens Qd7-c7 and mate. Ra5 52.Qd8+ Kb7 53.Rb1+ Kc6 54.Qxa5 Kd7 55.Rb7+ Ke6 56.g4 Kf6 57.Qf5#]

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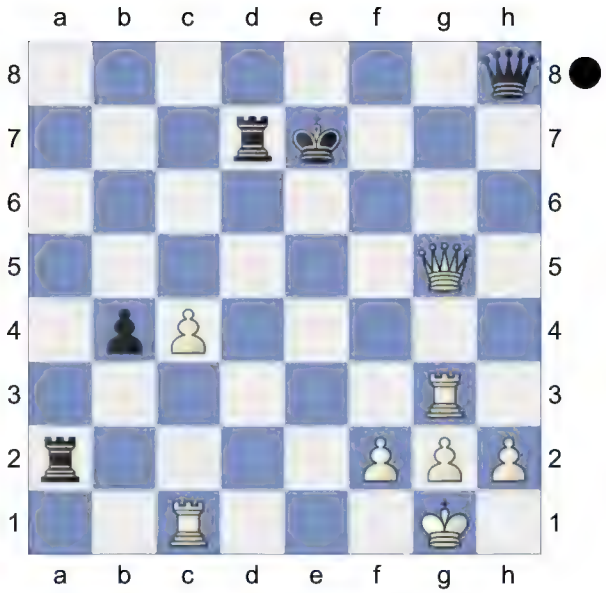

Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.59

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□ **Magerramov,E**

■ **Sherbakov,R**

Cheliabinsk 1992

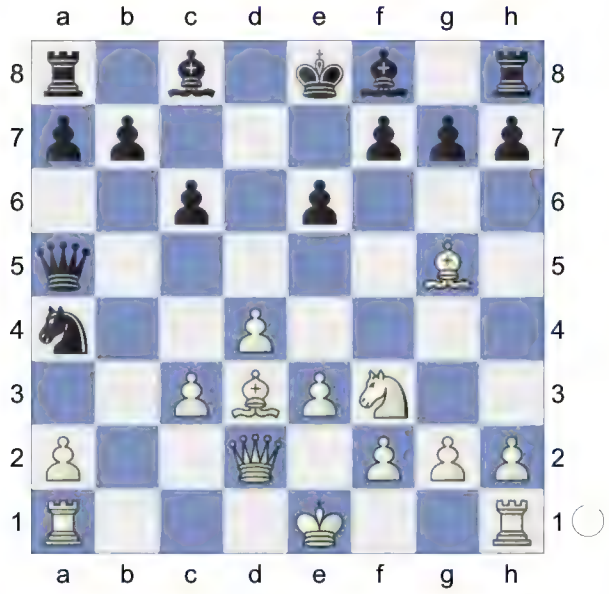
[Schandorff,Lars]

White sacrifices a pawn in the opening for open lines. Later he sacrifices even more for higher returns. R.Scherbakov: 'The continuation of the story which began in the game Gauglitz - Cvetkovic, Balatonbereny 1987. Being worried about a possible improvement I rejected the risky knight invasion to e2 and preferred another option but it did not make Black's life easier. Elmar Magerramov played very energetically and gave me no respite to coordinate my pieces. An excellent and a highly instructive game which shows very well all the dangers Black can experience in this line.' Magerramov,E: 'Inf 53/431'

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Magerramov,E Schandorff, Lars Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars' **1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

6.e3 Qa5 The Cambridge Springs was first played by Marshall at the turn of century, but it is still popular today. **7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Bd3** This is a pawn sacrifice. **9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Na4**



11.0-0 Not 11.Rc1? Nxc3 followed by ... Bb4. **11...Qxc3 12.Qe2⩲ Qb2** Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'Black annoys the white queen as much as he can. Being a pawn down White has no intention of going into an ending." Black annoys the white queen as much as he can. Being a pawn down White has no intention of going into an ending. **13.Bc2** The position is equal. **13...Qb5** 0.52/24 Prevents Nf3-e5

[13...Nc3 14.Qd3]

[13...h6= 0.06/23 deserves consideration. 14.Bh4 Nc3]

14.Qd1!± White has compensation. **14...Nc3 15.Qd2 Bb4**

[15...Ne2+ R.Scherbakov: 'was considered in the game Gauglitz - Cvetkovic, Balatonbereny 1987.' Magerramov,E: '- 44/526' 16.Kh1 Bb4 Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'is the other way to do it''is the other way to do it 17.a4! Bxd2 18.axb5 Bc3 19.Ra2± Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff, Lars: 'So Black managed to exchange queens after all, but the price was too high: his knight is in deep trouble. Here is the latest practical example'' So Black managed to exchange queens after all, but the price was too high: his knight is in deep trouble. Here is the latest practical example *(19.Rab1!?)* 19...f6 1.11/22 *(19...Bb4± 0.50/21)* 20.bxc6!± bxc6 21.Be4! 0-0 22.Bh4 0.60/23 *(22.Rb1!± 1.17/22 a5 23.Rxe2 fxg5 24.Rc2)* 22...g5!⩲ 23.Rb1 a5! 24.Bxg5 -0.34/25 *(24.Rxe2⩲ 0.47/23 gxh4 25.Bxc6)* 24...fxg5? 1.73/24 *(24...Ba6!∓* -0.34/25 stays ahead. *25.Bh4 Bb4 26.Bxc6 Nc3 27.Bxa8 Rxa8)* 25.Rxe2+- h6 26.Rc2 Bb4 27.Ne5 Ra6 28.Bxc6 Bd6 1-0 Pert,N (2532)-Cobb,C (2407)/

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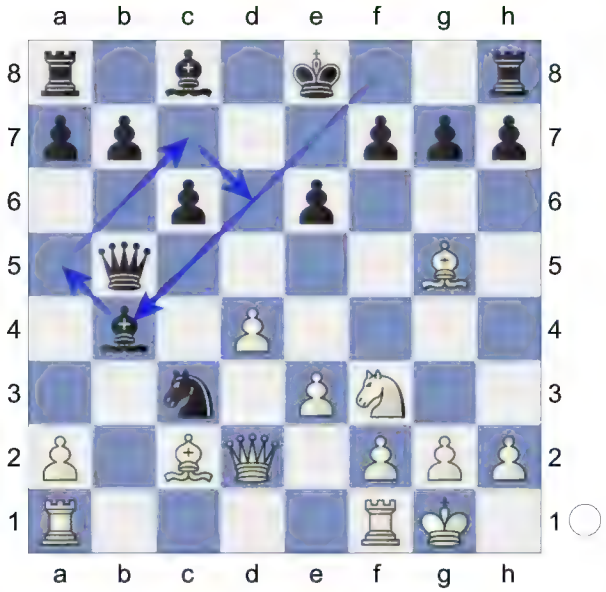

Magerramov,E: 'N' **16.Bd3** Inhibits Nc3-e2+. **16...Qa4**

[R.Scherbakov: 'This is clearly not the best square for the Queen but' 16...Qa5 2.02/22 16...Qb5-b6 0.72 R. Scherbakov: '?' R.Scherbakov: 'was bad because of' Magerramov,E: '?' 17.a3! Bxa3

A) 18.Ne5!? Magerramov,E f6□ 19.Nc4 Qxg5 20.Qxc3 Be7 21.Nb6 Rb8 1.95/23 *(21...axb6±* 0.94/23 might work better. *22.Rxa8 Kd8)* 22.Rxa7 aiming for Rf1-a1. 0-0 2.68/24 *(⌓22...Kf7* 1.78/22 *23.Qb3 f5)* 23.Bc4± 1.23/23 ↑ *(23.Qb3+-* 2.68/24 has better winning chances. *Kh8 24.Nxc8 Rbxc8 25.Qxe6)*;

B) 18.Rfb1!+- 1.90/24 b5 19.Rb3;

C) 18.Rfc1 1.50/22 18...Bxc1± 19.Rxc1± with a big advantage.]

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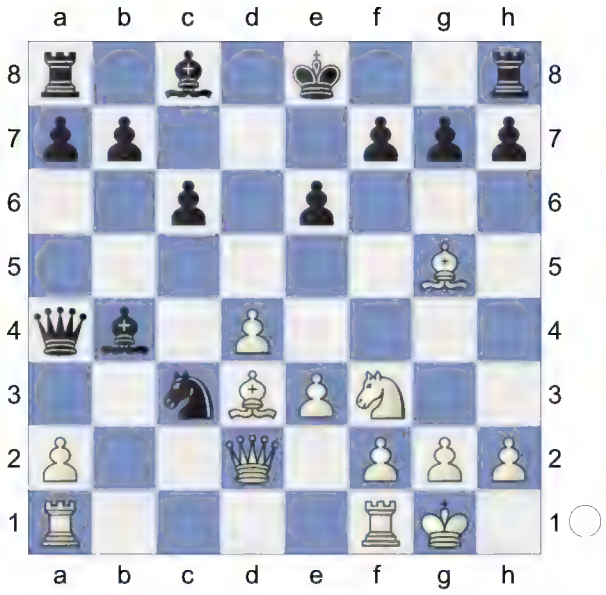


17.a3! Ba5 18.Qb2 f6 1.00/22 Not 18...O-O? 19.Be7 Re8 20.Bb4 winning.

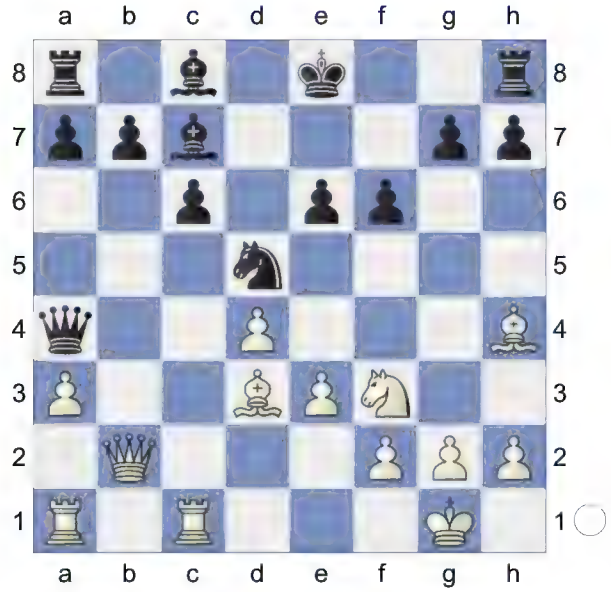
[18...Nd5± 0.50/21]

19.Bh4 Nd5

[Unfortunately an attempt to activate the Bishop c8 by 19...e5? 1.41/22 19...Nc3-d5 0.90 fails due to 20.dxe5 fxe5 21.Rfc1! e4? 4.59/25 *(21...0-0±* 1.30/22 is tougher.*)* 22.Rxc3+- exd3□ 6.76/24 *(⌓22...0-0* 4.66/24 *23.Bc4+ Kh8)* 23.Rc4!!+- Qxc4 24.Qxg7+- with a decisive attack (Magerramov).]

20.Rfc1 Black's misplaced Queen gives White more than enough compensation for the pawn. The threat is 21.Rc4. R. Scherbakov: ' ↑' R.Scherbakov: 'White has a strong initiative which more than compensates for his minor material loss. Black has no time to develop the rest of his pieces - during the next moves I was just trying not lose the stuck Queen.' Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'White's initiative develops smoothly. Black must waste even more time to get his queen safe back home." Magerramov, E: ' ♕' Magerramov,E: '♦ ϥa4'. Against Ba5-c3 White's initiative develops

smoothly. Black must waste even more time to get his queen safe back home. **20...Bc7**



R.Scherbakov: '!' **21.Rc4 Qa5 22.Qc2!±** Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'Also targeting h7."Also targeting h7. **22...Bd6** R.Scherbakov: '!'. Prevents Rc4-c5. **23.e4!** 23.Bxh7 is not very strong after 23...Ne7.

[23.Rxc6?! 0.18/24 23.Bh4-g3 0.84 bxc6 24.Qxc6+ Ke7 25.Qxa8 Qc7 Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'and this time it is the white queen which feels rather trapped.'' and this time it is the white queen which feels rather trapped.]

[23.Bxh7 Magerramov,E: '!?' Ne7∞ was much the lesser evil for Black as it would grant him some time to coordinate his pieces.]

23...Nb6 Not 23...Nf4 24.Bg3. R. Scherbakov: '□' Magerramov,E: '□'

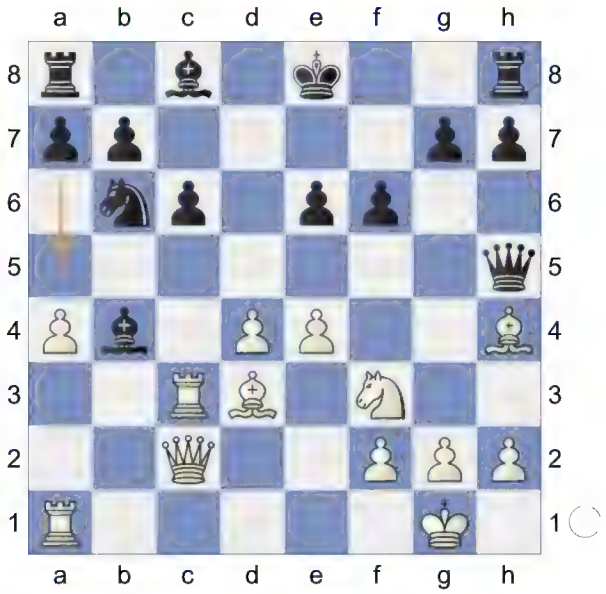
[Once again an active move fails: 23...Nf4? 1.07/22 23...Nd5-b6 0.69 24.Bg3!± followed by e4-e5 was unsatisfactory for Black.]

24.Rc3 Qh5 25.a4 0.65/23 R.Scherbakov: 'Intending to completely break open Black's queenside by a5-a6. ' Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'White has play all over the board.'' White has play all over the board.

[25.Bg3± 1.07/23 Be7 26.Rb3]

25...Bb4±

[25...Bxh2+?! 2.88/21 25...Bd6-b4 0. 79 Magerramov,E 26.Kxh2 g5 27.a5 Nd7 28.d5± 1.56/19 → *(White should play 28.a6!+- 2.98/22 gxh4 29.Qb3)*]



Dubious is 25...Bxh2+ 26.Kxh2 g5 27.a5 Nd7 28.d5 with a big advantage to White. **26.Rb3 a5 27.Bg3 0-0N** R.Scherbakov: '?!' R.Scherbakov: 'The tough defence has taken a lot of energy and, no less important, a lot of time and I was already under severe time pressure. Black's desire to move the King from the center is quite understandable but it was probably a slightly impatient decision. Now White's initiative becomes very annoying.'

[27...Qf7!? 1.17/23 27...0-0 0.46 was stronger, now Magerramov' suggestion 28.Rxb4!? axb4 29.Bd6⩲ would prevent castling but Black's material advantage should not be

underestimated. Magerramov,E: '↑ ♗e8']

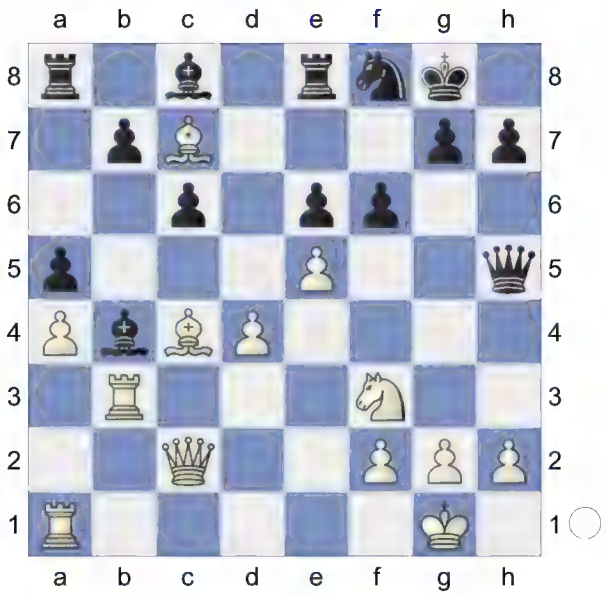
28.Bc7↑ R.Scherbakov: '!'. White fights for an advantage. **28...Nd7 29.Bc4 Re8** 0.68/21

[29...Qf7= 0.26/21]

30.e5 R.Scherbakov: '!' Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'Pushing Black further back.'' Magerramov,E: '!' Pushing Black further back. **30...Nf8** 1.41/21

[In case of 30...f5 White could prove his advantage by 31.Bd6! *(31.h3!?* (Magerramov,E) Δ ♔h2, ♖g1, g4↑*)* 31...Bxd6 1.37/21 *(⌓31...Nb6* 0.86/23 *)* 32.exd6± than creating strong pressure on e-file. Magerramov,E: '✕e6']

[⌓30...Qg6 0.71/21 31.Bd3 f5]



This allows White to open up the Black King, but worse is 30...f5 31.Bd6! Bxd6 32.exd6 and the e6-pawn is very weak.

31.exf6± gxf6 32.Nd2 1.09/23

White prepares to move his attack over to the kingside. The text move clears the third rank for the Rook. R. Scherbakov: ' →!' R.Scherbakov: 'An excellent manoeuvre which allows White to include the knight and rook at in the attack simultaneously.' Magerramov,E: '→!'

[32.Ne5!+- 1.61/24 fxe5 33.Rh3 Qxh3 34.gxh3]

32...Qf7 33.Rg3+ Ng6

[33...Kh8□ was the only defence. White can prove his advantage by 34.Ne4!? Qxc7 1.40/20 *(⌓34...Ng6* 0.78/21 *)* 35.Nxf6± Qf7□ 36.Nxe8

A) 36...Ng6? 2.52/24 36...Qf7xe8 1.49 was losing: 37.Bd3 Qxe8? 7.26/24 *(37...Bd7* 2.84/25 *)* 38.Bxg6+- hxg6 39.Rxg6+- with decisive attack Magerramov,E: '→' Magerramov,E: 'Δ ♕e4±';

B) 36...Qxe8 and now White should have probably continued with 37.d5! *(* indicated by Magerramov, *37.Qf5!?* -0.01/25 37.d4-d5 1.36 Magerramov,E: '!' *Ng6! 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.h4* with a big advantage is actually not so clear after Magerramov,E: ' ±' Magerramov,E: '→'. Black must now prevent h4-h5. *Qf7)* 37...cxd5 38.Bxd5 Qc2-b2+ would kill now. Ng6 39.Be4↑ with a strong initiative but Black is still obviously fighting.]

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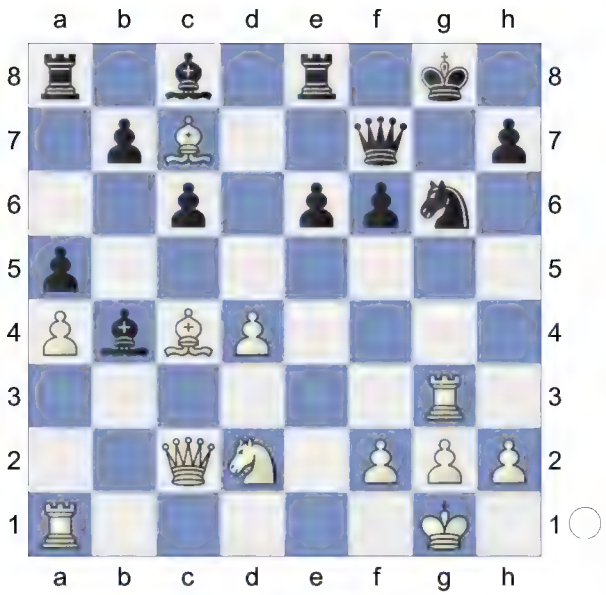


More tenacious is 33...Kh8. R. Scherbakov: '?' R.Scherbakov: 'In time troub le Black makes a fatal mistake but his task was already not so easy. After the text move White's attack is getting decisive.' Magerramov,E: '?' **34.Bd3!** White has more active pieces. **34...Kg7** 2.10/21

[34...Bxd2? 3.79/26 34...Kg8-f8 1.32

A) in the case of hasty 35.Qxd2? 1.75/23 35.Bd3xg6 3.61 Qxc7 2.78/25 White could make a draw at most by *(⌓35...e5 1.75/23)*

A1) 36.h4? 0.19/23 36.Bd3xg6 3.16 f5 And now ...Kg8-h8 would win. 37.h5 Qg7 38.hxg6 hxg6 39.Qg5 -0.24/21 Repels Re8-d8 *(⌓39.Be2 0.23/23 Rf8 40.Bc4)* 39...Kf7;

A2) 36.Bxg6+- hxg6

A2a) 37.Qh6? -2.79/25 37.Rg3xg6+ 4.25 Magerramov,E: '!' Qh7 *(37...g5□* 10.18/26 37...Qc7-h7 -2.75 Magerramov,E *38.Qxf6 Re7 39.Rxg5+ Rg7 40.Ra3+-)* 38.Rxg6+ Kh8;

A2b) 37.Rxg6+ Kf7 38.Qh6 Re7□ 39.d5! cxd5 *(39...exd5?* Hoping for ...Qc7-e5. *40.Rg7+ Ke8 41.Qh8+ Kd7* ...Qc7-e5 would now be deadly. *42.Rxe7+ Kxe7 43.Re1+)* 40.Rxf6+? -0.06/5 *(40.Rg7+!+-* 3.69/22 *Ke8 41.Rg8+ Kd7 42.Rc1)* 40...Ke8= 41.Rc1 Qe5 42.Qf8+ Kd7 ...Qe5-g5 is the strong threat. 43.Rf7! Rxf7! 44.Qxf7+ Kd8 Threatens to win with ...Bc8-d7. 45.Qf8+= with a perpetual.;

B) 35.Bxg6 hxg6 36.Rxg6+

B1) 36...Kh8? 8.12/27 36...Kg8-f8 3.56 37.Rxf6!

B1a) 37...Qxf6 is also losing: 38.Be5! Qxe5 *(38...Bg5 39.Qg6)* 39.dxe5 Threatening mate with Ra1-a3! Rd8 40.Qg6 6.26/21 *(⌓40.Ra3* 19.60/25 *Bh6 41.Rh3)* 40...Rg8 41.Qh5+ Kg7 42.Ra3+-;

B1b) 37...Qxc7 38.Qxd2 Qg7 Prevents Qd2-g5. 39.Rh6+ Kg8 40.Ra3+- and White is winning;

B2) 36...Kf8 37.Bd6+ Re7 38.Ra3! Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'and the next rook is coming.''and the next rook is coming.]

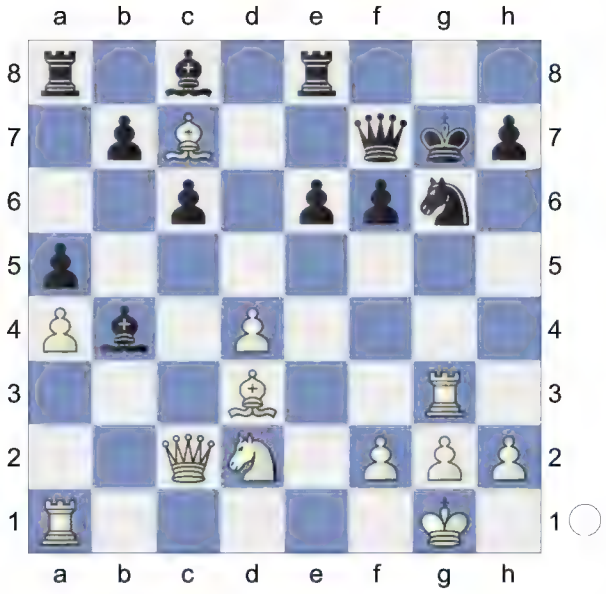
[34...Qxc7 35.Bxg6]

[perhaps 34...f5 was more stubborn as it was not losing by force but after 35.Be5± Black's life is too difficult.]

[34...Qxc7? is the wrong capture. 35.Bxg6 Rf8 36.Rd1+- *(36.Bxh7+ Kf7+-)*]

[34...f5± 1.28/22]

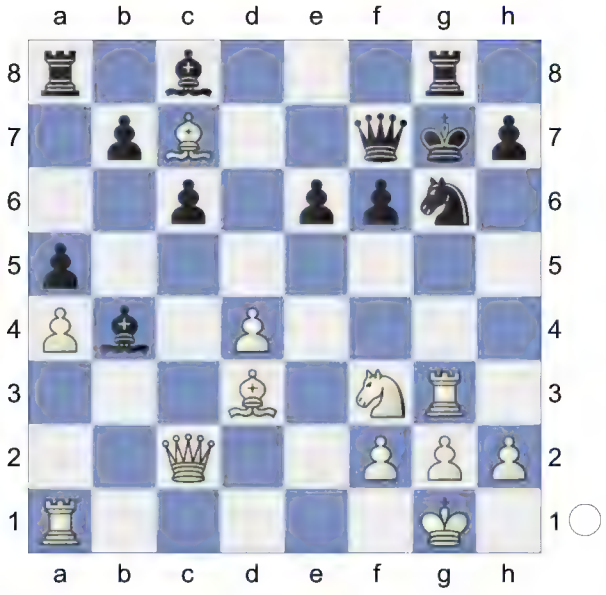
[34...Kf8 35.Bb6]



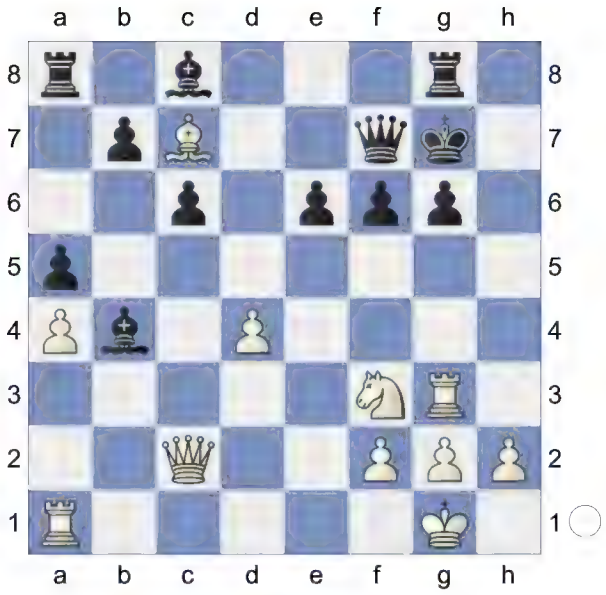
35.Nf3! Threatening Nh4. R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'An unexpected change of course.' **35...Rg8?** 3.88/22

[35...Kf8± 1.51/21 is a better defense.]

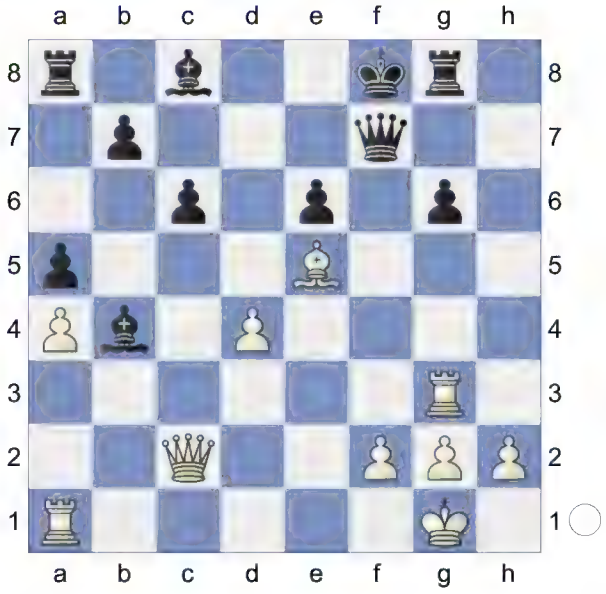
[35...Qxc7 36.Bxg6]



R.Scherbakov: 'The threat of Nh4 is parried but...'. A mistake that costs the game. **36.Bxg6!+-** R.Scherbakov: '!' Magerramov,E: '!' **36...hxg6**



37.Ne5! The decisive breakthrough. R. Scherbakov: '+-!' R.Scherbakov: 'An excellent blow which ends Black's resistance.' Schandorff, Lars: 'Schandorff,Lars: 'White finishes in great style." Magerramov,E: '+-!'White finishes in great style. **37...fxe5** R.Scherbakov: '□' Magerramov,E: '□' **38.Bxe5+ Kf8**



Worse is 38...Kh6 39.Rh3+, but now Black loses his Queen. R.Scherbakov: '□' Magerramov,E: ' □' **39.Rf3! Qxf3 40.gxf3 Bd7**

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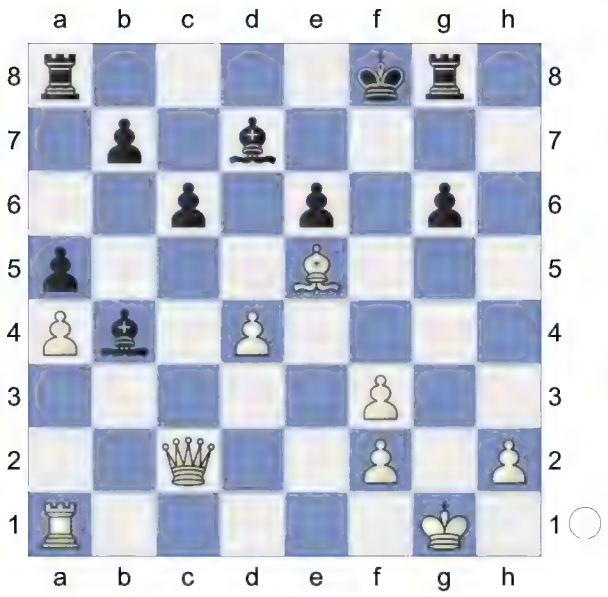

41.Qe4 Strongly threatening Ra1-b1.
41...Be8 42.Rb1
[42.Qf4+ Ke7 43.d5 cxd5 44.Qf6+ Kd7+-]
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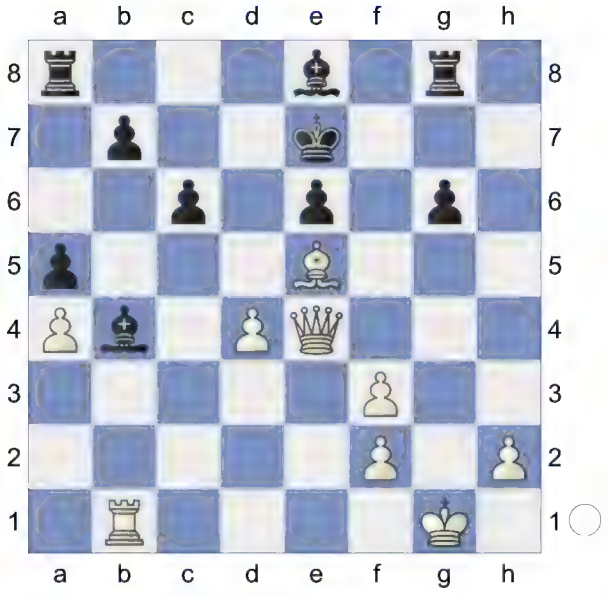

43.Rxb4! R.Scherbakov: '!' R. Scherbakov: 'The most energetic way to finish the game.' Magerramov,E: '!'
43...axb4

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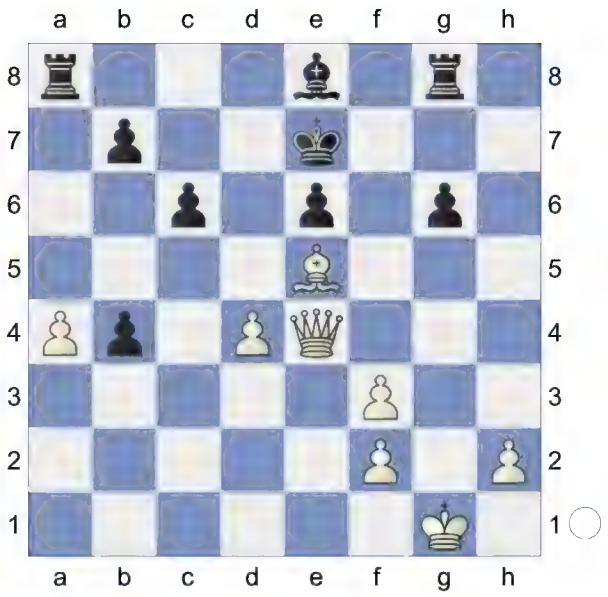
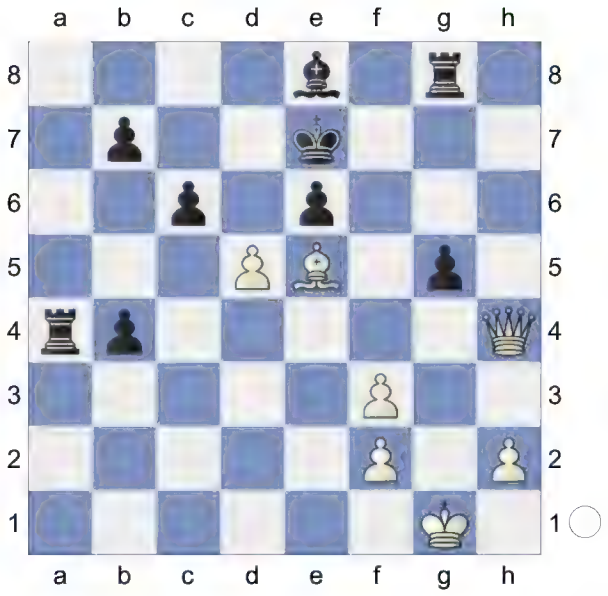


44.d5! R.Scherbakov: '!' R.Scherbakov: 'Suddenly the King is getting to be checkmated - there is no piece which can defend the dark squares.' Magerramov,E: '!' **44...Rxa4**
[44...exd5 45.Qxb4+ and so on.]
[44...Rd8 45.Qh4+]
45.Qh4+ g5



R.Scherbakov: 'Only now the time trouble had ended and after' **46.d6+**

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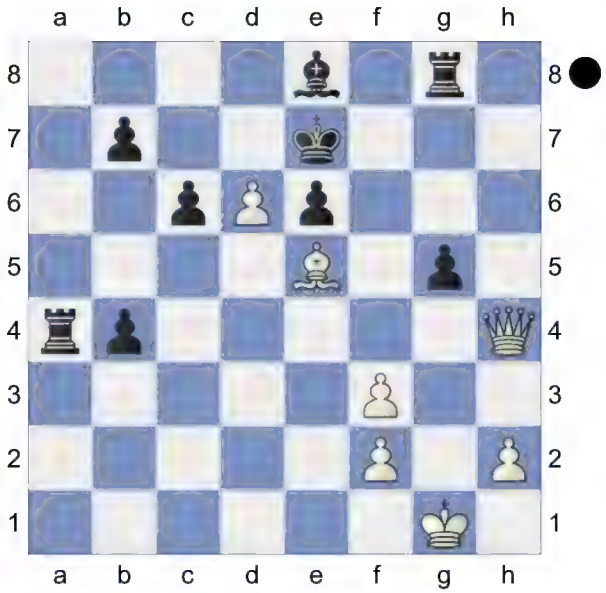

Black Resigns. Qh7 is coming. R. Scherbakov: 'Black resigned. A very instructive game and an excellent performance by Elmar Magerramov!'. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.39

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200 **D52**

□ **Bogoljubow,Efim**

■ **Euwe,Max**

FIDE Ch 2 The Netherlands (7) 1929

[JvR]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7!? 10.g3

[10.Rc1 Be7 11.Bd3]

10...Be7N

[10...c5 11.Bg2 cxd4 *(11...Bd7 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 0-0-0* D 52/07 2003*)* 12.Qxd4 Bd7 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Bc6 D 52/07-N,N 2003]

11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 White utilises the absence of Bd6. **12...Bd7** Euwe accepts a battle for the centre. **13.Rc1 Rfd8**

The position is equal. **14.Qe2 Be8**
15.Rfd1
[15.Ne4 Rac8 16.Ne5 Qa5 17.a3 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 f6 19.Nc4 Qh5 20.Bf3 Qb5 21.b4 Bf7 22.Na5 Qb6 23.Rfd1 e5 24.Bg4]
15...Rac8
[15...Nd7 16.e4 wins an exchange. Nf8 17.a3 Rac8 0.67/21 wins a piece. *(17...b5= 0.00/19 18.Ne3 Qb6)* 18.Ne3 0.24/16 *(18.d5 -0.67/20 18.b2-b4 0.77 cxd5; 18.b4± 0.67/21)* 18...Qb6 19.Na4 *(19.d5)* 19...Qb5 20.Qc2 *(20.Qxb5 cxb5 21.Nc3 b4 22.axb4 Bxb4)* 20...b6 21.Nc3 Qa6 and White has a fierce attack. Tijdschrift prefers 22.Qb3! -0.30/22 *(22.e5± 0.39/17)* 22...b5
A) 23.d5 c5 0.16/16 *(⌓23...Qb6 -0.25/17)* 24.dxe6 Nxe6 25.Nf5 Bf8 26.Nd5;
B) 23.e5 Qb6 24.Ne2 -0.30/19 *(⌓24.Qc2 0.15/19)* 24...Ng6 and the two bishops rule. He should manoeuvre by 25.Rc3 -0.47/20 *(25.Qc3= -0.01/19)* 25...c5∓ 26.Rdc1 -1.38/20 *(26.Qc2∓ -0.46/21)* 26...Bd7∓ 27.dxc5 Bxc5 28.f4 -2.68/24 *(28.Qc2∓ -1.27/21 Bxe3 29.fxe3)* 28...b4 29.axb4

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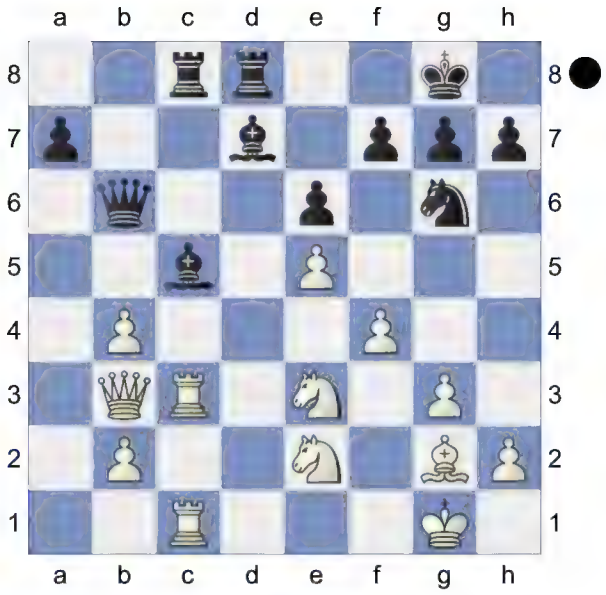

Bxe3+! 30.Rxe3 has become theory. Ba4 31.Qa3 Rxc1+ 32.Nxc1 Rd1+? -1.17/21 *(32...Ne7-+ -2.94/23* and Black stays clearly on top. *33.g4 Bc6 34.Bxc6 Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Qxc6 36.Qxa7 Qxc1 37.Qb8+ Nc8)* 33.Kf2∓ Rd2+ 34.Ne2 *(34.Kg1? -5.58/24* 34.Nc1-e2 -0.88 *Rc2)* 34...Bb5
B1) 35.Ke1 Rd3? 3.97/20 *(35...Rxe2+!∓* -1.11/23 stays on course. *36.Rxe2 Qg1+ 37.Bf1 Bxe2 38.Kxe2 Qxh2+ 39.Kf3 h5 40.Qxa7 Qh1+ 41.Bg2 Qd1+ 42.Kf2 Qd2+ 43.Kf3 Qxb4 44.Qa8+ Kh7)*;
B2) 35.Ke1∓ -1.06/25 Rxe2+ 36.Rxe2 Qg1+ 37.Bf1 Bxe2 38.Kxe2;
B3) 35.Bf3? -8.25/23 35...Rd3]

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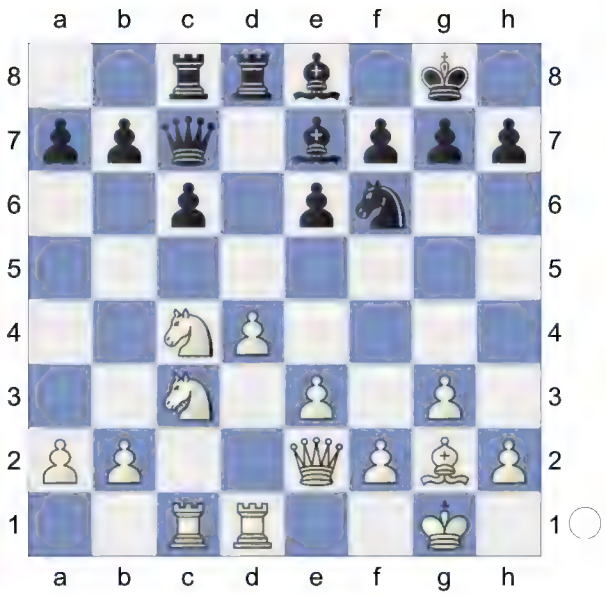
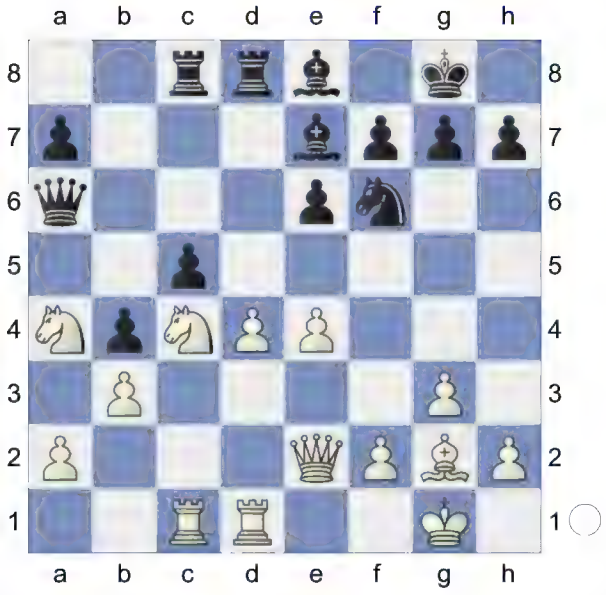


This mysterious move prepares ..c5. **16.e4 b5 17.Ne3 b4 18.Na4** White's position lacks coordination. **18...Qa5?** 0.49/20 Euwe lacks a plan and becomes inpatient.

[18...e5= 0.12/19]

19.b3 c5 20.Nc4 Qa6 0.94/21

[20...Qc7± 0.38/20]



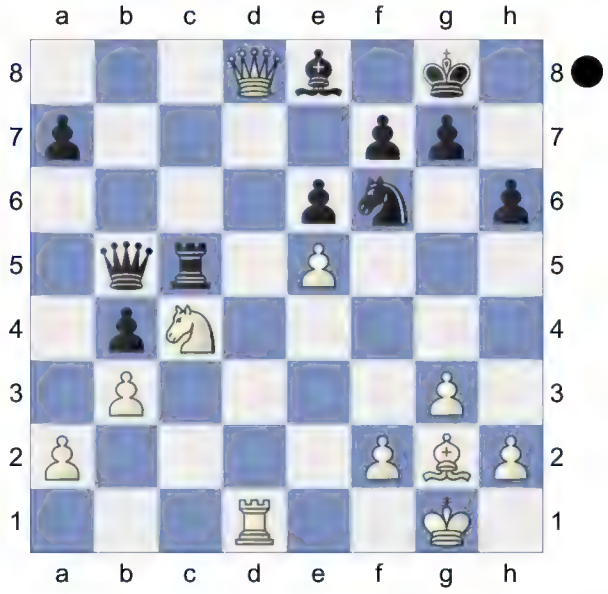
21.Nxc5!± The problem of White's position has been solved. Black is now going downhill. **21...Bxc5** 1.33/22

[⌓21...Qb5 0.89/22]

22.dxc5 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Hoping for e4-e5. **23...Rxc5 24.Qd2 Qb5 25.Qd8** Prevents Qb5-b8. Strongly threatening e4-e5. **25...h6?!** 4.49/23

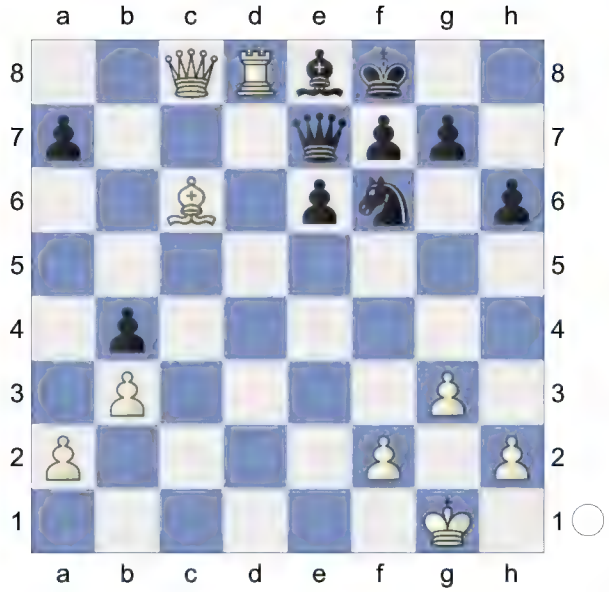
[25...Qc6 1.66/21 was called for. 26.e5 Discovered Attack Nd5]

26.e5?!+-

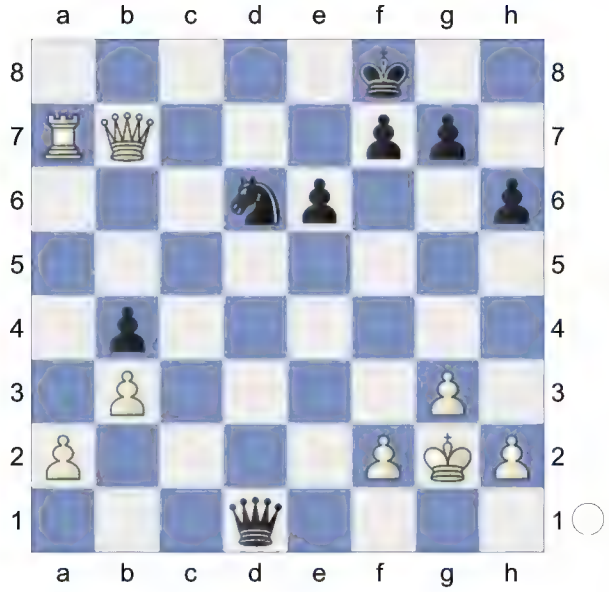


Overworked Piece **26...Rxe5 27.Nxe5 Qxe5 28.Bc6 Kf8 29.Qc8 Qc5 30.Rd8 Qe7** 7.22/24

[30...g5 3.78/23 31.Bxe8 Discovered Attack Qxc8 32.Rxc8 Nxe8]



31.Bxe8! White is clearly winning.
31...Nxe8 32.Rd7 Qg5 33.Rxa7
A reasonable defence offers **33...Qd2**
34.Qb7 Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Nd6



36.Ra8+

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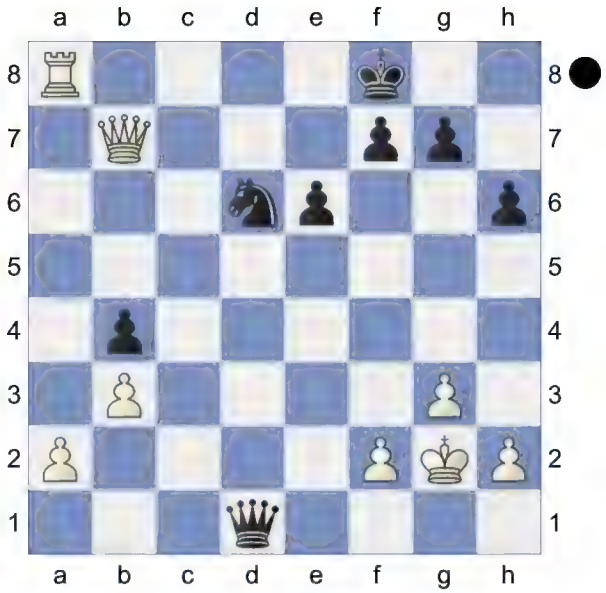

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

201 **D52**
□ **Karpov,Anatoly**
■ **Kasparov,Garry**
(47th matchgame) 1985
[Neil McDonald]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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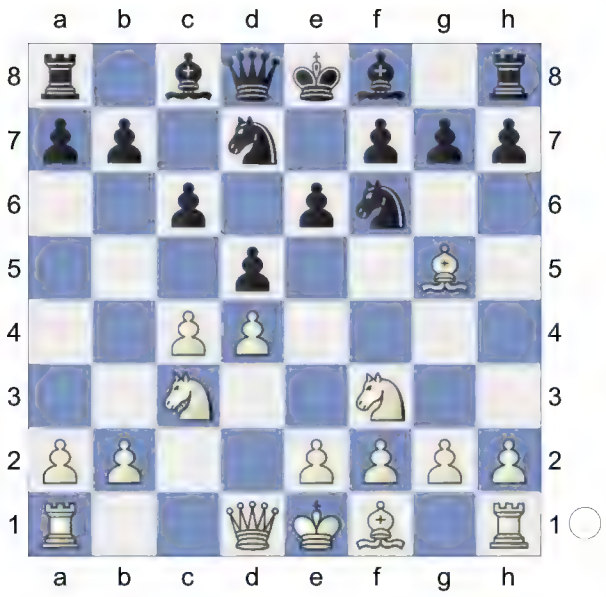
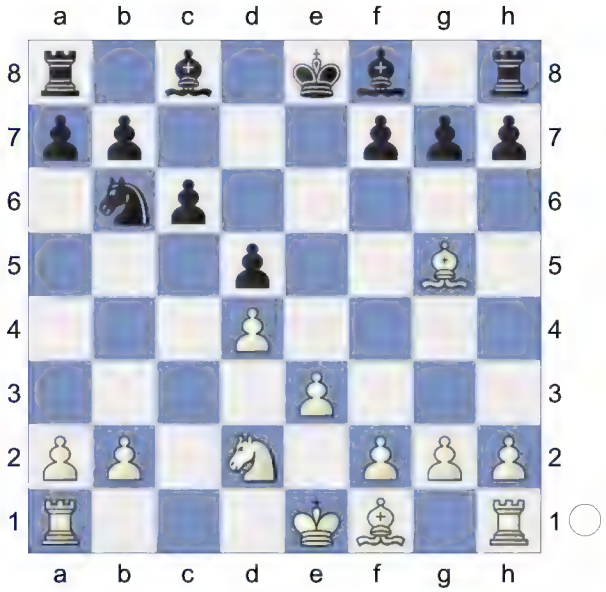


6.e3 Qa5 The game begins as a Cambridge Springs, but an Exchange centre soon appears. The game begins as a Cambridge Springs, but an Exchange centre soon appears. **7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Nxd5N** This was game 47 of a long and gruelling World Championship match that lasted five months. Karpov led by the overwhelming score of 5-1, but he seemed very fatigued at this point in the proceedings and in no mood for a double-edged fight. Therefore Kasparov made an astute choice with his opening, which results in Karpov selecting a feeble simplifying move that directs play into a type of Exchange Variation. Unfortunately for him, it turns out to be least equal for Black. This was game 47 of a long and gruelling World Championship match that lasted five months. Karpov led by the overwhelming score of 5-1, but he seemed very fatigued at this point in the proceedings and in no mood for a double-edged fight. Therefore Kasparov made an astute choice with his opening, which results in Karpov selecting a feeble simplifying move that directs play into a type of Exchange Variation. Unfortunately for him, it turns out to be least equal for Black.

[9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd5 11.Bc4 Nxc3 12.0-0 b5 13.Bb3 b4 14.e4 h6 15.Bh4 Bd6 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.a3 Qxa3 18.Qc2 Qa5 19.e5 Be7 20.Bxe6 Bxh4 21.Nxh4 fxe6 22.Qg6+ Kd8 23.Qxg7 Re8 F-F (41) 10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2 (2590)-Kasparov,G (2470) Slovenija 77/196 1999]

[9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd5 11.0-0 Qxc3 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Nd2 Qa5 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Bh4 b6 17.Bg3 Qd7 18.e4 Ne7 19.Rfd1 Bb7 20.a4 0-0 21.Bc4 Kh8 22.h4 Rad8 23.Bb3 Ng8 1-0 (62) Grinev,V (2493)-6. ♘f3 ♕f5 7. ♕d1 c5 5272 (2356) 54/606 Seattle 1992]

9...Qxd2+ 10.Nxd2 exd5



11.Bd3 Of course White prevents Black activating his bishop with 11...Bf5. Left to his own devices White might now have played for a Minority Attack against c6 with moves like 12 0-0, 13 Rfb1, 14 b4 and 15 b5 etc. Of course White

prevents Black activating his bishop with 11...Bf5. Left to his own devices White might now have played for a Minority Attack against c6 with moves like 12 0-0, 13 Rfb1, 14 b4 and 15 b5 etc. The position is equal. **11...a5!** Putting a stop to Karpov's scheme before he can even dream about it. Even worse for White: if left unattended the black rook's pawn could advance to a3. Then capturing it with b2xa3 would leave the a2-pawn isolated and weak after ...Rxa3 or ...Bxa3; whereas after b2-b3, the adventurous pawn on a3 would be far advanced and safe from attack, making all endgames unpleasant for White. Putting a stop to Karpov's scheme before he can even dream about it. Even worse for White: if left unattended the black rook's pawn could advance to a3. Then capturing it with b2xa3 would leave the a2-pawn isolated and weak after ...Rxa3 or ...Bxa3; whereas after b2-b3, the adventurous pawn on a3 would be far advanced and safe from attack, making all endgames unpleasant for White. **12.a4** Karpov stops the pawn in its tracks, but now the pawn on a4 is weak and, even worse, there is a perfect post for the black bishop in the hole on b4. Karpov stops the pawn in its tracks, but now the pawn on a4 is weak and, even worse, there is a perfect post for the black bishop in the hole on b4.

[Instead 12.f3 has been recommended, stopping the idea seen on Black's 13th move.]

12...Bb4 Note that the bishop on g5 is playing little part in the battle. In fact, it would be better off sitting on c1, albeit trapped behind White's pawn chain, as then it could help defend the queenside. Note that the bishop on g5 is playing little part in the battle. In fact, it would be better off sitting on c1, albeit trapped behind White's pawn chain, as then it could help defend the queenside. **13.Ke2 Bg4+!** Bravo. In the Exchange Variation, Black often struggles to find a good square for this bishop once White has prevented it going to f5. Kasparov cleverly reroutes it to g6, where it can be exchanged for White's good bishop on d3. Bravo. In the Exchange Variation, Black often struggles to find a good square for this bishop once White has prevented it going to f5. Kasparov cleverly reroutes it to g6, where it can be exchanged for White's good bishop on d3. **14.f3** If there were still queens on the board, and the white king were tucked away on the kingside, this move would be a useful plank in a central expansion with e3-e4. In that case, Black would have been foolhardy to provoke it. Here, however, it is the white king who has to be afraid of open lines in the centre. If there were still queens on the board, and the white king were tucked away on the kingside, this move would be a useful plank in a central expansion with e3-e4. In that case, Black would have been foolhardy to provoke it. Here, however, it is the white king who has to be afraid of open lines in the centre. **14...Bh5 15.h4 0-0**

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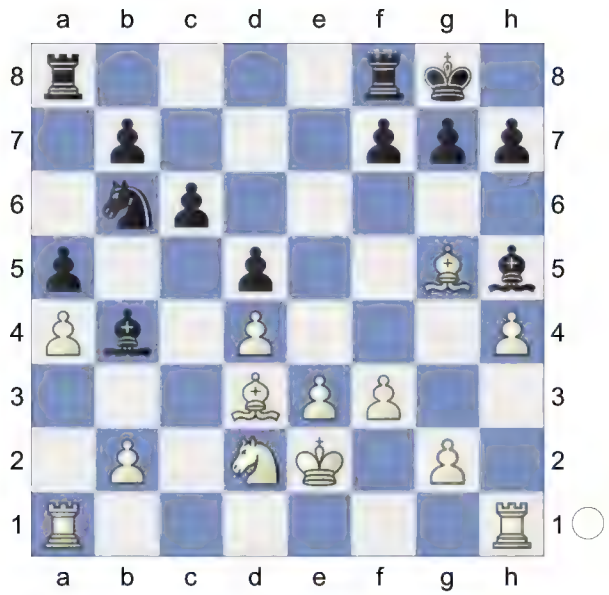


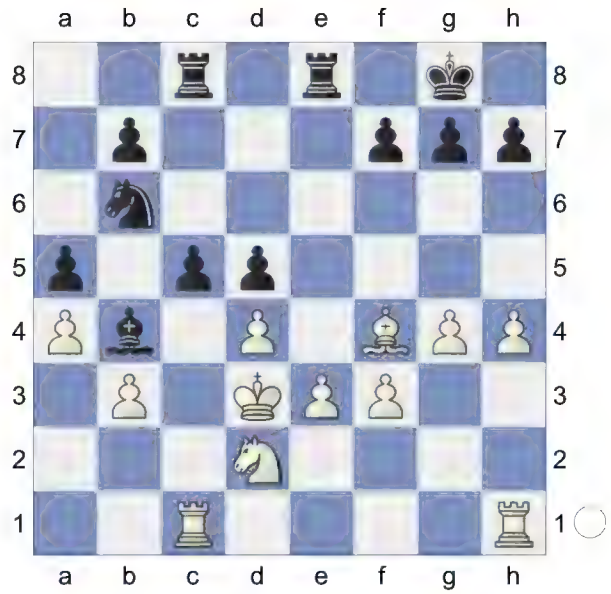
16.g4 Bg6 17.b3 Bxd3+ 18.Kxd3 Rfe8 19.Rac1

c5! This is a thematic move against the f2-f3 centre anyway, so it's even better when there is a king to attack. This is a thematic move against the f2-f3 centre anyway, so it's even better when there is a king to attack. **20.Bf4!**

[Or 20.dxc5 -0.94/22 20.Bg5-f4 -0.23 Nd7 and Black will regain the pawn, using ...Ne5+ if necessary. and Black will regain the pawn, using ...Ne5+ if necessary.]

[20.dxc5 Nd7 21.c6 bxc6-+]

20...Rac8



21.dxc5 Nd7 22.c6 bxc6

[But not 22...Rxc6 23.Rxc6 bxc6 24.Rd1∓]

23.Rhd1 Nc5+ 24.Kc2 f6 25.Nf1! It looks as if White may have avoided the worst, but Kasparov is in no hurry. He repositions a couple of his pieces and is then ready to begin the final onslaught against the white king. Meanwhile, White is strangely paralysed. It looks as if White may have avoided the worst, but Kasparov is in no hurry. He repositions a couple of his pieces and is then ready to begin the final onslaught against the white king. Meanwhile, White is strangely paralysed. **25...Ne6**

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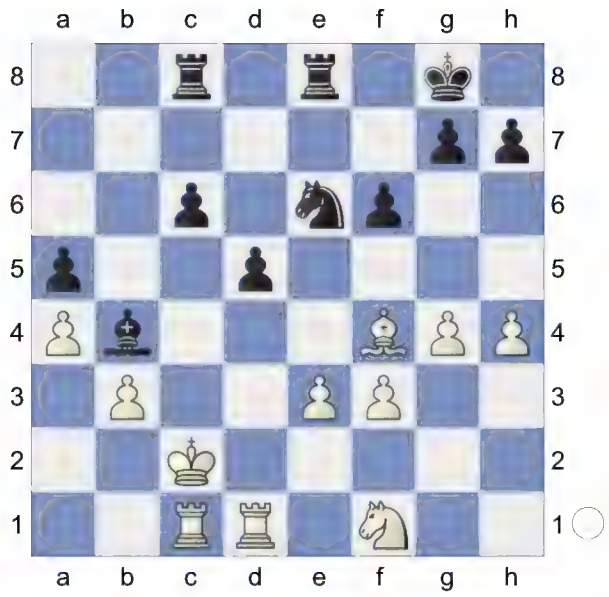
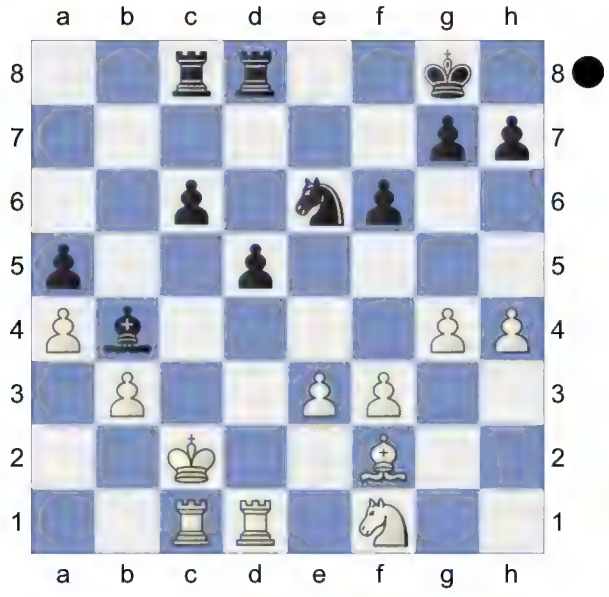


26.Bg3 Red8 27.Bf2



c5! 28.Nd2 c4 29.bxc4 Nc5

Black is much more active. **30.e4 d4**

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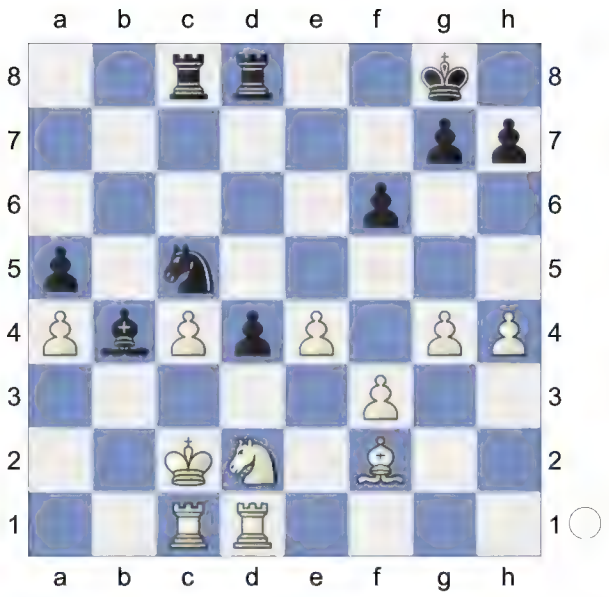


The passed pawn wins the day. White must now prevent ...d4-d3+. Black has strong compensation. **31.Nb1?** -9.16/21

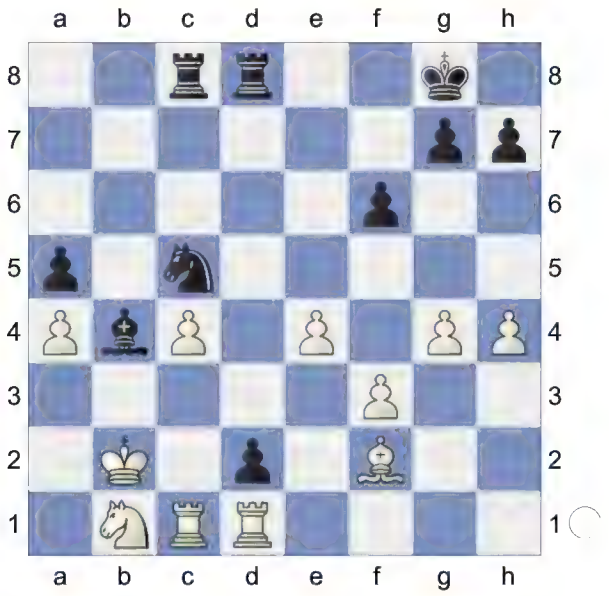
[31.Ra1∓ -1.02/20]

31...d3+-+

[31...Nxa4? 32.Kb3 Nc5+ 33.Kb2-+]

32.Kb2 d2

[32...Nxa4+ 33.Kb3 Nc5+ *(33...d2 34.Rc2=)* 34.Bxc5 Bxc5 *(34...Rxc5 35.Nc3∓)* 35.Rc3 a4+ *(35...Rb8+? 36.Ka2-+)* 36.Ka2∓]



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Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
0-1

202 **D52**
□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**
■ **Dus Chotimirsky,F**
St Petersburg 1913
[Neil McDonald]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
RR: 'Inf 77/(436)' **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**
[5...h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5]
[5...dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7]

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5
[7.Nd2]
7...exd5
[7...Nxd5]
8.Bd3 Ne4 9.0-0 Ndf6N
[9...Nxc3 0.54/19 9...Ne4xg5 -0.01 10.bxc3 Qxc3 11.e4 dxe4
A) 12.Re1 f5 13.Rc1 0.47/20 *(White should play 13.Re3!±* 1.08/19 Threatens to win with Nf3-h4. *Qa5 14.Nh4)* 13...Qa3!± 14.Nh4;
B) 12.Re1± 0.83/23 f5 13.Re3;
C) 12.Bxe4 0.43/21 12...Bd6± 13.Bd2 0.10/20 *(*Better is *13.d5±* 0.64/19 *c5 14.Rc1)* 13...Qa3 14.Re1 0-0 15.Re3 Qa6 16.Bd3 *(16.Bxh7+!? Kxh7 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Qc2=)* 16...Qb6 17.Re4 Qd8 18.Bg5
C1) 18...f6? 3.81/23 18...Nd7-f6 -0.10 19.Rh4 2.07/21 *(⌓19.Qb3+!* 3.81/23 *Rf7 20.Rae1)*;
C2) 18...Nf6 19.Rh4]
[9...Nxg5 10.Nxg5
A) 10...Be7 11.f4 Nf6 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 Be6 *(13...0-0 14.Ne5 c5 15.a3 Rd8 16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 Qb6 18.Rfb1 Bd7 19.Qb3 Be8 20.Be2 Qe6 21.Bf3 a6 22.f5 Qd6 23.Ra5 b5 24.Qa2* Lautier,J (2638)-Anic,D (2467) (ch) 77/(436) 1999 *)* 14.Ne5 Rd8 15.Kh1 Qc7 16.a3 h5 17.b4 a6 18.Na4 Bd6 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.a4 a5 21.bxa5 Qxa5 22.Nb3 Qc7 23.a5 0-0 24.a6 bxa6 25.Bxa6 ½-½ (65) Cibicek,J (2525)-9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2665) 19th Open 2017 (1. 3);
B) 10...Nf6 Dodges Qd1-h5 11.h3 *(11.f4 h6 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bd6 15.a3 Qc7 16.Rae1 0-0 17.g4 g6 18.Qg2 Rae8 19.g5 hxg5 20.Qxg5 Qe7 21.f5 Nh7 22.Qxe7 Rxe7 23.e4 Bg3 24.Re2 dxe4 25.Nxe4 Bh4* 1-0 (48) 9.♗g5 cd4 10. ♘d4 (2459)-Court,J (2567)

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B1) 11...Bd6 12.f4 -0.23/18 (12.e4 0.24/20 is superior. dxe4 13.Ncxe4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4) 12...Qc7 13.Qc2 h6 14.Nf3 Be6 15.Ne5;

B2) 11...Bb4 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nf3 0-0 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 c5 16.Qb2 Qc7 17.a4 Be6 18.dxc5 Nd7 19.Rfd1 Nxc5 20.Nd4 Rac8 21.a5 Bd7 22.Bc2 Rfd8 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Ne6 25.Ra3 Qe7 26.Bg4 1-0 (41) Ernst,H (2720)-8.♘f3 c5 9.♗g5 0-0 64798 (2522) Danmark 13/522 1972 (1.1);

B3) 11...h6 12.Nf3 Bd6 13.Ne5]

10.Bxf6

[10.Bh4]

10...Nxc3 0.99/18

[10...Nxf6

A) 11.e4 dxe4 (11...Be7 0.67/19 11...d5xe4 0.14 12.e5 Nd7 13.Qc2 Nf8 14.a3) 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Strongly threatening d4-d5. Be7 0.71/20 (13...Be6= 0.13/18 remains equal.) 14.Qc2 0.32/19 (14.Re1± 0.71/20);

B) 11.Qc2]

[10...Nxf6= 0.13/20 11.Qc2 g6]

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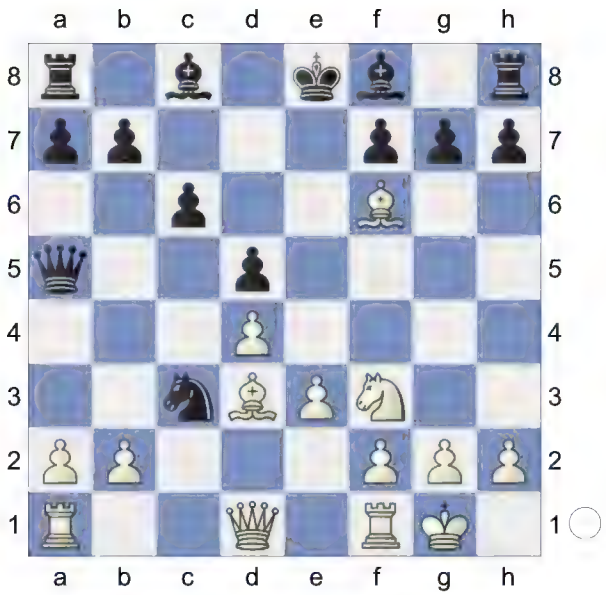


11.bxc3± gxf6 White is better. **12.Qc2 Bd6**

[12...h6? 13.Rab1 wins the bishop. Qc7 14.c4 dxc4 15.Bxc4]

13.Bf5

[13.Bxh7 0.58/21 13.Rf1-b1 1.09 Bg4 14.Nh4 . Black has to try 14...f5 1.63/22 , although (14...Qd8± 0.72/20) 15.Nxf5+- maintains White's advantage If after 15...Bxf5 1.95/22 , (15...Bxh2+± 1.48/19 16.Kxh2 Qc7+ 17.Kg1 Kf8) 16.Qxf5+- , attacking b5, then Qxc3? 4.37/22 is a complete answer, (16...Kf8 1.83/20) or even 17.Rab1 as]

13...Be6 14.Rab1

[14.Bxh7]

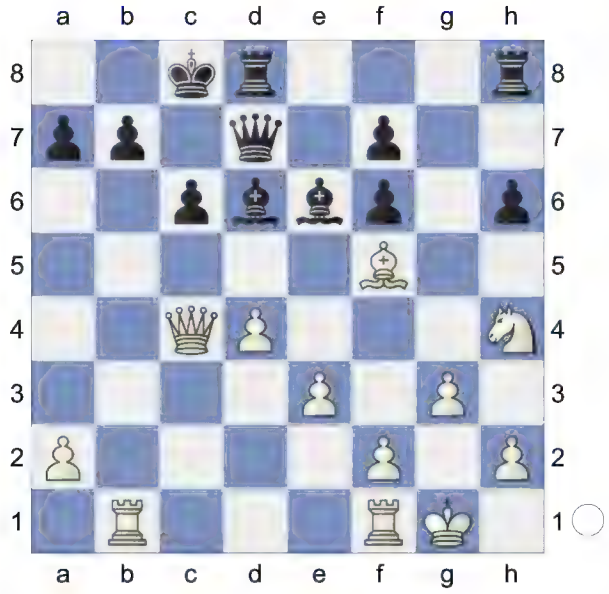
14...Qc7

[14...0-0-0 15.Bxh7! with a crushing attack, e.g. Bg4 1.90/22 (15...Qc7± 0.71/19 16.g3 Qd7) 16.Bf5+]

15.Bxe6

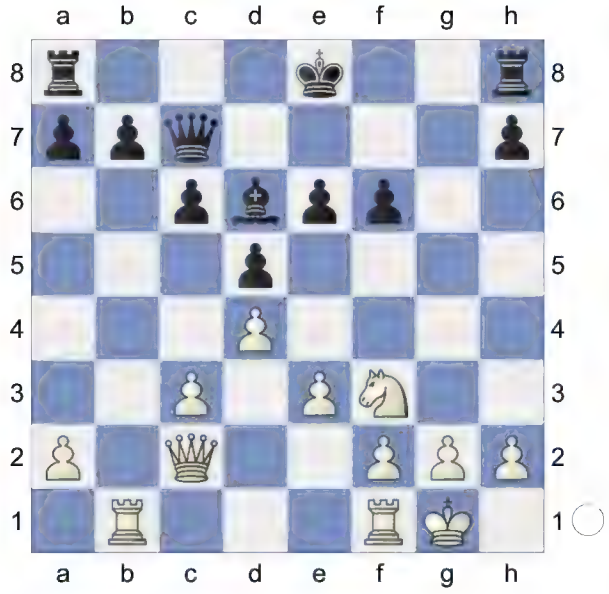
[15.g3 h6 1.38/20 (Black should try 15...Qd7 0.96/18 16.Bxe6 fxe6) 16.Nh4 And now Bf5xe6 would win. 0-0-0 17.c4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 . White can afford to ignore the threat of a discovered attack on his queen,

as 18...Qd7 2.59/21 *(18...Rhe8± 1.48/19 19.Rfc1 Bf8)*



is met by 19.Qc2? 0.99/15 *(19.d5!+- 2.59/21 Bxf5 20.dxc6* Deflection *Qxc6 21.Qxc6+ bxc6 22.Nxf5)*]
[15.Bxh7 f5 16.Bxf5 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Qd7-+]

15...fxe6



16.e4 0.57/19 White is more active.
[16.c4± 1.06/18]

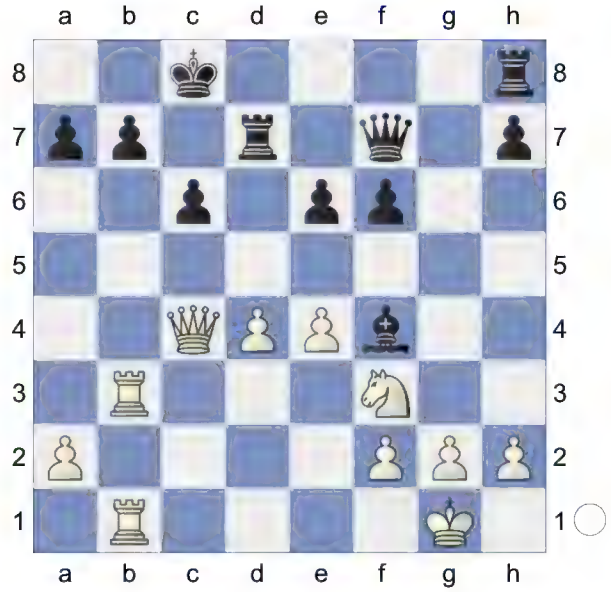
16...0-0-0±
[16...0-0 1.10/18 16...0-0-0 0.66 17.c4]

17.c4 Bf4 1.42/19
[17...dxe4 18.Qxe4 leads to a quick mate: for example, Qf7]
[17...dxe4± 0.57/20 18.Qxe4 Rhe8]

18.Rb3 e4xd5 would now be deadly.

18...dxc4 19.Qxc4 Qf7 2.07/21
[19...Rhe8 .]
[19...Rhe8± 1.32/21 was necessary. 20.Rfb1 b5]

20.Rfb1+- Rd7



21.e5 fxe5
[21...f5? 4.77/21 21...f6xe5 1.96 22.d5]

22.dxe5
[22.Nxe5?! Bxe5 23.dxe5 Rc7±]

22...Rhd8
[22...Rc7 23.g3
A) 23...Bh6 3.00/20 23...Rh8-g8 2.04

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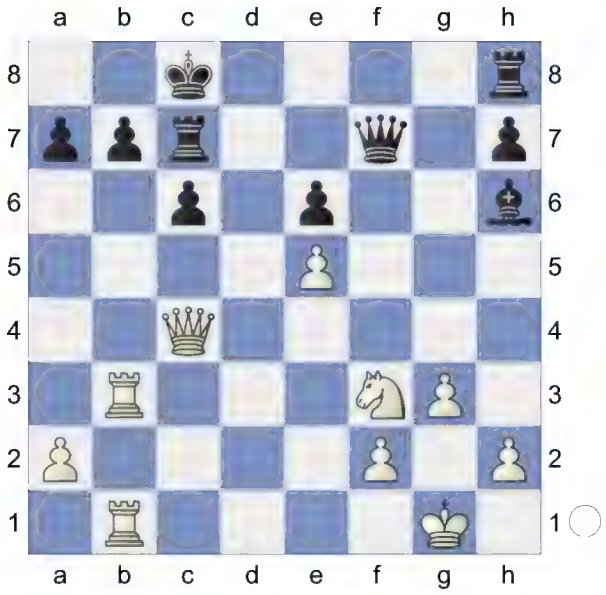

I wonder how many other players would have had the nerve to play on the exchange and a queen down against Capablanca. 24.Nd4! Re8? 6.76/26 *(24...Rd8* 2.51/17 *25.Nxc6 Rf8 26.Nxa7+ Kb8)* 25.Nxc6;

B) 23...Rg8 24.Rd1 h5 2.33/21 *(⌓24...c5* 1.93/20 *25.Rb5 b6)* 25.Rd6+- Rg6? 9.48/23 *(25...c5* 2.17/20 *26.Ra3 Kb8)* 26.Qa4+- a6 27.Qd4 Kb8 28.Rd8+ Rc8 29.Rd7]

[Black's queen was hanging, and he loses a piece after 22...Rhd8]

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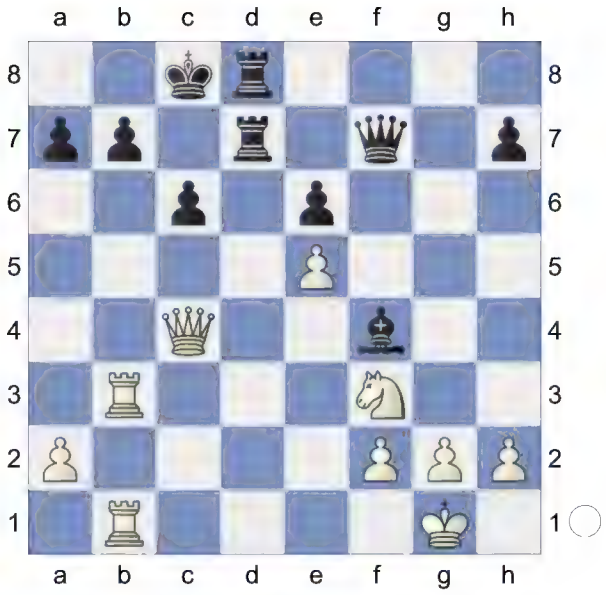

In this position White fixed the pawn on b5 as a target for his bishop with **23.Qxc6+!!** . If now 23...Nxd3 24 Qxd3, Black has no dynamism to offset his fractured pawn structure. White's plan might include attacking b5 with Ra5 at the appropriate moment, or the knight manoeuvre Nd2, Nb3, Na5 and Nc6 in order to dominate the c-file (he would have to be careful not to allow Black to exchange off his poor bishop for the knight with ...Bg5). --- Therefore Dus Chotimirsky tried to maintain the energy in his position with **23...Kb8** . But Capablanca had one of his 'little combinations' waiting, as we shall soon see.

[23...bxc6? #2/6 23...Kc8-b8 2.55 24.Rb8+ Kc7 25.R1b7#]

[23...Rc7 24.Rxb7]

[23...bxc6 24.Rb8+ Kc7 25.R1b7#]

24.g3 Rd1+ At first glance you might imagine that Black is doing rather well. His rook controls the only open file on the board, and there is an outpost square for the knight on c3. --- Therefore White had better do something fast, or else he will find

himself in a cramped position after ... Nc3 and ...Bf6 etc. Capablanca had it all worked out: **25.Kg2!!** Unexpected and yet entirely consistent with the theme of putting another pawn next to the furthest advanced pawn: the e-pawn moves up to the fifth rank to join its comrade on d5. --- Nevertheless, no matter how desirable from a strategic point of view, such a move is useless unless it can be justified tactically. It is essential that 25...dxe5 can be answered by 26 Qf5! which ends the game at once due to the double attack on c8 and h7. --- So what has White achieved with his pawn breakthrough? First of all we notice that he has cleared a diagonal for his bishop; also that he is poised to create a passed pawn with e5-e6 which will be far more mobile than the black one on d4. --- These are the obvious benefits, and they are indeed important. But looking more closely, you will find that 25 e5!! has changed the relative value of virtually all the pieces on the board. A significant shift has taken place in the 'gravity' of the struggle: away from the queenside and over to the centre and kingside, which means that pieces previously considered to be well placed are now badly placed, and vice versa. --- Thus before 25 e5 you might have said that the white knight was passive on f1, while the black knight was active on a4; whereas now the white knight is poised to join in a kingside attack (see White's 28th move) and it is the black knight that looks irrelevant far off on the outer rims of the queenside. Similarly the black rook looked good on c8, controlling an open file, whereas now it is exposed as a target and has to hurry to f8 to help defend the king. Meanwhile the white rook on a1 seemed out of things but can now be activated along the e-file. Likewise the white queen is nicely poised for the coming attack, while the black queen seems cut off from the action; one move ago you might have said that the black queen was in the thick of things on b6, defending d4 and b5, while the white queen was sitting idly on f3. --- Hence we see the enormous power of a pawn breakthrough. It can change the whole nature of a game; and here it was only possible because Capablanca had foreseen the tactic 26 Qf5!. --- It is only possible to play good positional chess if you are alert to tactical possibilities. As Richard Réti famously remarked, 'tactics are the foundation of positional play'. **25...Rxb1**

26.Rxb1 The pawn powers forward. **26...Rd5** **27.Qc3!→** White has strong attack.

[27.gxf4 1.38/21 27.Rb1-b5 1.91 Qg6+]

[27.gxf4 Qg6+ 28.Ng5 Qxb1 29.Qxe6 *(29.Qe8+ Kc7+-)* 29...Rd8±]

27...Qf5? 4.50/22

[27...Bh6]
[27...Qg7 2.04/24 was worth a try. 28.Nd4 *(28.Qc6 Qf7+-)* 28...Bxe5 29.Nc6+ Ka8 30.Nxe5 Qxe5 31.Qc8+ Qb8 32.Qxe6 Rd6]

28.Qb4! Once again Capablanca exploits the weakness of the h7-square.

28...b5 5.49/24
[28...Rd7 3.33/20 29.Nh4 *(29.gxf4 a5+-)* 29...Bd2 30.Nxf5 Bxb4 31.Rxb4 exf5]

29.Nh4!
[29.gxf4? -0.01/21 29.Nf3-h4 4.79 The tactics have come to an end and Black could resign. Qg4+]
[29.Qxf4 Qxb1]
[Inferior is 29.gxf4 Qg4+ 30.Kf1 Qxf3=]

29...a5 13.91/25
[29...Qc2 30.gxf4]
[29...a5 14.19/26 29...Qf5xe5 5.19]
[⌓29...Qxe5 4.86/22 30.Nf3 *(30.gxf4 Qg7+ 31.Kf1 Qb7+-; 30.Qxf4 Qxf4 31.gxf4 Kc7+-)* 30...Qf6 31.Qxf4+ *(31.gxf4 a5+-)* 31...Qxf4 32.gxf4 Kc7]

30.Qxb5+!
[Weaker is 30.Qxf4 Qxb1 31.Qf8+ Kc7=]

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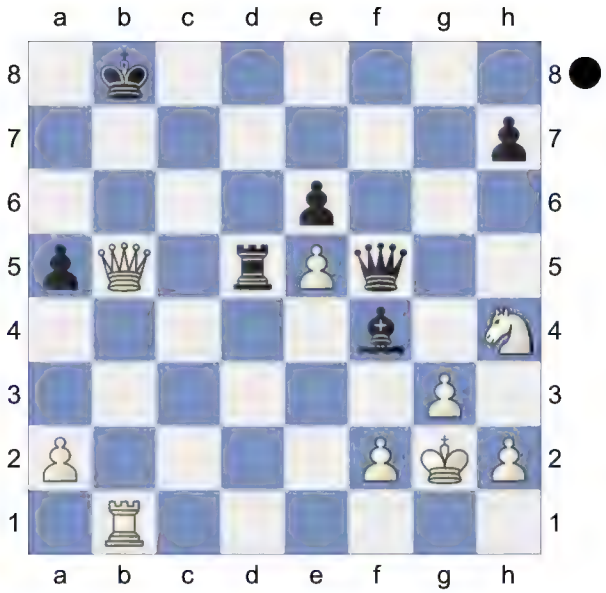

Another tactic allows the white queen to boss her counterpart, as 30...Qxc6 would drop a piece to the fork on e7.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.56

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203 **D52**
□ **Alekhine,Alexander**
■ **Nenarokov,Vladimir Ivanovich**
Moscow CC Autumn Tournament 1907/08
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Alexander Alekhine: '(178) Alekhine – Bogoljubow Bad Nauheim 1936 Queen's Gambit Declined [D52]' **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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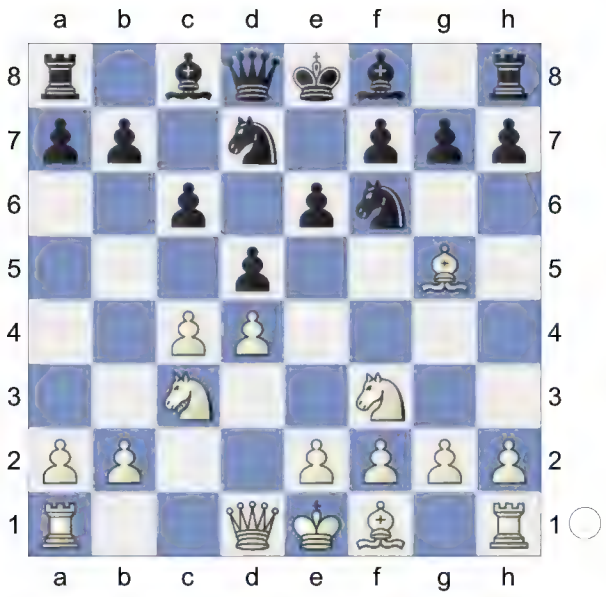


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Bxc3+N

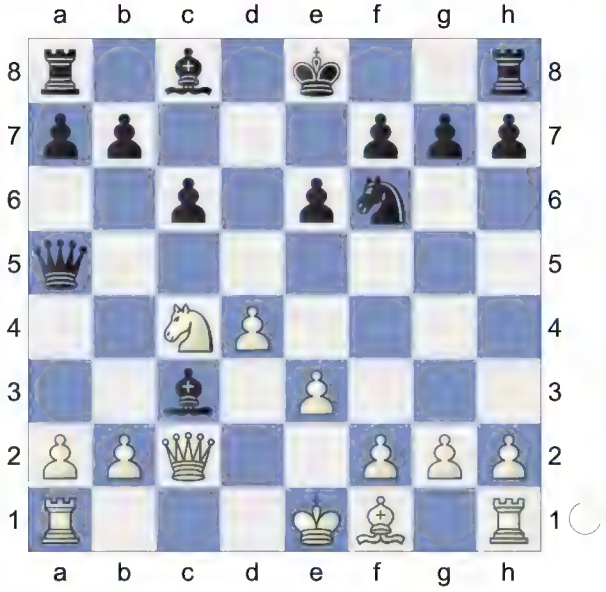
[10...Qc7

A) 11.Be2 c5 *(11...0-0 12.0-0 Rd8 13.a3 Bf8 14.b4 Qe7 15.Rfd1 Nd5 16.Ne4 Bd7 17.Nc5 Be8 18.Bd3 g6 19.e4 Nb6 20.Na5 Rab8 21.Bf1 Bg7 22.e5* Queen'S Gambit-7. ♕c2 ♗b4 8.♘d2 dc4 604 Survey 2012*)* 12.0-0 Bd7 13.a3 cxd4 14.axb4 dxc3 15.Qxc3 0-0 16.Ne5 Rfc8 17.Qd4 Be8 18.Bf3 a6 19.g3 Rd8 20.Rfc1 Rxd4 21.Rxc7 Rxb4 22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Bxb7 Rb8 24.Bxa6 Rxb2 25.Bd3 Rb8 ½-½ (35) Pert,M (2034)-Kumar,S (1942) BCF-ch Major 2024 (6);

B) 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Bd7 13.a3 Be7 14.b4 Nd5 15.0-0 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Be8 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.Na5 a6 20.Nc4 b6 21.Rb1 Bf6 22.Rdc1 Qa7 23.Qc2 Rc7 24.a4 Be7 25.a5 bxa5 1-0 (48) Alekhine,A-Bogoljubow,E 178 - Bad Nauheim 1936 (7);

C) 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 *(12.Bd3 c5 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.dxc5 Bxc5* Cambridge Springs-Cambridge Springs with 7. Nd2*)* 12...0-0 13.Be2 b6 14.0-0 Ba6 15.Rfc1 Bxc4 16.Bxc4 a5 17.b5 c5 18.d5 e5 Cambridge Springs-Cambridge Springs with 7. Nd2]

[10...Qd5 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 0-0 13.Rc1 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.Ne5 Qxc3+ 16.Rxc3 Nd5 17.Rc1 f6 18.Nc4 Bd7 19.Be2 Rfc8 20.0-0 Bb5 Fernandez,J (2448)-Mu,K (2658) AUT-ch U10 St Veit 2023]



11.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 12.bxc3 Ke7 13.f3 White is slightly better. **13...Bd7 14.Ne5 Rhc8 15.Kd2 Rc7**

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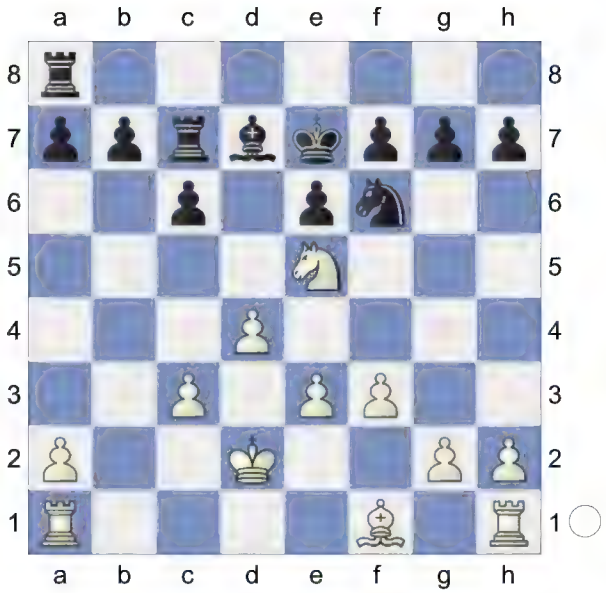
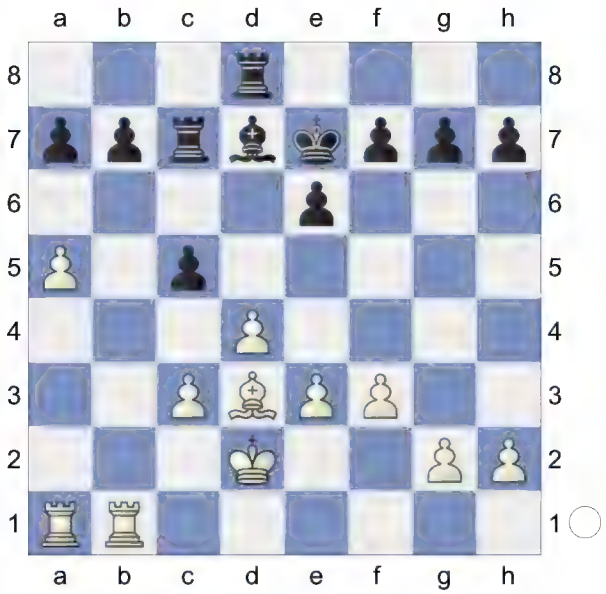


16.Bd3 c5 17.Rhb1 Rd8 18.a4 Bc8 19.a5 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Bxd7



21.Be4
[21.Bxh7? g6 22.dxc5 Bb5+ 23.Ke1 Rxc5-+]
21...Bc8 22.f4
[22.Bxh7 g6 23.Ra4 Bd7-+ *(23...Rh8? 24.Bxg6 Bd7 25.Ra2-+)*]
22...h6 0.63/23
[22...f6!= 0.01/21]
23.Rb5 f5 24.Bf3 g5 25.g3 g4

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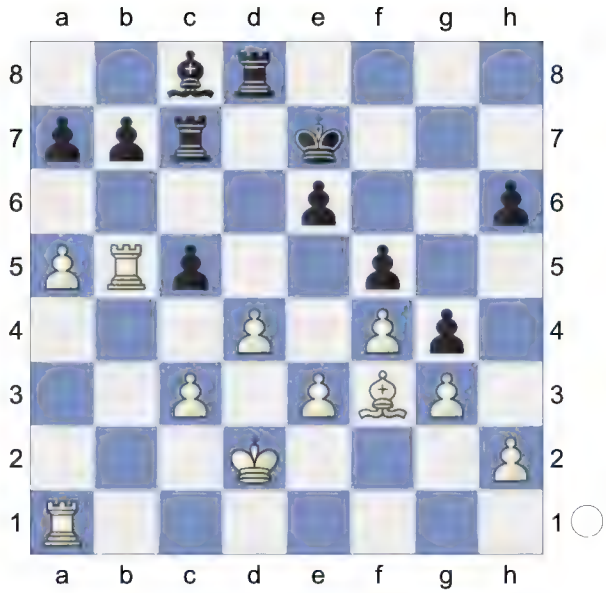
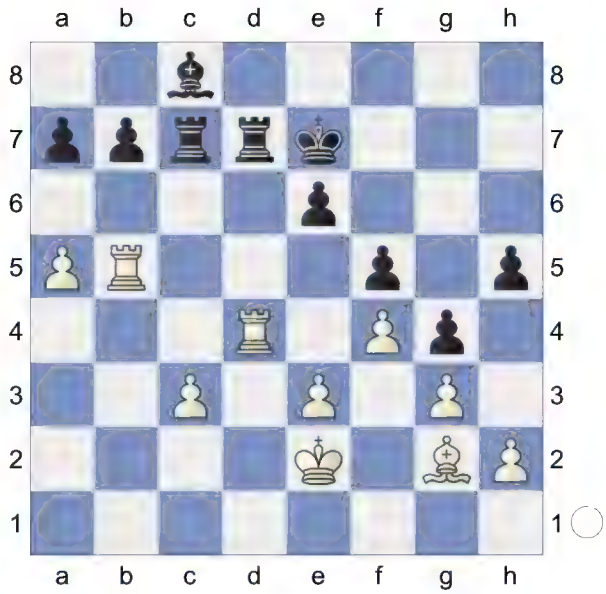


26.Bg2 Rdd7 27.Rh1 Kd6 28.Rd1 h5 29.Ke2 cxd4 30.Rxd4+ Ke7



31.Rxd7+ Kxd7± Endgame. KRB-KRB
32.e4 0.01/23
[32.Kd3± 0.38/25]
32...a6 0.41/28
[32...Rxc3= 0.01/23 33.exf5 Rc2+ 34.Kf1 Rc1+ 35.Kf2 Rc2+ 36.Kg1 Rc1+ 37.Bf1 Ke8 *(37...Kc6? 38.f6+-)*]
33.Re5 Kd6 34.Kd3 h4 35.exf5
[35.gxh4 Rh7=]
35...exf5 1.23/27

[⌓35...hxg3 0.85/28 36.hxg3 exf5]

36.Rd5+±
[36.gxh4 Rh7=]
36...Ke7 2.16/25
[36...Ke6± 1.20/26]
37.gxh4+- Be6 38.Rd4 Rc5 2.97/25
[⌓38...Bd7 1.97/23 39.h5 Bc6 40.Bxc6 Rxc6]
39.Rb4? 0.76/24
[Inferior is 39.Bxb7 Rxa5 40.Ke3 Ra3∓]
[39.h5+- 2.97/25 has better winning chances.]
39...Rxa5± 40.Rxb7+
[Much weaker is 40.Bxb7 Ra1= *(40...Ra2 41.Ba8∓)*]
40...Kf6

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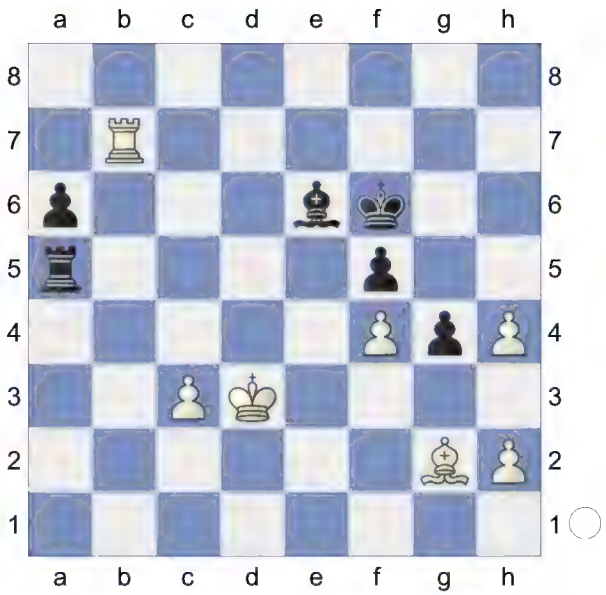
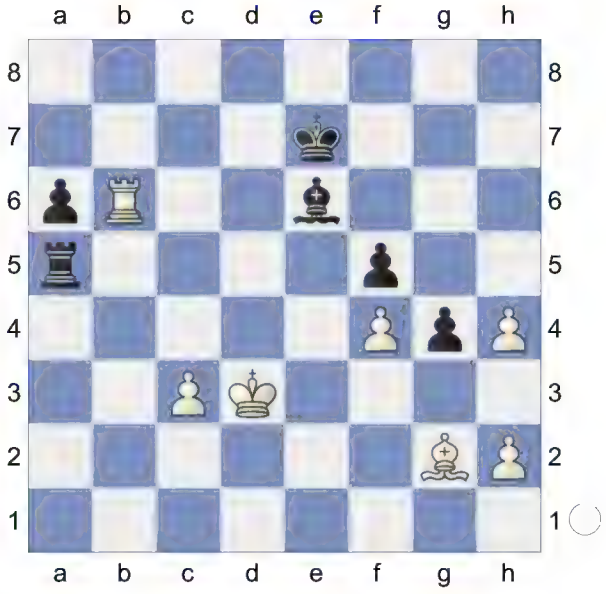


41.Rb6 Ke7 1.15/25
[41...Kf7± 0.49/25]



42.Rb7+ 0.01/23
[42.Rb2!± 1.15/25]
42...Kf6= 43.Rb6 -0.01/23
[43.Rb2± 0.36/23]
43...Ke7

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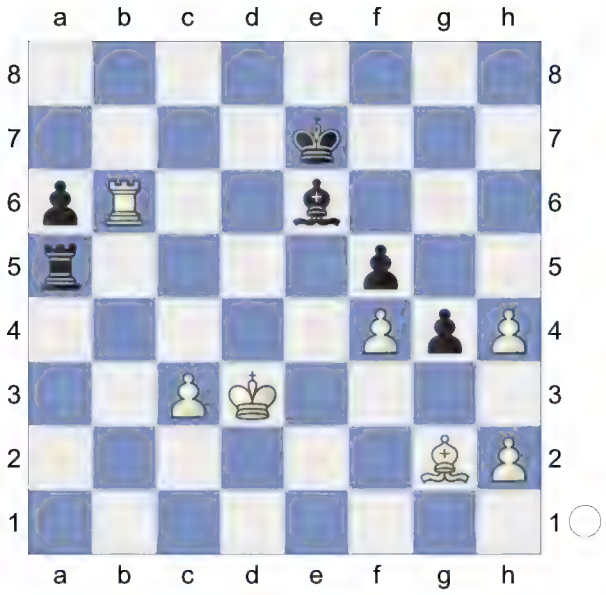
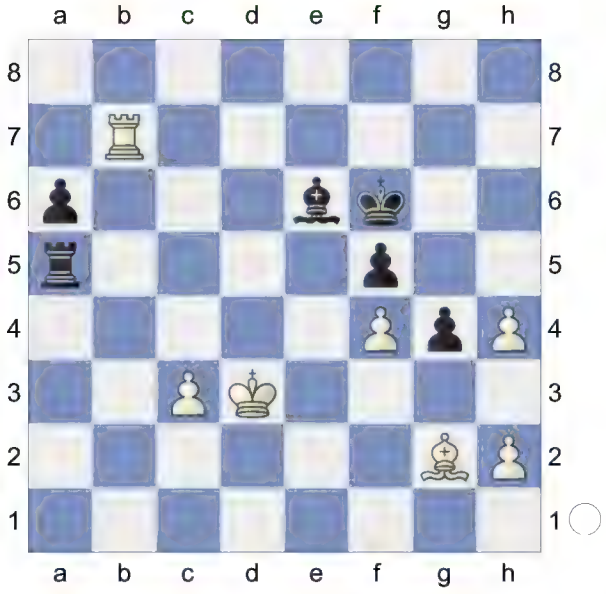


44.Rb7+ 0.01/21

[White should play 44.Rb2!± 0.87/23]

44...Kf6



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204 **D52**

□ **Euwe,Max**

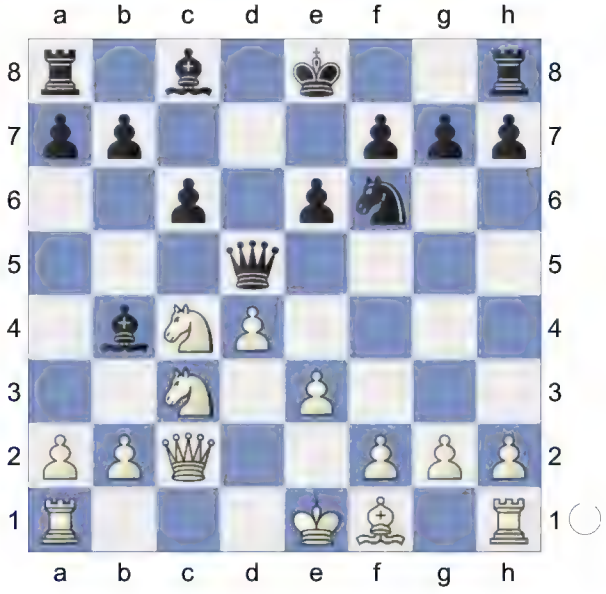
■ **Van den Bosch,Johannes**

Amsterdam 1929

[Gauthier]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qd5



JvR: '!?' **11.0-0-0** JvR: '!?'

[Mulder-Euwe continued with 11.Ne5

in a previous round.]

11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 b5 JvR: '!?'

[More prudent is 12...0-0 13.Bd3 c5 (Sämisch-Pirc, Rogatska Slatina 1929).]

13.e4 JvR: '!' Black can't capture the e-Pawn. Schwarz darf den e-Bauern nicht schlagen. **13...Qd8**

[13...Nxe4?? 14.Ne3 JvR: 'costs a piece.' Qd6 The Knight is history. Der Springer geht verloren. 15.Qxe4 Press Delete for the main line. Taste 'Entf.' bringt Sie zur Partie zurück.]

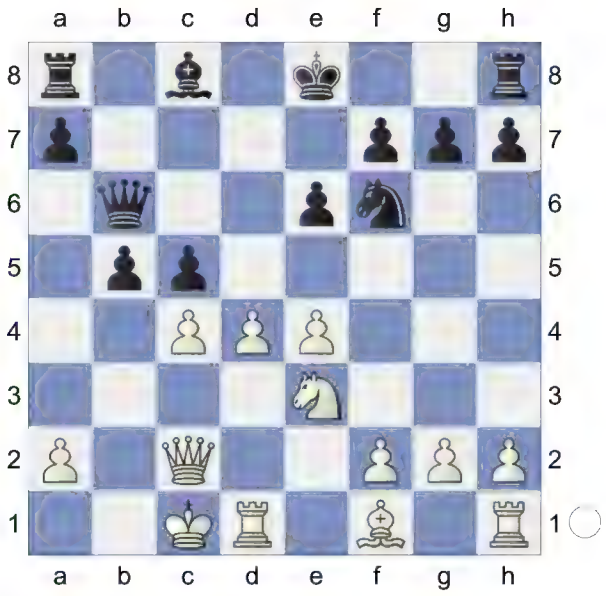
14.Ne3 **Qb6** Euwe's c-4 square is strong because after the Pawn move, he will have three (3) pieces bearing on the square.

This all-purpose move helps the Knight and the Bishop come into play. At the same time, Black won't have access to d-5 with his Knight if Euwe plays Pawn to e5.

Der Vorstoß c4 ist sehr nachhaltig, da dieses Feld von drei Figuren beherrscht wird. Durch den Zug kommen Läufer und Springer des Weißen ins Spiel, und nach einem eventuellen e5 des Anziehenden könnte der schwarze Springer nicht nach d5. **15.c4** JvR: '!?' This Pawn move sets up e5 for White without fear of the f6-Knight posting itself on d5.

If Black exchanges bxc, Euwe's Bishop and Knight are freed (in chess, mobility is life). Nun wäre e5 möglich, ohne daß der schwarze Springer nach d5 kann, und bxc4 würde die weißen Leichtfiguren ins Spiel bringen. (Im Schach ist Beweglichkeit lebenswichtig.) **15...c5**

[He should have reorganised his 'hopeless' position with 15...Bb7 16.e5 Ng8! 17.Qb2?! Ne7 18.cxb5?! 0-0]



JvR: '??' JvR: 'A nobleman only knows the attack.' **16.cxb5** Making way for the Knight. The game ends before the Bishop ever gets a chance to make an appearance .Schafft Platz für den Springer. Die Partie ist zu Ende, bevor der Läufer auch nur die Chance bekommt, ins Spiel einzugreifen. **16...cxd4** Euwe takes the initiative and Black's Queenside is overrun with White's pieces.Euwe übernimmt die Initiative, und der schwarze Damenflügel wird von den weißen Figuren überrollt. **17.Nc4 Qb8 18.e5 Nd7** Black attacks the center Pawn. His only sign of life for the entire game. Schwarz attackiert den weißen Zentrumsbauern- sein einziges Lebenszeichen während der gesamten Partie. **19.Nd6+ Ke7 20.Rxd4 a6**

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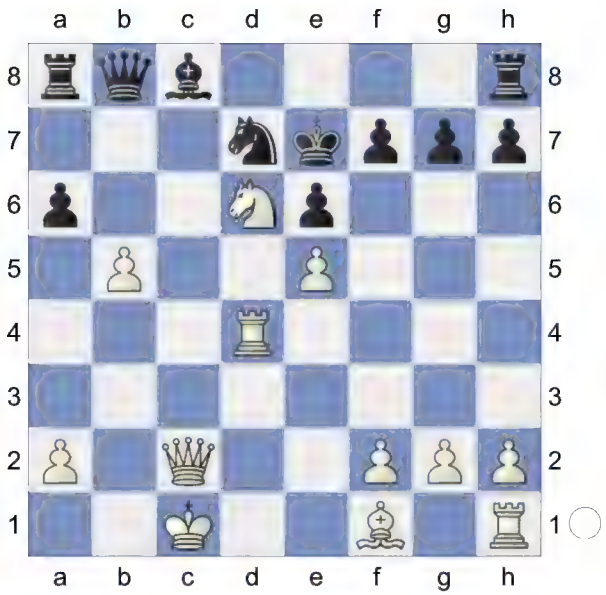

Euwe applies more pressure on the c-file. Weiß verstärkt den Druck in der c-Linie. **RR21.Rc4** The Bishop feels heat from three officers.
Black's heavy guns are all busy (immobile) protecting the Bishop. Der Läufer spürt die Hitze von drei Offizieren, und die schwarzen Schwerfiguren sind allesamt damit beschäftigt, ihn zu decken (und damit unbeweglich). **21...Nxe5** c-7: A weak square for Black
A strong square for WhiteC7 - ein schwaches Feld für Schwarz, ein starkes für Weiß.
[Or 21...axb5 22.Rc7 Rd8 23.Bxb5 Rxa2 24.Qc6! Ra1+ 25.Kc2!]
22.Rc7+ Nd7 What's Euwe's move that deserves a double exclamation? Der nächste Zug Euwes verdient zwei Ausrufezeichen. Sehen Sie ihn? **23.Qc5!!** Euwe centralizes his Queen and pressures the Black King in to a bad move. Der Anziehende zentralisiert seine Dame und verleitet den schwarzen König zu einem schlechten Zug. **23...Kf6?** Mate in 2 Matt in zwei Zügen. **24.Ne4+** JvR: 'The final score became Max Euwe 8 1/2 out of 9, Salo Landau and Henri Weenink 7, Jonkheer Johannes van den Bosch 6 1/2, etc. Euwe won before three young talents.' The King has one available square. Der König hat nur noch ein Feld. **24...Kg6 25.Qg5#**

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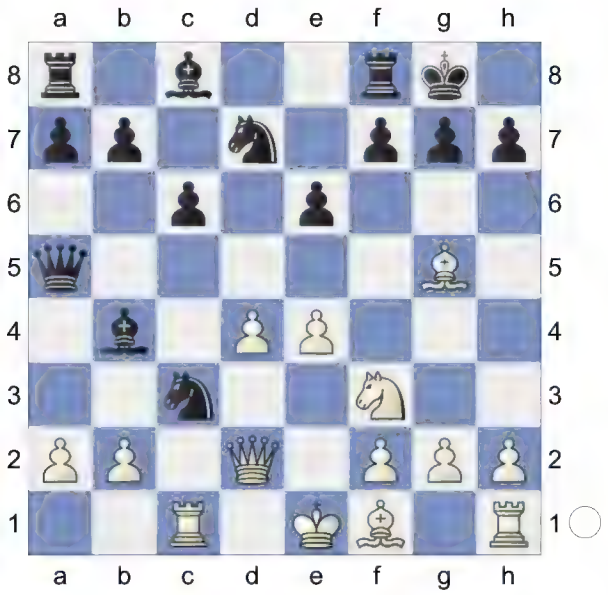
205 **D52**
□ **Buj,Pablo**
■ **Jensen,Ib V N**
Bartis Memorial A 9299 15.06.1992
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

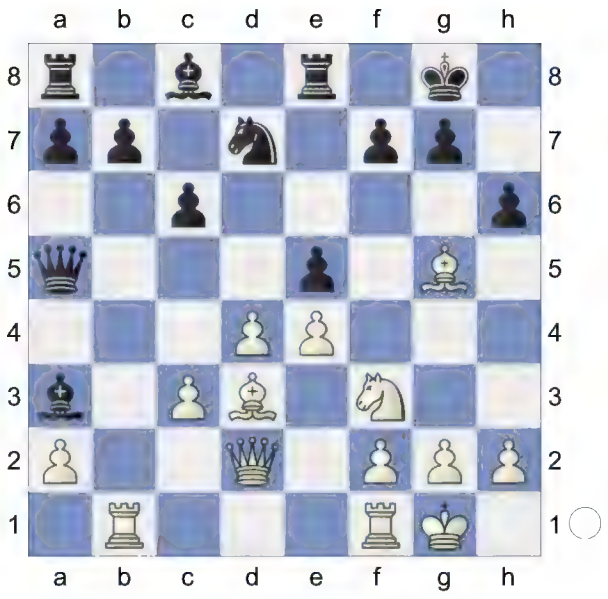
(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.e4 Nxc3

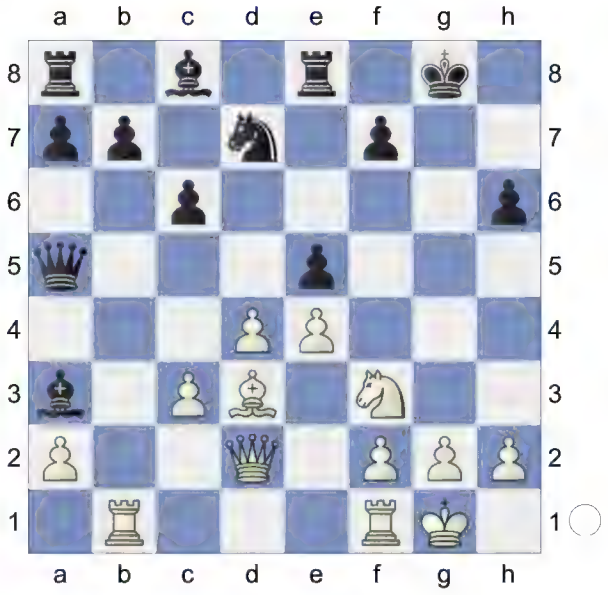


11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 The position is equal. **12...e5 13.Bd3 Re8 14.0-0 h6N**

(Diagram)

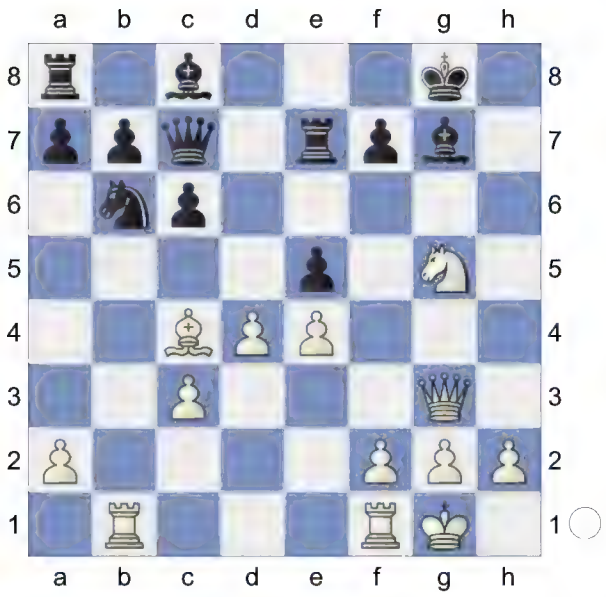


15.Bxh6 Demolition **15...gxh6**

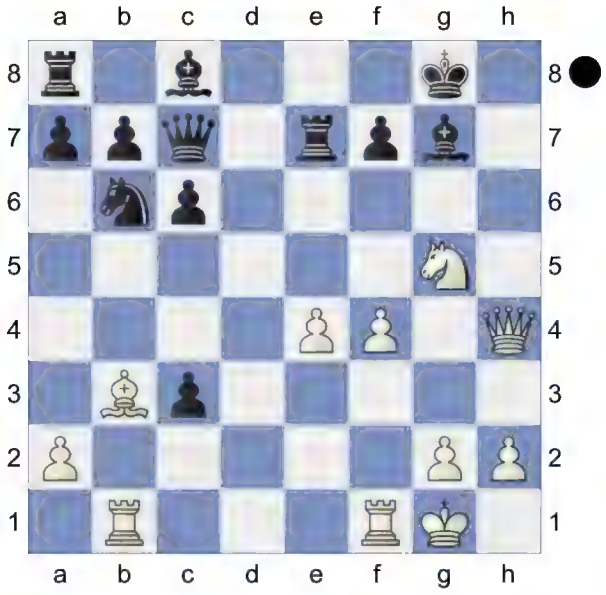


16.Qxh6 Bd3-c4 is the strong threat.
16...Bf8 17.Qg5+ -0.26/22
[Better is 17.Qh5!± 0.39/20 Nf6 18.Qg5+ Bg7 19.Nxe5 Qxc3 20.Bc4]
17...Bg7= 18.Bc4 Qc7!
[18...Qxc3? 19.Rfc1 Qa5 20.Qg6+-]
19.Qg3 Re7 20.Ng5 Nb6 -0.18/20
[20...b5∓ -0.55/19 might be stronger. 21.Bd3 f6]

(Diagram)

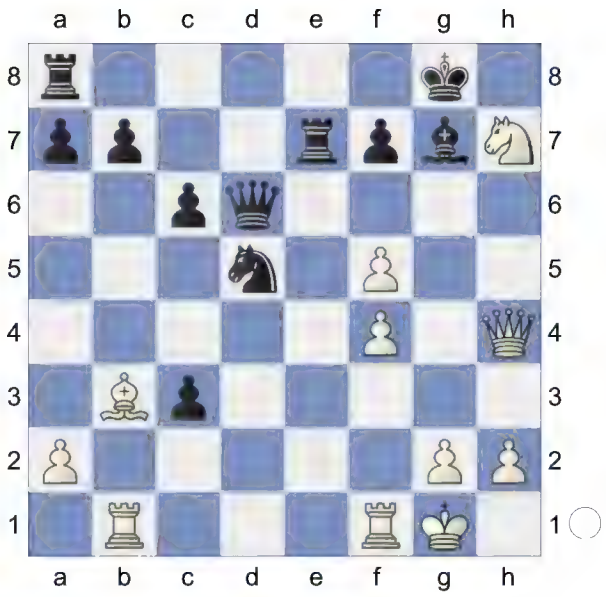


21.Bb3! exd4 22.f4 dxc3 23.Qh4



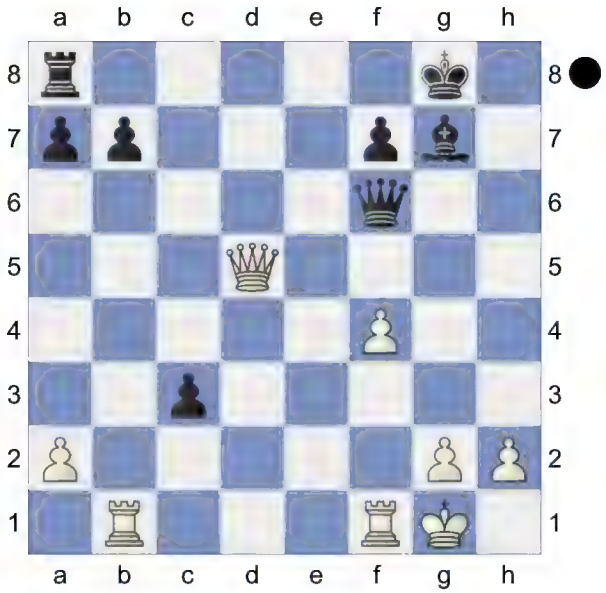
Bf5 0.25/19 **24.exf5** And now Bb3xf7+ would win. **24...Nd5 25.Nh7 Qd6**

(Diagram)

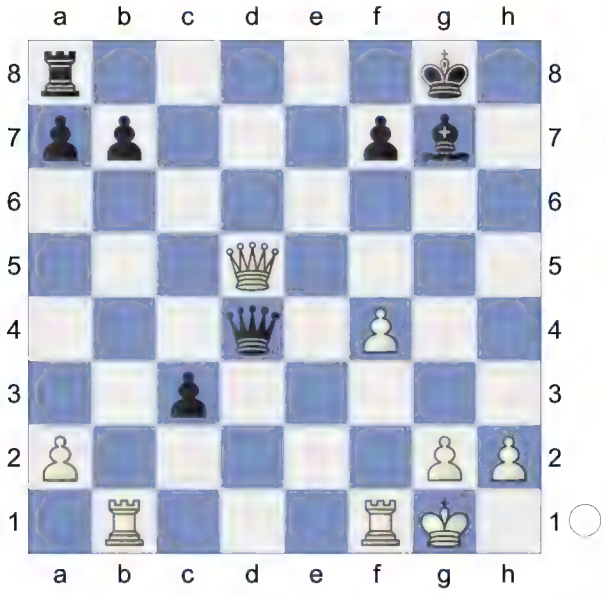


White must now prevent ...Bg7-d4+.
26.Bxd5! Remove Defender **26...cxd5**
27.f6 Re6 28.Qg5 -0.94/20
[Of course not 28.fxg7 Rh6 29.Qg3 Qc5+ *(29...Kxh7 30.Qxc3 b6 31.Rbd1±)* 30.Qf2 Qxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rxh7 *(31...Kxh7 32.Rxb7 Kxg7 33.Rc7=)* 32.Rxb7 Rc8∓ *(32...Kxg7 33.Rc7=; 32...Rxg7 33.Rc1=; 32...Rxh2 33.Rc7=)*]
[28.Rxb7± 0.35/18 stays ahead. Rxf6 *(28...Bxf6 29.Nxf6+ Rxf6 30.Qg3+ Rg6 31.Qxc3±)* 29.Nxf6+ Qxf6 30.Qxf6 Bxf6 31.Kf2]
28...Rxf6!∓ 29.Nxf6+ Qxf6 30.Qxd5

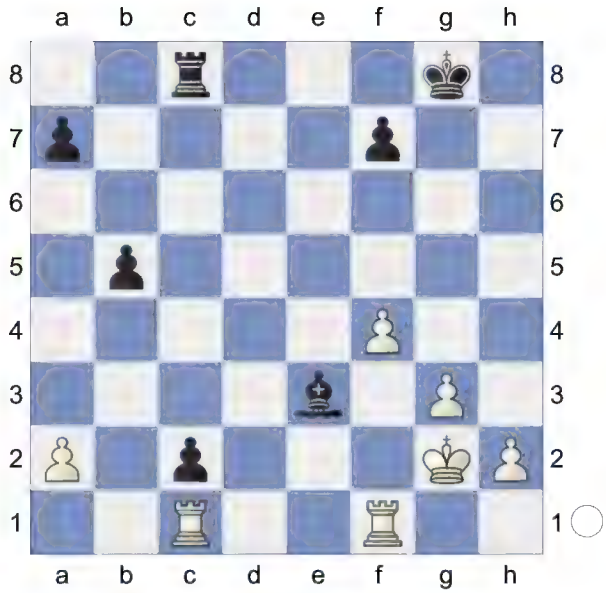
(Diagram)



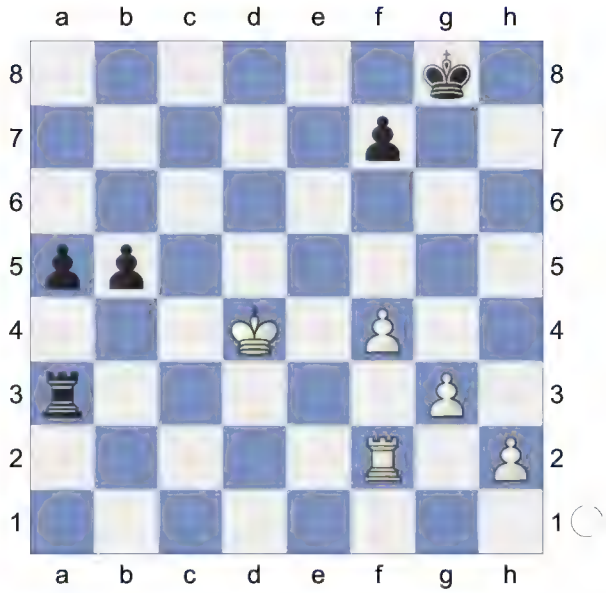
Qd4+!



31.Qxd4 Bxd4+ Endgame. KRR-KRB
32.Kh1 Be3 -0.12/23
[32...c2∓ -0.79/27 33.Rbc1 Rc8]
33.g3!=
[33.Rxb7? Rc8 34.g4 c2-+]
33...Rc8 Threatens to win with ...c3-c2. Black has compensation. **34.Kg2!**
[34.Rxb7? too greedy. c2 35.Kg2 c1Q *(35...c1R? 36.Rxc1 Rxc1 37.h4-+)* 36.Rxc1 Rxc1-+]
34...c2 35.Rbc1 b5
(Diagram)

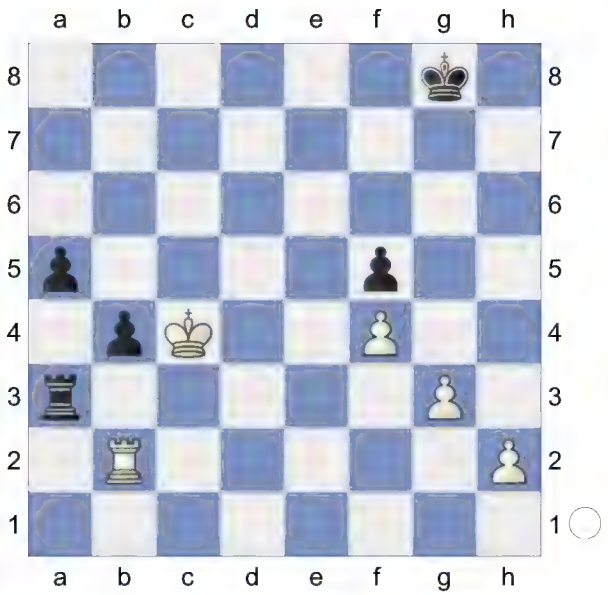


36.Kf3! Rc3 37.Rxc2 Deflection
37...Rxc2 38.Kxe3 Rxa2∓ KR-KR
39.Rf2 Ra3+ Black is slightly better.
40.Kd4 a5



41.Rb2 Repels Ra3-b3 **41...b4 42.Kc4 f5** -0.01/25
[42...Ra1∓ -0.40/22]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless) . Loss on time!?

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206 **D52**

□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**

■ **Marshall,Frank James**

St Petersburg International Preliminary (2)

[Kitty Kat]

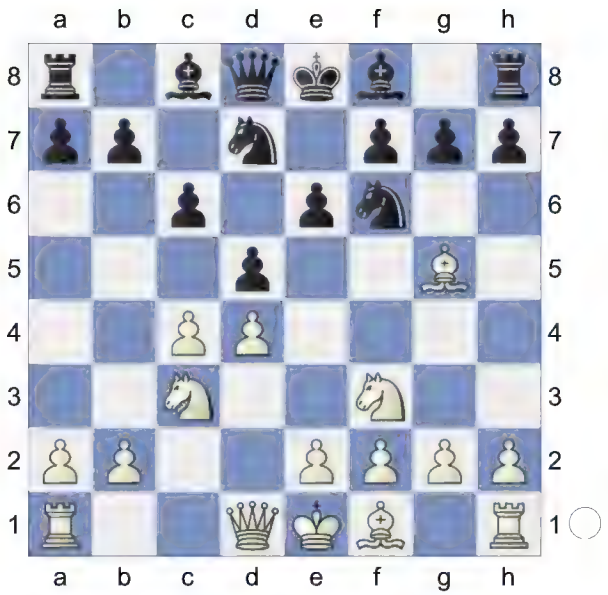
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bg5

[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.e3 Qa5 9.Qb3 Bb4 10.Rc1 c5 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 c4 13.Qc2 Nb6 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.g4 Qxa3 16.Bg2 Be6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Ra1 Qe7 19.Rfb1 Ne4 1-0 (34) Ferri,S (2791)-16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 (2575) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (7)]

5...c6

(Diagram)

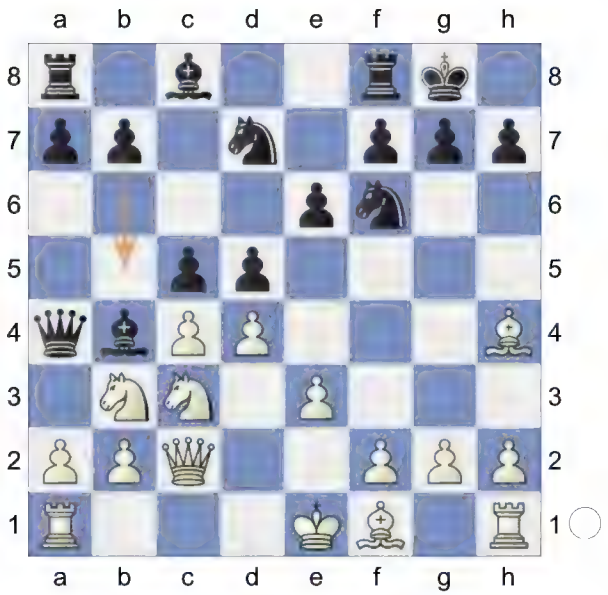


6.e3N

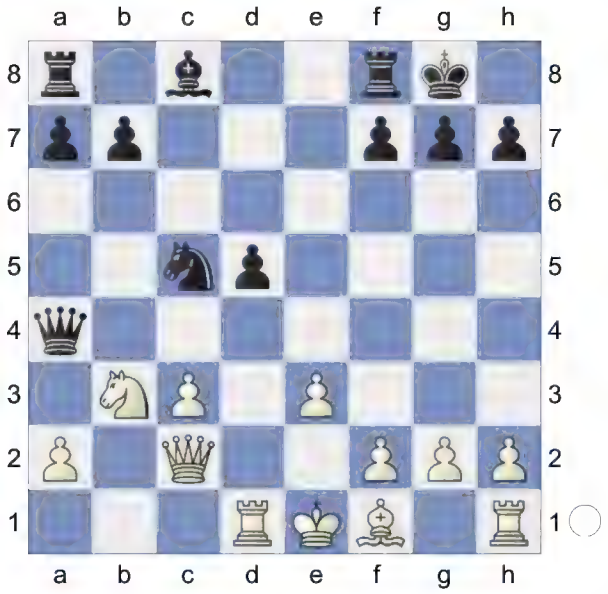
[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022 *)* 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4 5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Bh4 c5 10.Nb3 Qa4

(Diagram)



11.Bxf6
[11.cxd5 is more complex. Nxd5 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.exd4 b6 14.0-0]
11...Nxf6 12.dxc5 The position is equal.
12...Ne4
[12...Bxc3+ 13.Qxc3 b6 14.cxd5]
13.cxd5
[13.Be2 seems wilder. Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nxc5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.0-0]
13...Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nxc5 15.Rd1 exd5



16.Rxd5 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qc6 18.Rd4 Re8 19.Bd3 Qxg2 20.Bxh7+→

White goes for the king. **20...Kf8**

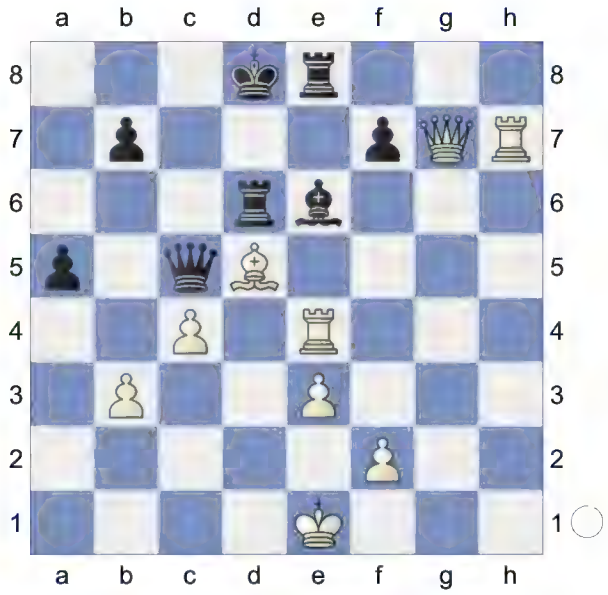
21.Be4 Qh3 1.14/18
[Black should try 21...Qg5!± 0.60/22]
22.Qd2 0.72/21
[⌓22.Qd3 1.14/18]
22...Be6 23.c4
[23.Bxb7 Rab8 24.Bc6 Rxb3=]
23...a5 24.Rg1
[24.Bxb7?! Rab8 25.Bc6 Rxb3 26.Qxa5 Rb1+ 27.Kd2 Rxh1 28.Bxh1 Qxh2=]
24...Qxh2 1.42/21
[⌓24...g6 0.80/20]
25.Rh1± Qc7

(Diagram)

26.Qb2 White is more active. **26...Qc5** 1.48/21 Against Qb2-a3
[⌓26...Rac8 1.07/19]
27.Bd5
[27.Bxb7 Qb4+ 28.Ke2 Qxb7-+]
27...Ra6 28.Re4 1.03/21
[28.Bxb7 Qb4+ 29.Rd2 Qxb7∓]
[⌓28.Rh7 1.51/21 f6 *(28...Kg8? 29.Rg4+-)* 29.Qc2 *(29.Bxb7? Qb4+ 30.Rd2 Qxb7-+)* 29...Qxd4 30.Qg6 *(30.Rh8+ Kf7+-)* 30...Qa1+ 31.Ke2 Qb2+ 32.Kf3 Bxd5+ 33.cxd5]
28...Rd6? 5.05/22
[28...Kg8± 1.03/21 is a better chance.]

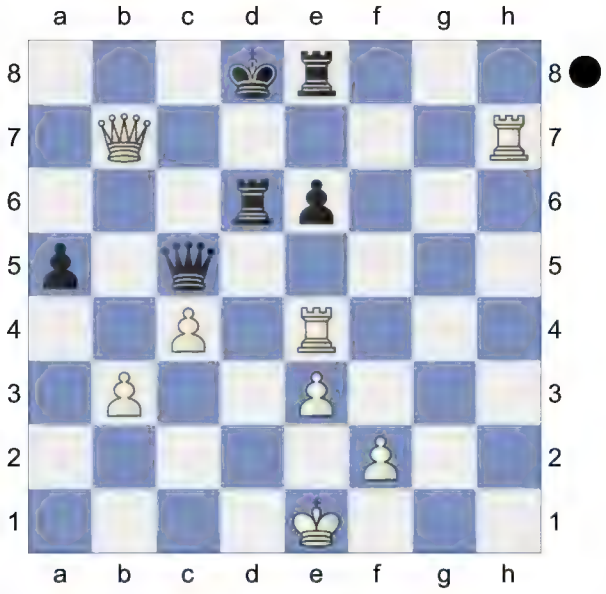
(Diagram)

This move loses the game for Black.
29.Rh7+- White is clearly winning.
[29.Bxb7? loses. Qb4+ 30.Ke2 Qxb7-+]
[Not 29.Rh8+ Ke7 30.Rh5 *(30.Qxg7 Qb4+ 31.Ke2 Rxh8=)* 30...g6±]
29...Ke7 9.30/25
[⌓29...Qb4+ 5.17/23 30.Ke2 f6 31.Rh8+ Kf7]
30.Qxg7 Kd8

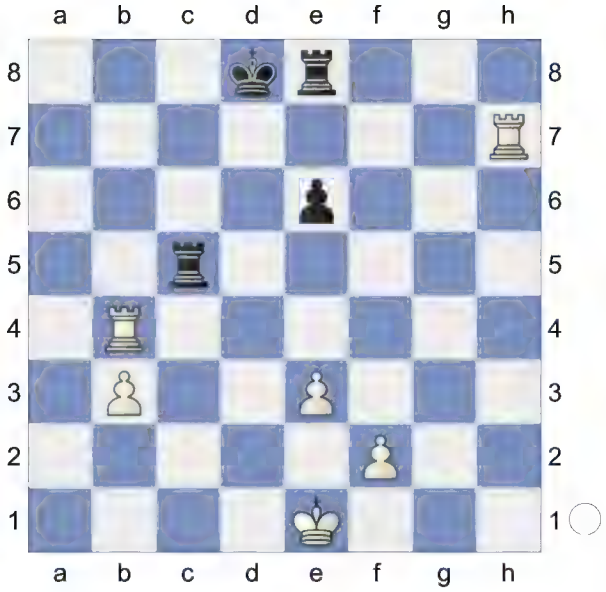


31.Bxe6
[31.Bxb7 Qb4+ 32.Ke2 Qxb7 33.Qg5+ Kc8 34.Qc5+ Qc6-+]

[31.Qg5+ Kc7+-]
31...fxe6 32.Qxb7



Qb7-b8+ would kill now. **32...Qb4+ 33.Qxb4 axb4 34.c5 Rc6 35.Rxb4 Rxc5**



36.Ra7 4.41/25
[⌓36.Rb8+ 9.21/29 Rc8 37.Rbb7]

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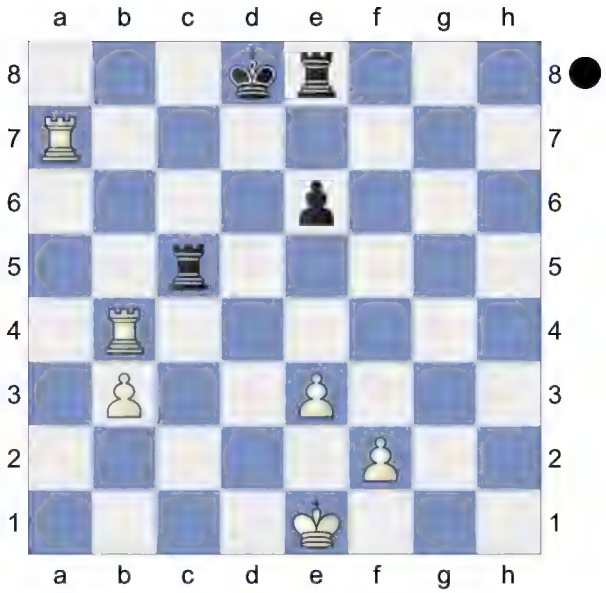

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.48. An unexpected result.
½-½

207 **D52**
□ **Tartakower,Saviely**
■ **Kmoch,Hans**
San Remo (9) 27.01.1930
[Sagar Shah]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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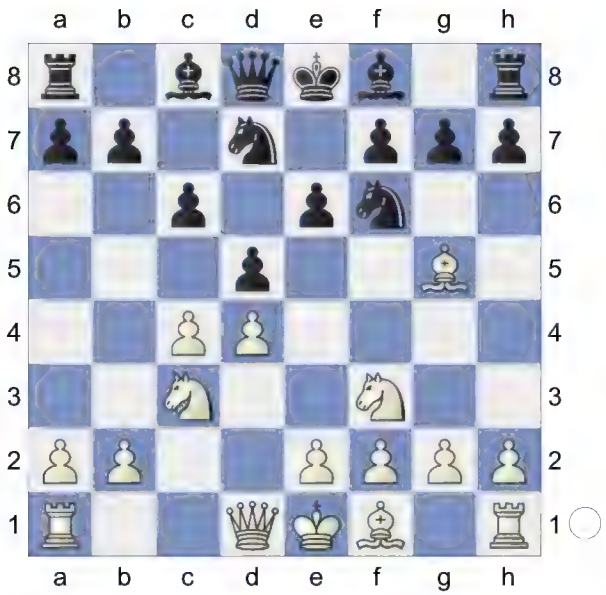


6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6

[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.a3 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Qd5 13.Bd3 b5 14.e4 Qg5 15.Ne5 Qxg2 16.0-0-0 Qg5+ 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Bb7 19.Ke3 c5 20.Rb1 a6 21.a4 Rfc8 ½-½ (31) Henzler,S (2655)-10. ♔b1 b5 11. c5 7382 (2815) VW-Cup6 sf02 email 2015]

[7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0 11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 Re8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 17.Kh1 Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kh7 12.Nb5 0-0 13.Bc2-Oltean,G T-10/93 9395 1993]

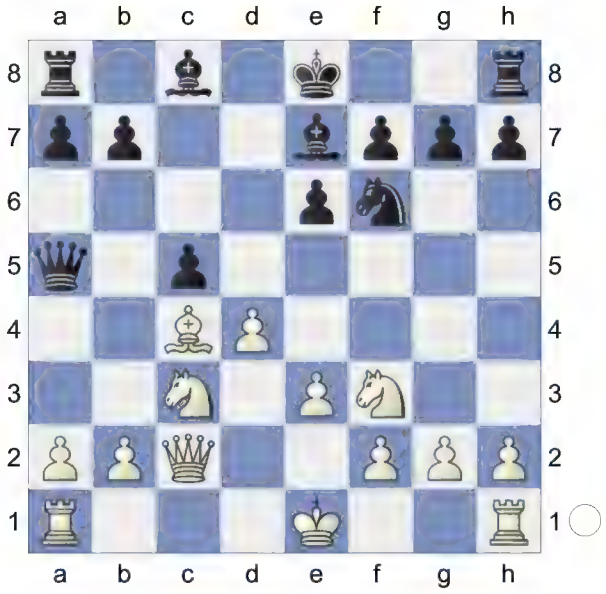
7...Nxf6 8.Qc2N

[8.Bd3 Bb4 9.Qb3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5 11.0-0 cxd4 12.Bb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.exd4 0-0 15.Ne4 Qd5 16.Qxb4 Qxe4 17.Rac1 Nb6 18.Rfe1 Qd5 19.Re5 Qd7 20.Rec5 Nd5 21.Qd2 b6 22.R5c4 Rac8 ½-½ (43) Shadrin,A-3..Nf6 129/144 Toshkent 2016 (11)]

[8.Nd2 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Qc7 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Ne4 Rac8 15.Ne5 Be8 16.Bd3 g6 17.Qe2 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Bf6 19.Nf3 Qb6 20.Rc3 Rd7 21.Rfc1 Qd8 22.g3 Bg7 ½-½ (51) 12. ♖b1 ♘e5 13.b3 12096 (2250)-Priechodsky,R (2250) (m/3) 87/387 2003 (11)]

[8.a3 Ne4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.Rxc3 Bxa3 11.Nd2 Bxb2 12.Rc2 Bc3 13.Bd3 Bxd2+ 14.Rxd2 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Qg5 16.f4 Qh4+ 17.Rf2 b5 18.Qf3 Rb8 19.Qxc6+ Bd7 20.Qd6 Rb6 0-1 Zoernpfenning,S-Eder,M Austrian League 2006]

8...Be7 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5



The position is equal. **11.0-0 0-0 12.d5 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Qc7**

[14...Qb6 simplifies 15.Qe4 Be6 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.Qxe6 fxe6 18.Rfc1 Rad8]

15.b4 Rb8

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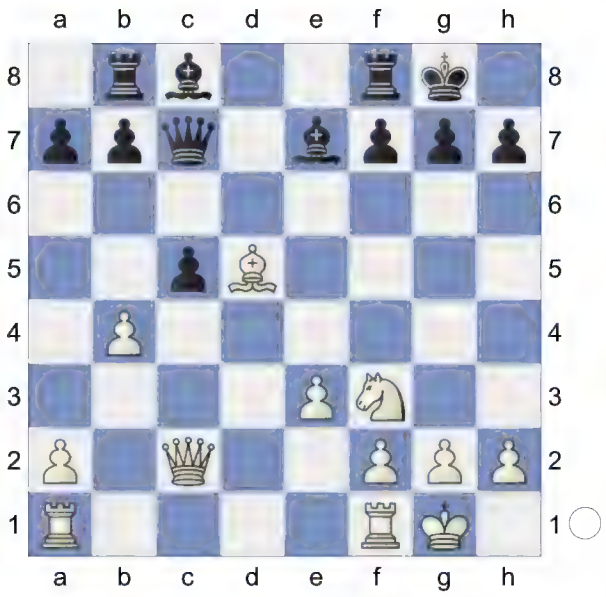
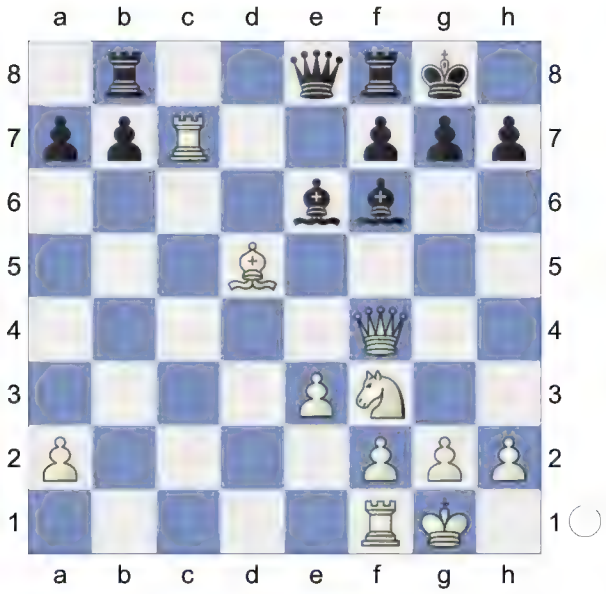


16.bxc5 Qxc5 17.Qe4 Bf6 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.Qf4 0.28/21

[19.Qxe7± 0.75/22 Bxe7 20.Ne5]

19...Be6= 20.Rc7 Qe8



21.Bxb7 -1.15/22

[21.e4± 0.47/18 stays ahead.]

21...Bd8!∓ A strong pair of Bishops.

22.Be4 Bxc7 23.Qxc7 Qa4 -0.67/21

[23...Bxa2 24.Bd3]

[23...h6∓ -1.03/19 24.Qxa7 Bc4 Discovered Attack]

24.Ng5∓ h6

[24...Qxa2 25.Bxh7+ Kh8 26.Qg3=]

25.Bh7+ Kh8

26.Nxe6 fxe6 27.Bb1 Rbd8

[27...Rxb1 simplifies 28.Rxb1 Qxa2 29.Rf1 a5]

28.Qc5

[28.Qe7 keeps more tension. Qc4 29.h3 a5 30.a3]

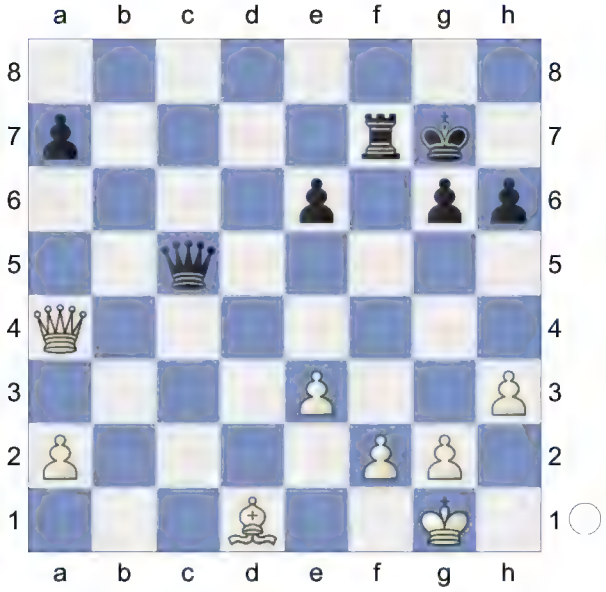
28...Rf6 29.h3 Qd7 30.Qc2 g6

Active counter play! **31.Qe4** White has compensation.

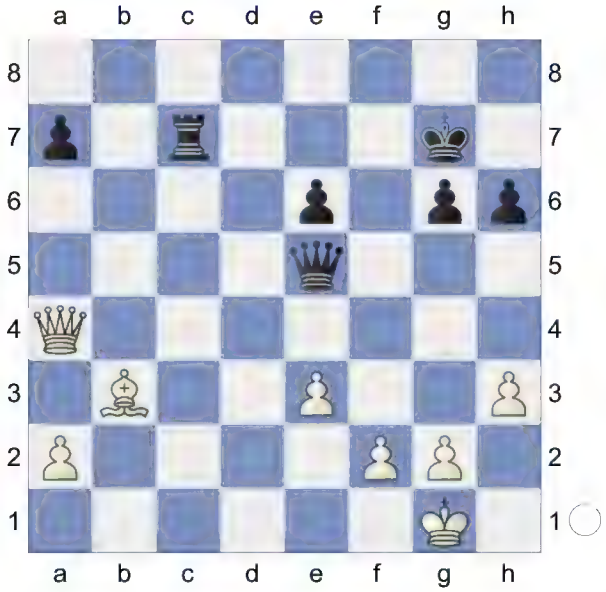
[31.Qb2 feels hotter. Kg7 32.Be4 Qd2 33.Qa3]

31...Kg7 32.Bc2 Qd5 Threatening ...

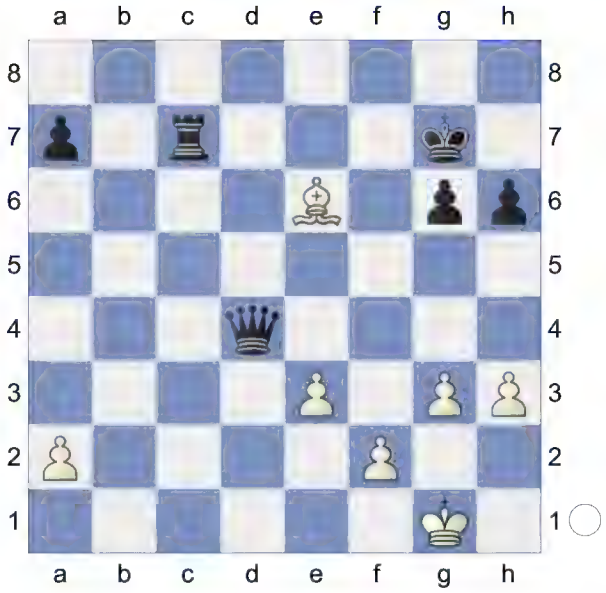
Qd5xe4. **33.Qa4** -0.40/22
[33.Qb4= -0.01/22]
33...Qc5 34.Rd1 -0.74/22
[34.Be4= -0.25/19]
34...Rxd1+∓ 35.Bxd1 Endgame. KQR-KQB **35...Rf7**



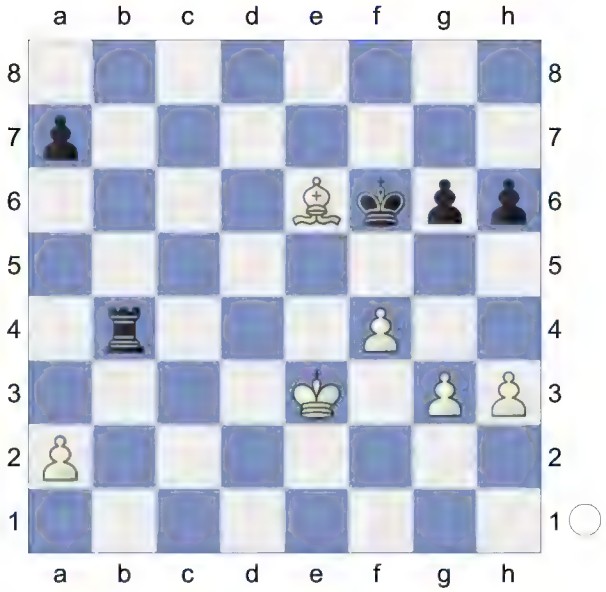
Repels Qa4-d7 **36.Bc2 Rc7 37.Bb3 Qe5**



Strongly threatening ...Rc7-c1+. **38.g3 Qf5 39.Qd4+ Qf6**
[39...Kh7 with more complications. 40.h4 h5 41.Qd6 Rf7]
40.Bxe6? -1.86/25 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[40.Qd2= -0.13/17 and White is okay.]
40...Qxd4



41.exd4= KR-KB **41...Rc1+ 42.Kg2 Rd1 43.Kf3 Rxd4 44.Ke3 Rb4 45.f4** -2.59/28
[⌓45.Bd7 -1.76/22]
45...Kf6-+



46.Bb3 g5 47.fxg5+ Kxg5 48.Kf3 Kf5 49.g4+ -3.57/27
[⌓49.Ke3 -2.48/24]
49...Ke5 50.Kg3 White is trying to

exchange the last black kingside pawn with Kh4-h5 followed by h4 and g5. White has to make sure that one of his pawn remains on the kingside. If he exchanges both of his pawns (h3 and g4) for the h6 pawn then it is a simple win on the queenside. Black's first task is to stop the white king. **50...Rd4**

51.Kh4 -5.27/26
[⌓51.h4 -3.42/25]
51...Rd3! Now the White king is tied to the pawn on h3, it's time to push the a-pawn. **52.Bc4 Rc3 53.Bb3 a5 54.Ba4 Kf6 55.Bb3 Re3**

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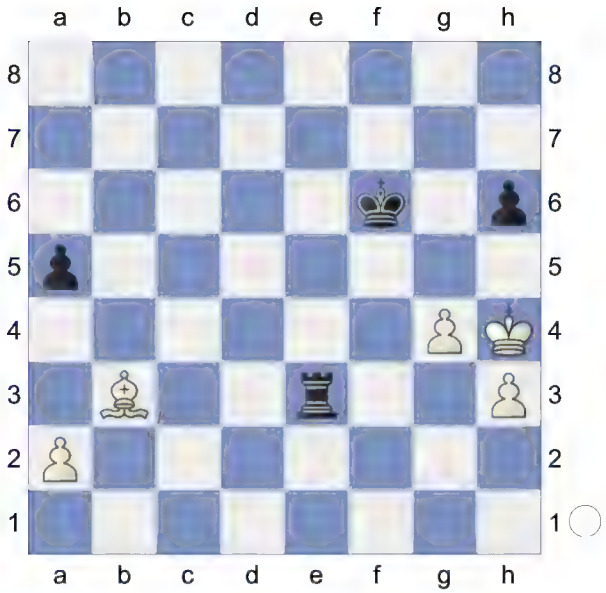
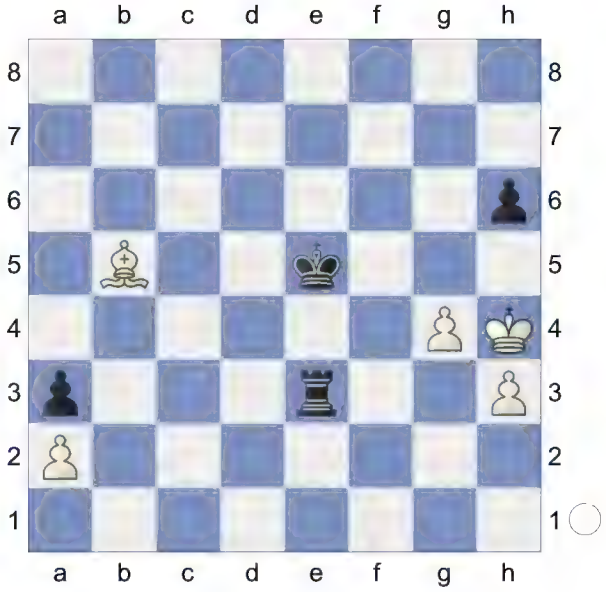


56.Bc2 Ra3 57.Bb3 a4 58.Bg8 Re3 59.Bc4 Ke5 60.Bb5 a3



61.Bc4 Kd4 62.Bg8? -6.06/33
[62.Bf7 -3.11/31]
62...Kd3 63.Bh7+ Kd4? -0.01/30
[63...Kc3 64.Bg8 Kb2 65.Bf7 Kb1 66.Bg8 Re2? -0.01/25 *(66...Kc1*-+ -3.89/29 *67.Bh7 Rf3)* 67.Kh5= Rxa2 68.Kxh6 Rh2 69.g5! Rxh3+ 70.Kg7! Kb2 White must now prevent ...Rh3-b3! 71.g6 Rb3 72.Bxb3 Kxb3 73.Kf7 a2 74.g7 a1Q (-> ...Qa1-f1+) 75.g8Q= is just a draw.]

[Better is 63...Kd2-+ -5.95/33 64.Bg8 Ke1]

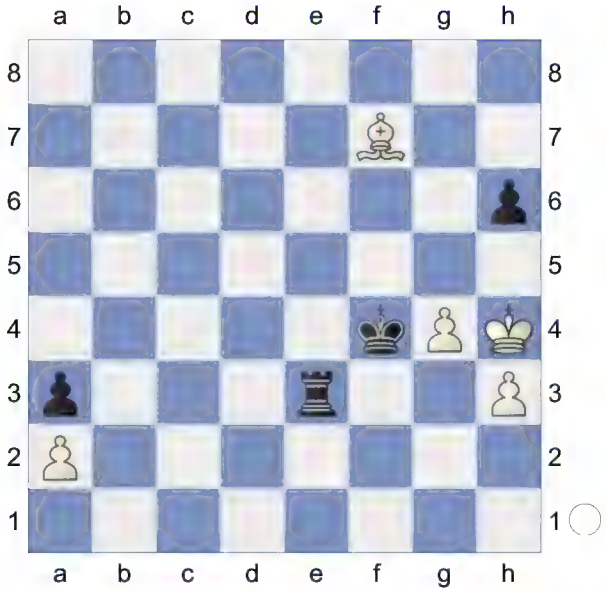
64.Bg8!= Ke5? 0.01/30 The black king will find a better occupation on the g2 or h2 square.

[64...Rc3-+ -5.07/35 65.g5 hxg5+ 66.Kg4 Ke5]

65.Bf7? -5.38/35

[65.Bc4!= 0.01/30]

65...Kf4-+



66.Bg8 Rc3 67.Bf7 Rc5 stopping the white king from coming up so that the black king can pass the third rank. **68.Be6 Re5 69.Bc4 Kf3 70.Bd3 Re3**

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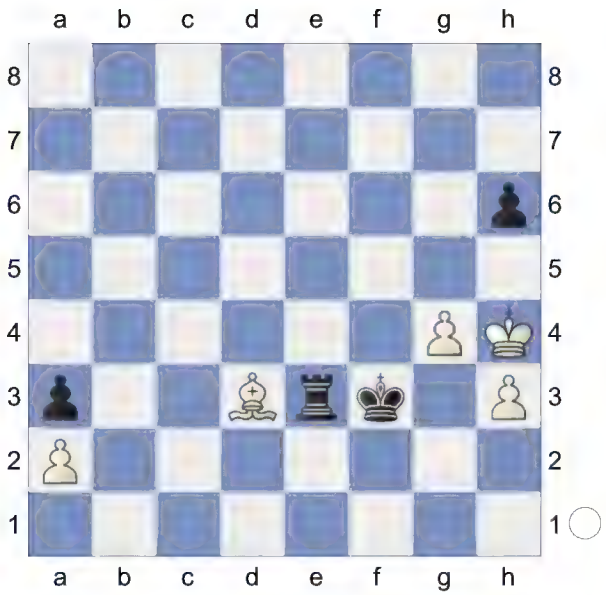
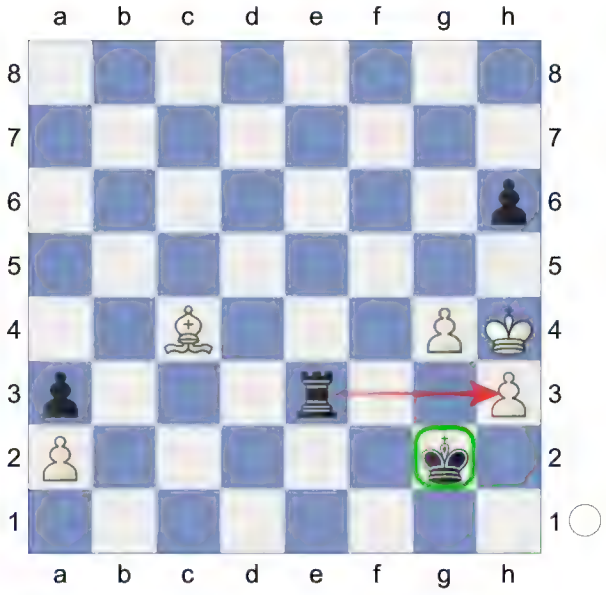


71.Bc4 Kg2



And now all is in place. **72.Kh5 Rxh3+ 73.Kg6 Kf3 74.Be6 Kf4 75.g5 Re3**

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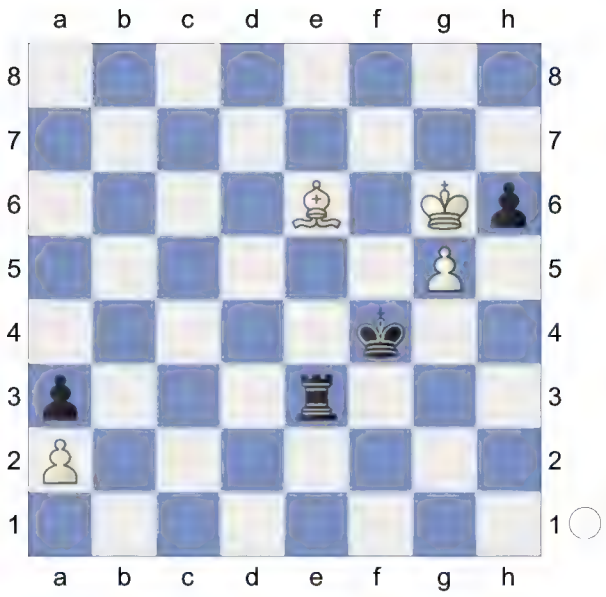
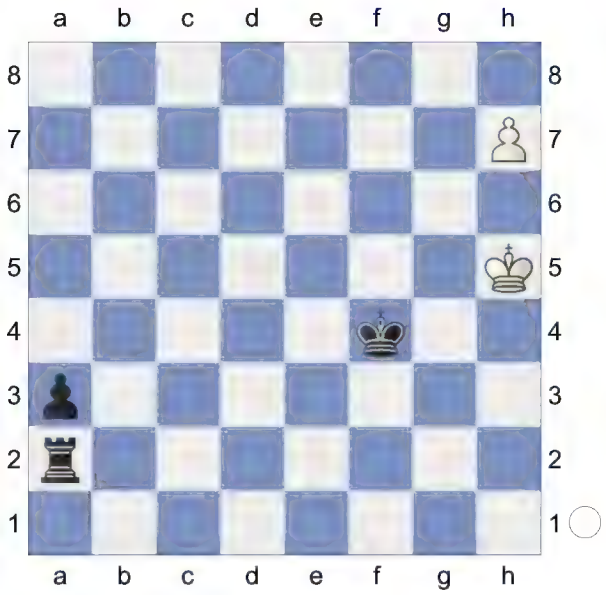


76.gxh6 Rxe6+ Black mates. **77.Kh5 Re2 78.h7 Rxa2**



A nice example of schematic thinking.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

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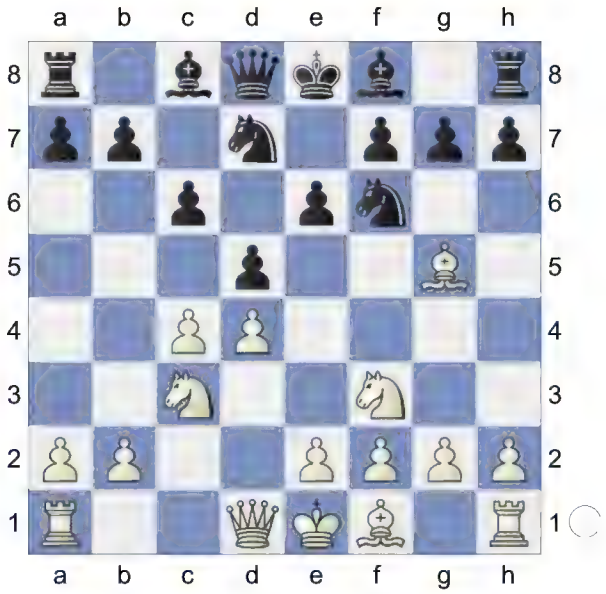
[Steve Giddins]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



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[9...e5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ndxe4 *(11.Ncxe4 dxe4 12.0-0-0 Nxe5 13.Qxe4* , when White's three pawns compensate for the piece, but no more than that. *f6?* Neil McDonald: 'Steve Giddins: '?''*14.Bh4!* Neil McDonald: 'Steve Giddins: '!'*)* 11...dxe4 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Qxe4 *(13.Nxe4)* 13...f6 etc (Fritz 12). 14.Bh4 *(14.Bf4 ! Bf5 15.Qd4 Rad8 16.Bxe5 Rxd4* Neil McDonald: '!' '!"Steve Giddins: 'Neil McDonald: '!' '!"' *17.Bxd4* is also good enough to hold the balance: *c5 18.a3 cxd4 19.axb4 Qxb4)*]

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C) 10.Nb3 Qa4 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.dxc5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6 18.Rad1 Qxb2 19.Rd4 Qa3 20.Rfd1 Qe7 21.h4 Qf6 22.h5 Rb8 23.h6 g6 24.Bb3 (28) Queen'S Gambit-8.Nd2 0-0 9. Be2 c5 Survey 2012]

10.Bxf6! ! **10...Nxf6**

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[11...Qc7]

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[13...c5= 0.17/19]

14.Bf3! ! **14...Rfd8 15.a4 Rac8**

(Diagram)

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[18...c5 aiming for ...c5xd4. 19.a6 0.28/22 *(19.Ne5!±* 0.69/19 was preferrable.*)* 19...cxd4 20.cxd4 and mate on b8. '+-' !! b6 1.68/23 *(20...Rxc4 21.axb7;* *20...bxa6±* 0.68/24 *21.Ne5 g5)* 21.Nxb6+- axb6? 4.61/23 *(21...Bxa6* 1.74/21 is a better defense. *22.Na8 Rcd7)* 22.a7!]

19.Kc2?! QUESTION: A mistake by Alekhine?

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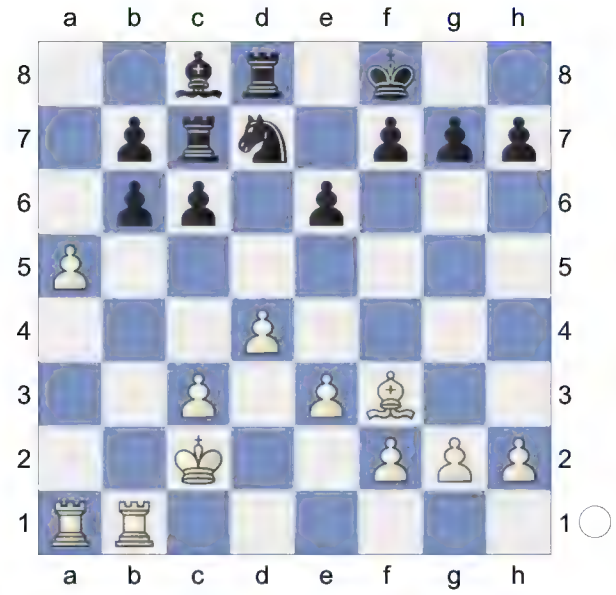
"' . White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **20...axb6**
[20...Nf6 0.94/22 20...a7xb6 0.43 21.a6 bxa6! , when both the f6-knight and mate on e8 are threatened (e.g. 22.Nxc8 Rdxc8). 23.Rxa6 c5 '+-' 24.Rb3 cxd4 0.98/21 *(24...g5± 0.58/20)* 25.exd4± Nd5 26.Bxd5 exd5 27.Rba3 0.92/21 *(⌓27.Rd6! 1.28/22)* or 27...Ra8 1.55/23 *(*Better is *27...Re8* 0.92/21 *)* 28.Rd6!]



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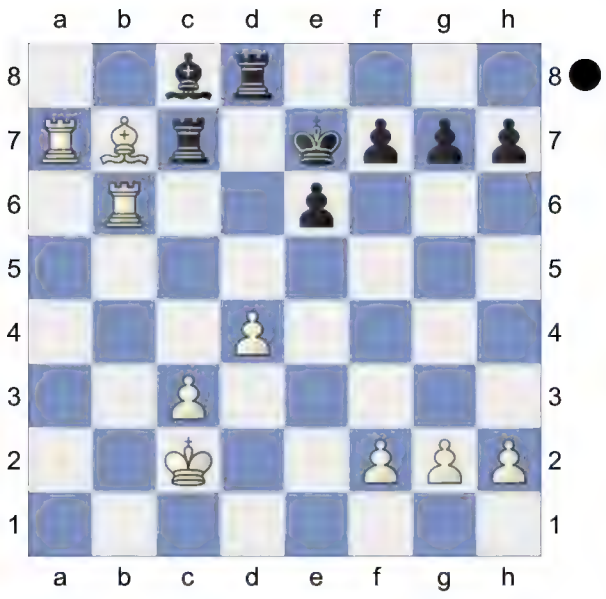
[22...e5± 0.50/21]
23.Ra7 Threatens to win with Rb6xc6!
23...c5 **24.Ra4** 0.18/21
[24.Bxb7 -0.11/20 24.Kc2-b3 0.85 cxd4 25.exd4

(Diagram)



e5 0.38/21 and now *(25...Rxd4!= -0.10/23 26.Bxc8 Rxa7 27.cxd4 Rc7+ 28.Kb2 Rxc8)* 26.dxe5! -0.18/23 *(26.d5!± 0.38/21)* 26...Bf5+] [Much worse is 24.Bxb7?! cxd4 25.exd4 Rxd4!=] [24.Kb3± 0.74/20]

24...Rd6!= Neil McDonald: 'For if''For if Steve Giddins: 'Neil McDonald: 'For if''' **25.dxc5** . If the bishop moves, there is a deadly check on f3.

A classic example of one of Alekhine's blistering attacks on an uncastled king. Neil McDonald: 'Steve Giddins: '. If the bishop moves, there is a deadly check on f3.

A classic example of one of Alekhine's blistering attacks on an uncastled king."

25...Rxc5

(Diagram)

26.Rbb4 Rd7 27.Ra3 wins.

A brilliant display by Alekhine who elaborated and refined Morphy's attacking conception.'wins.

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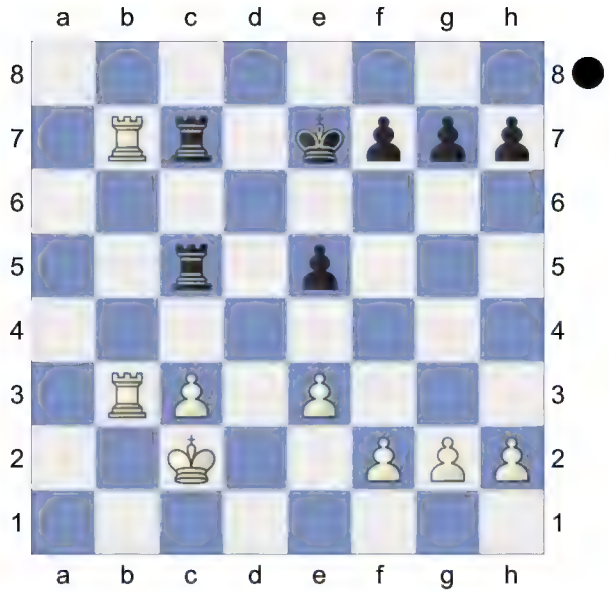
A brilliant display by Alekhine who elaborated and refined Morphy's attacking conception. Neil McDonald: 'wins. --- A brilliant display by Alekhine who elaborated and refined Morphy's attacking conception.'''Or **27...Rdc7** The position is equal. **28.Rab3** , winning easily.After the slightly stronger **28...e5** , Alexander analysed **29.Bxb7!** ! In this variation **29...Bxb7** is a slightly tougher defence, but **30.Rxb7**

(Diagram)



still leaves White with a crushing attack.
QUESTION: What exactly is the threat? Black still has an extra rook, after all.
ANSWER: Yes, but what is it doing? It is sitting on h8, contributing nothing. Likewise, the a5-knight is stuck on the edge of the board and cannot move; in fact, Black can hardly move a single piece without dropping something.
QUESTION: Okay, but I still don't see what White's threat is.
ANSWER: Well, there is nothing immediate, so let's just try some moves. Assume Black plays **30...Rxc3+!**

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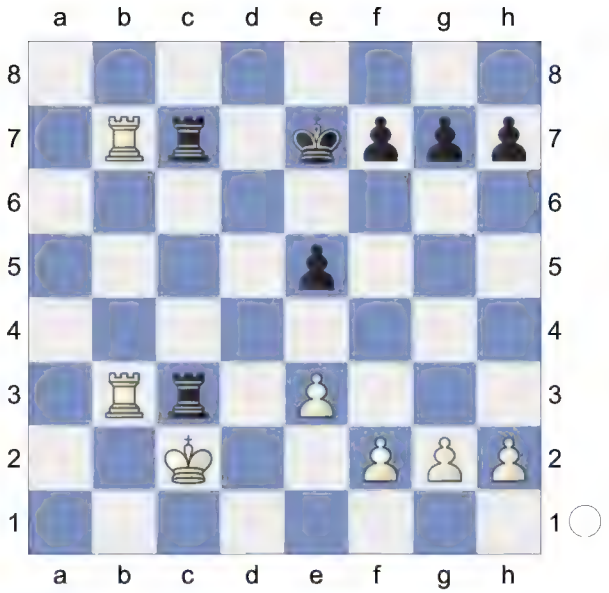
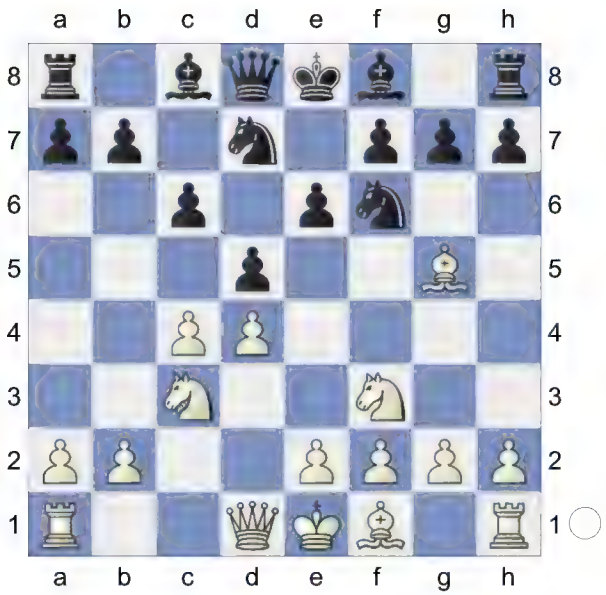


, say. Then play might continue. Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise) .
Loss on time!?
1-0

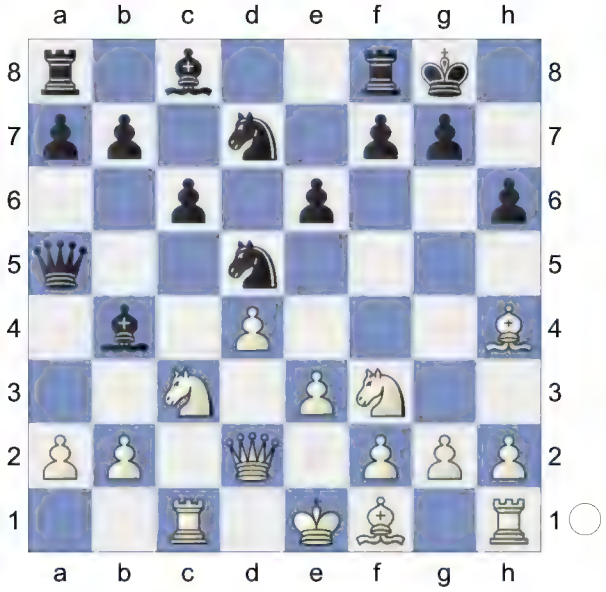
209 **D52**
□ **Bogoljubow,Efim**
■ **Romanovsky,Peter Arsenievich**
Match Bogoljubow-Romanowsky +5-1=2 ..
[Kitty Kay]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



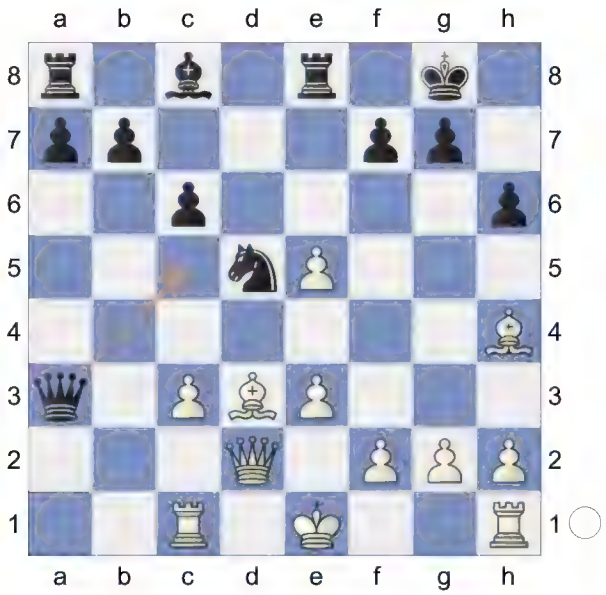
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0



11.Bd3 e5 12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3
[13...Re8 14.c4 Qxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Ne7 16.0-0 exd4 17.exd4 Nf8 18.Rfe1 Bf5 19.Bf1 Neg6 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.Bg3 Rd8 22.Nb3 Ne6 23.Nc5 Nxc5 24.dxc5 Rd2 25.f3 Nf8 26.Bb8 a5 27.g4 Bg6 28.f4 F-F (34) 10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2 (2698)-Strick,E (2689) corr 1/254 1966 (5)]

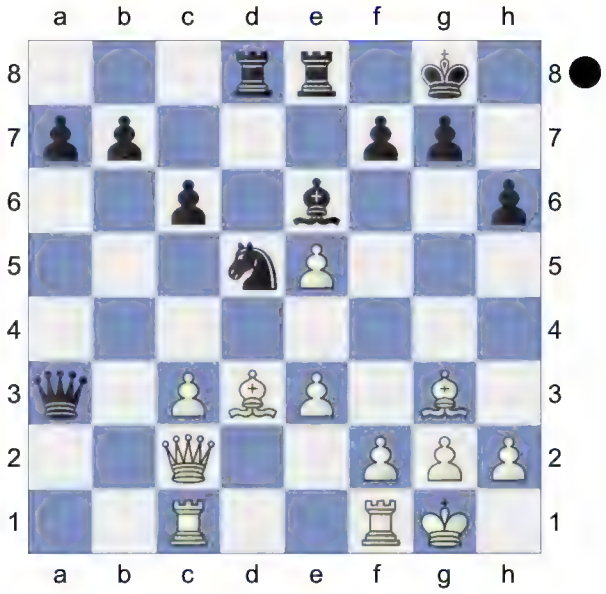
14.Nxe5N -0.39/21
[14.0-0= 0.02/19 is superior. Re8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 17.Kh1 Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kh7 QGD/28 Cambridge Springs-7 cxd5 Nxd5 8 Qd2 ...e6-e5 1 d4 d5 2 c4 2021]

14...Nxe5∓ 15.dxe5 Re8



16.Bg3 -0.68/21
[16.f4= 0.02/17]

16...Be6 17.0-0 Rad8 18.Qc2 -1.40/22
[⌓18.Rfd1 -0.73/17]



18...Nxc3!∓ 19.Bh7+

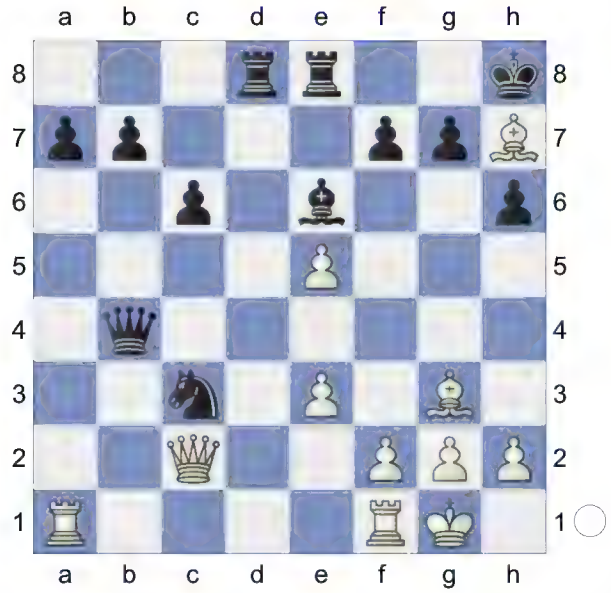
[19.Bh4 Rd7]

19...Kh8 And now ...Be6-c4! would win.

20.Ra1 -2.20/21

[20.Kh1∓ -1.31/18]

20...Qb4-+



Threatens to win with ...Be6-b3. **21.Rfc1 g6** Deflection **22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Qxg6**

[23.Qxc3? Rd1+ 24.Rxd1 Qxc3-+]

23...Ne2+ 24.Kf1 Nxg3+

[24...Nxc1 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Ke7 28.Qg7+ Bf7 29.Qf6+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qf6+ Kf8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qf6+=]

25.hxg3 Qf8

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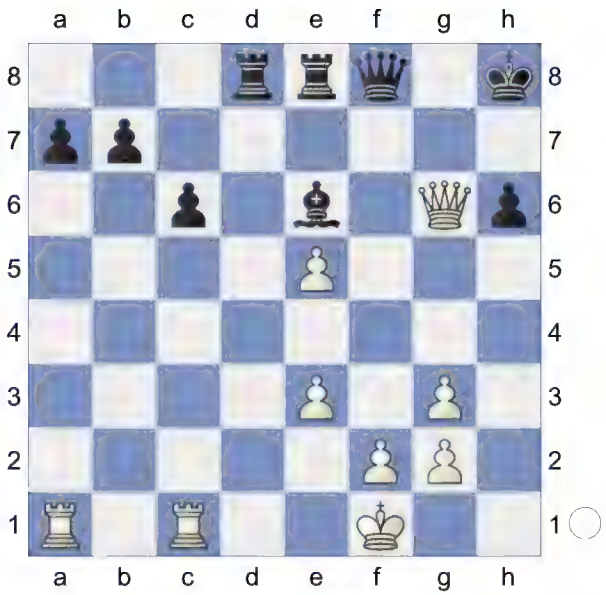


26.Rxa7 Rd7 -1.16/19

[Black should try 26...Rd2-+ -2.08/21 27.f3 Bh3 *(27...Bf5 28.Qh5∓)*]

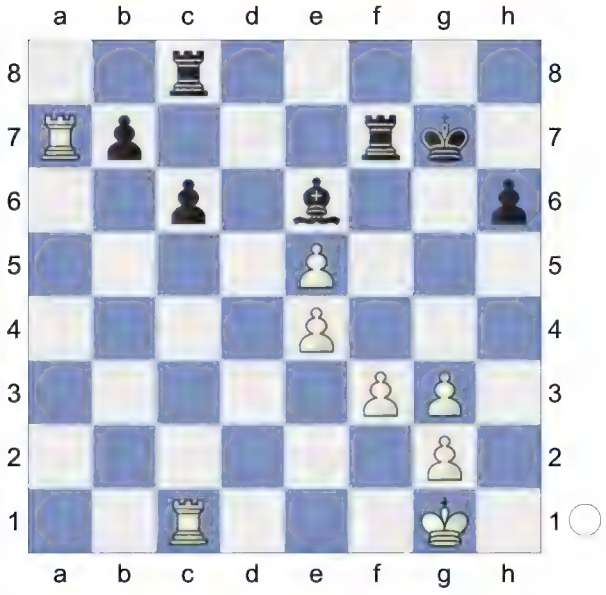
27.e4 -1.76/19

[27.Kg1∓ -1.16/19 was necessary.]

27...Rf7 28.Kg1 Qg7 -1.10/22

[Black should play 28...Rxf2 -1.50/22 29.Rxb7 Rf7]

29.Qxg7+∓ Kxg7 30.f3 Rc8



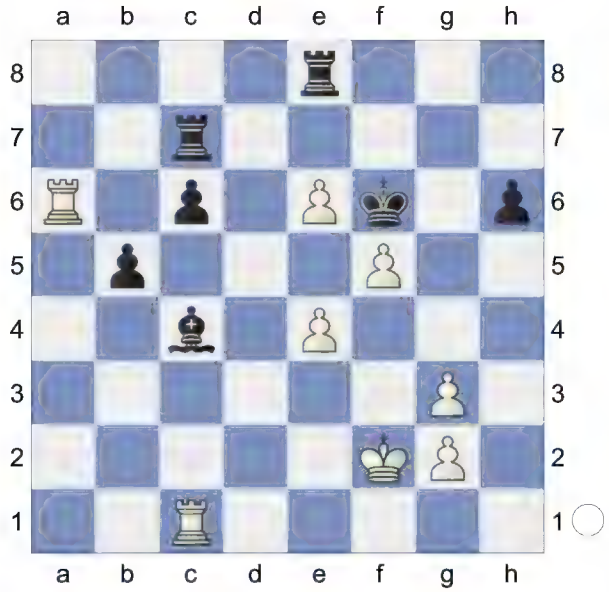
31.f4 b5 32.Ra6 Bc4 -0.80/18

[⌓32...Rb7 -1.45/19 ...b5-b4 is the strong threat. 33.f5 Bg8]

33.f5 -1.67/20

[33.Kf2∓ -0.80/18]

33...Rfc7 34.Kf2 Re8 35.e6 Kf6



36.Rh1 Ke5 37.Rxh6 -2.31/20

[37.g4∓ -1.45/18 is a better defense.]

37...b4-+ 38.Rb6 Bb5 aiming for ...b4-b3!

[38...Kxe4 39.Rh4+ *(39.Rxb4 Kd3=)* 39...Kd3 40.Rxb4 Bxe6 41.Rbd4+ *(41.fxe6 Rxe6 42.Rb3+ Kc2±)* 41...Kc3 42.fxe6 Rxe6 43.Rc4+ Kb3 44.Rb4+ Kc2 45.Rb6±]

39.Rh1? -3.48/20

[39.g4 -1.68/18 was called for.]

39...Kxe4 40.g4 Kd5 -1.92/17

[⌓40...Kf4 -3.52/19 41.Re1 Rce7 *(41...Kxg4 42.f6=)* 42.Rxb5 cxb5]

(Diagram)

41.g5 Ra7 -0.98/18

[41...Kc5-+ -1.92/18 42.Rxb5+ cxb5]

42.Re1 -1.75/19

[42.g6∓ -0.98/18]

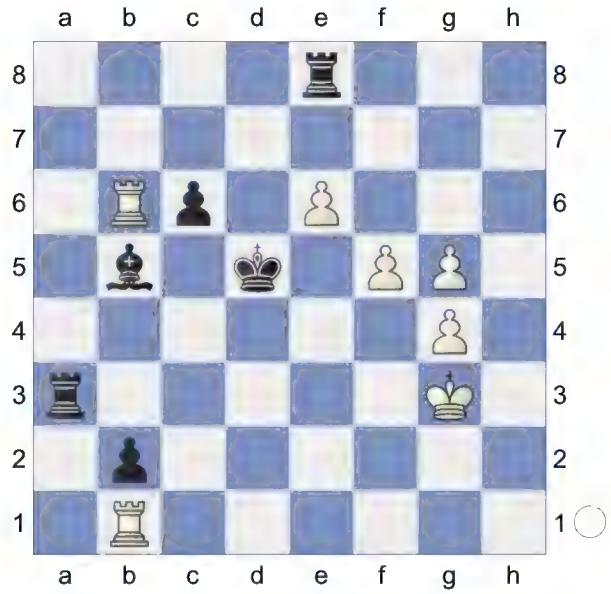
42...b3

[42...Kc5 43.Rxb5+ cxb5 *(43...Kxb5? 44.f6+-)* 44.f6=]

43.g4 Ra2+

[43...Kc5 44.Rxb5+ Kxb5 45.g6=]

44.Kg3 b2 45.Rb1 Ra3+



46.Kf4

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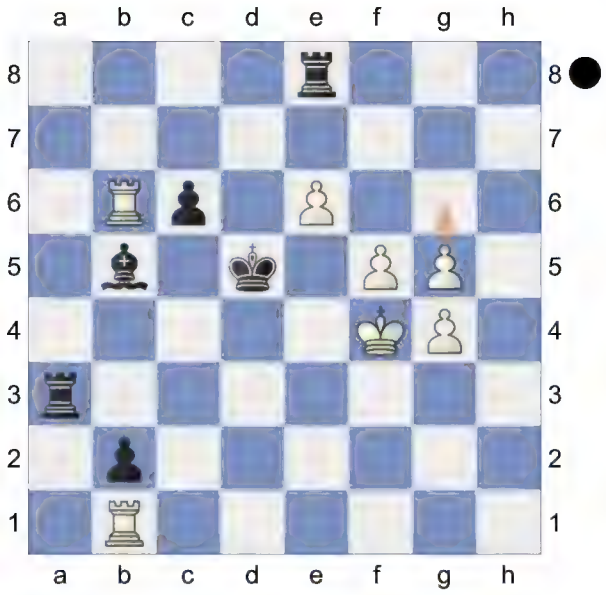
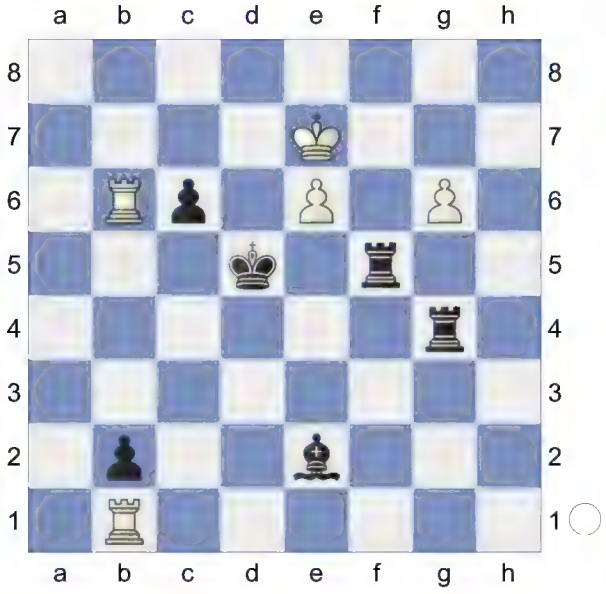


g5-g6! would now be deadly. **46...Be2! 47.g6 Ra4+ 48.Kg5 Rxg4+ 49.Kf6 Rf8+** Deflection **50.Ke7 Rxf5**



51.R6xb2 Re5 52.Rd2+ Kc5 53.g7 -4.46/21

[53.Kf6 -1.93/21 Rge4 54.Rc1+ Bc4 55.g7 Rxe6+ 56.Kf5 R6e5+ 57.Kf6]

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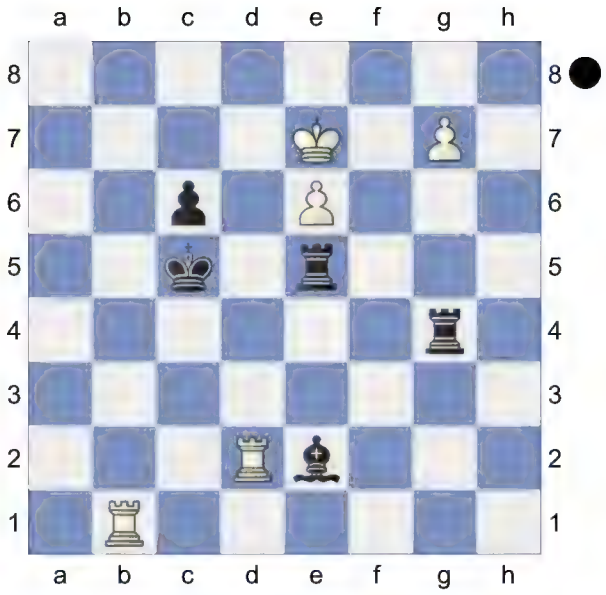


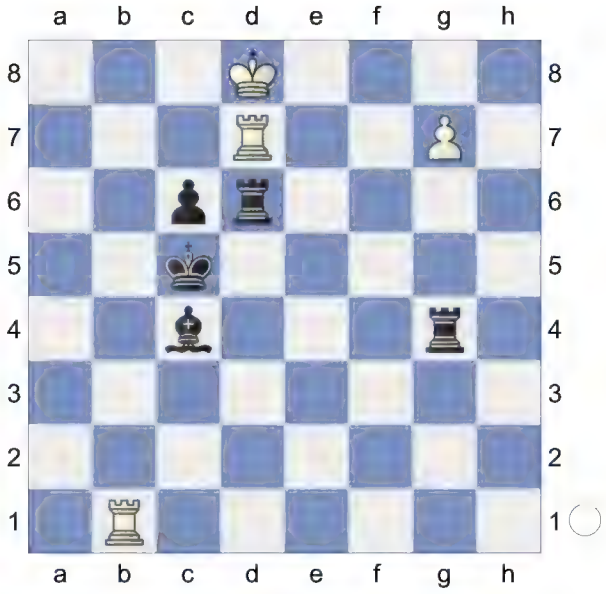
53...Bc4! Black is clearly winning.

[53...Rxg7+? 54.Kf6 Rgg5 55.Rxe2 Rgf5+ *(55...Rxe2 56.Kxg5 Rxe6 57.Kh4∓)* 56.Kg6-+]

54.Rd7 -7.97/24

[⌓54.Rf2 -4.49/23]

54...Rxe6+ 55.Kd8 Rd6



56.Rxd6 Kxd6

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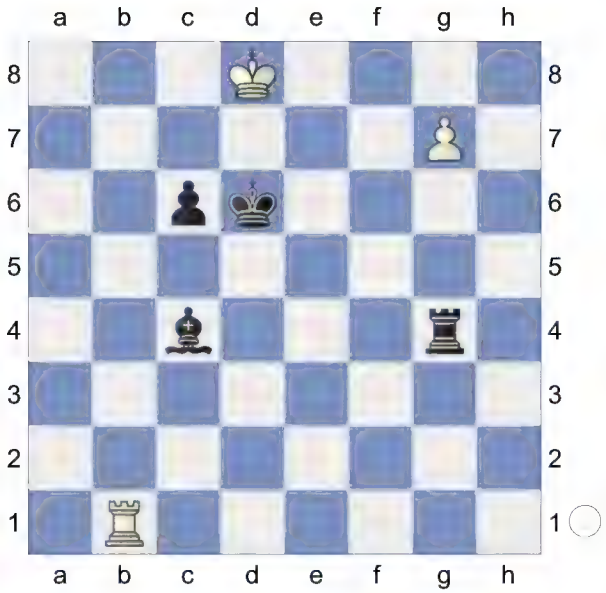

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210 **D52**
□ **Alekhine,Alexander**
■ **Hromadka,Karel**
Bad Pistyan Breyer Memorial-A (13)
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2N
[8.Rc1 0-0 *(8...Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 f5 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.c5 Qd8 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.h3* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 9.Bh4 e5 *(9...Re8 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Be2* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ncxe4 dxe4 12.a3 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg3 f6 16.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
8...0-0 9.Be2 dxc4 10.Bxf6 Nxf6

(Diagram)

11.Nxc4 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 Bd7 14.Bf3 Rfd8 15.a4 Rac8

16.Kd2 Rc7 17.Rhb1 Bc8 18.a5 Nd7 19.Kc2 Kf8

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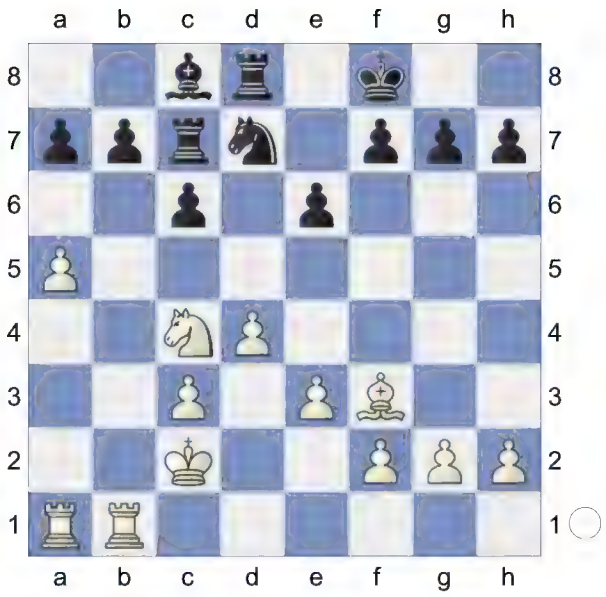
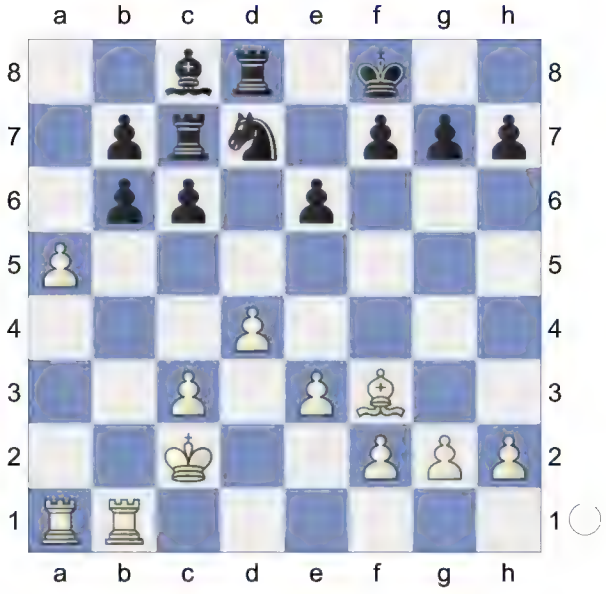


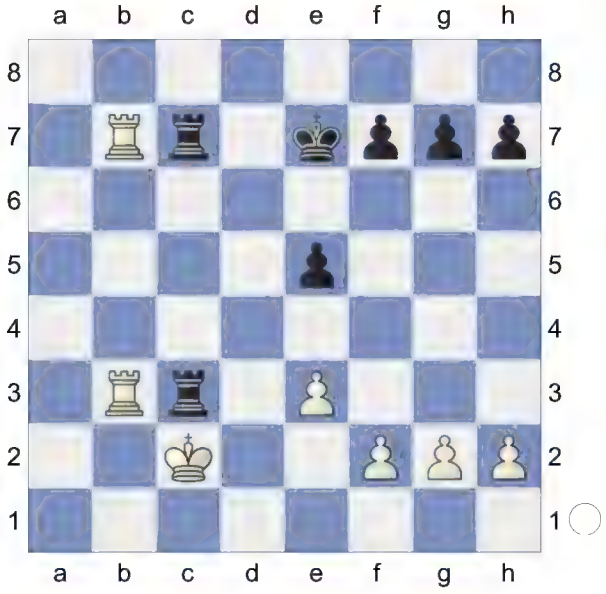
20.Nb6 0.28/20 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
20...axb6



21.axb6 Nxb6 22.Rxb6 Ke7 1.05/20
[22...e5± 0.47/19]
23.Ra7 Rb6xc6! would now be deadly.
23...c5 24.Ra4
[24.Bxb7 cxd4 25.exd4 e5∓]
24...Rd6 25.dxc5 Rxc5

(Diagram)

26.Rbb4 Rd7 27.Ra3 Rdc7
The position is equal. **28.Rab3 e5**
29.Bxb7 Bxb7 30.Rxb7 Rxc3+!



Deflection.
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Loss on time!?
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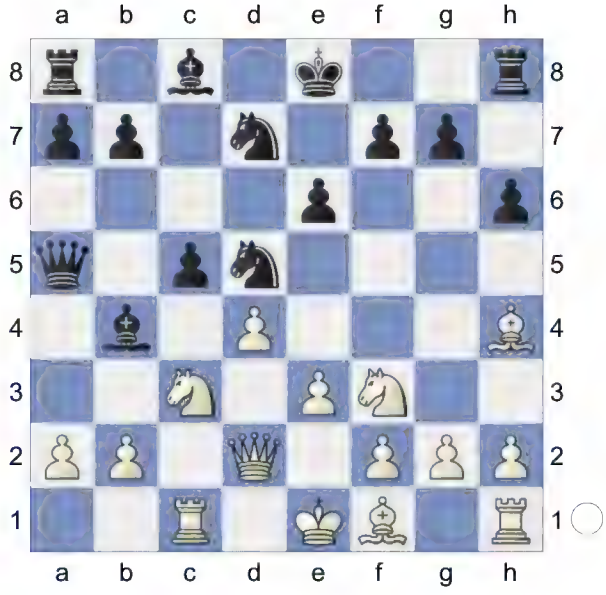
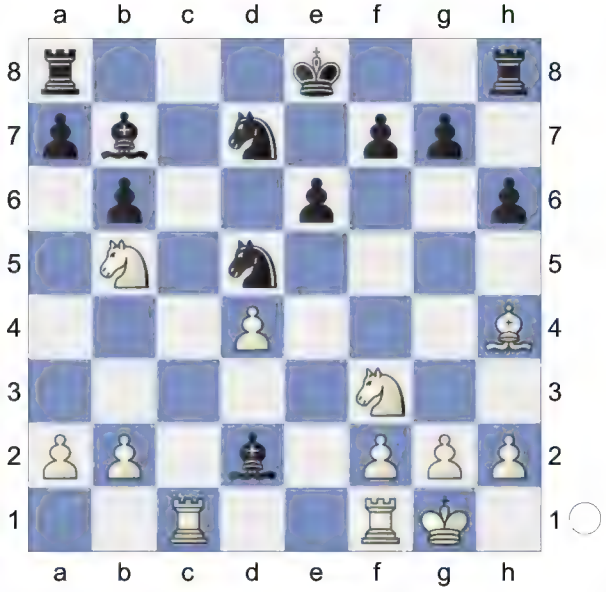
211 **D52**
□ **Beliavsky,Alexander G**
■ **Giorgadze,Tamaz**
USSR (ch) 28/551 1979
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 c5

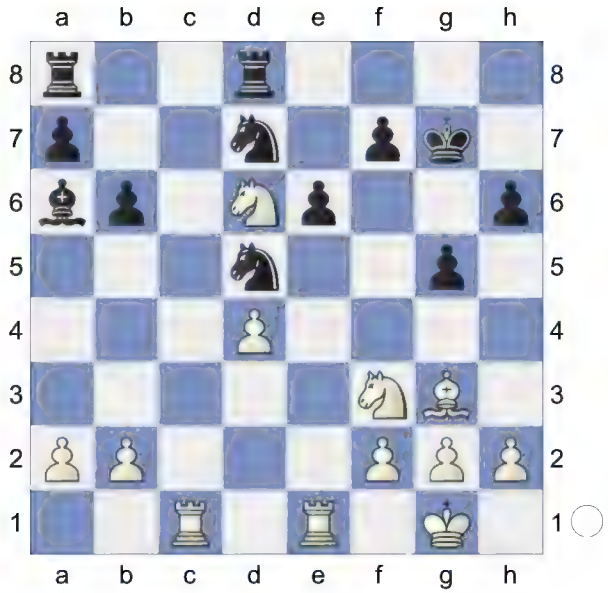


11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4 b6 13.0-0
The position is equal. **13...Bb7 14.Bb5N**
[14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 0-0 16.Bb1 Qxa3 17.Qd3 N5f6 18.Ne5 Be4 19.Qg3 Bxb1 20.Rxb1 Rac8 21.Rbc1 a5 22.h3 a4 23.Rfe1 Qb3 24.Re3 a3 25.Rf3 a2 26.Bxf6 Nxf6 27.Kh2 Qb2 7.♗d3 ♕h5 8.00 71627-5.e3 g6/ 8.a4 d6 9. ♖a3 ♘b Budapest 1984]
14...Qxb5
[14...Bxc3 feels hotter. 15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.Ne5+ Ke8]
15.Nxb5 Bxd2



A strong pair of Bishops. **16.Nd6+ Kf8**
17.Nxd2 Ba6 18.Rfe1 g5 0.51/21
[18...N7f6= 0.10/20 deserves consideration.]
19.Bg3± Kg7 20.Nf3 Rhd8

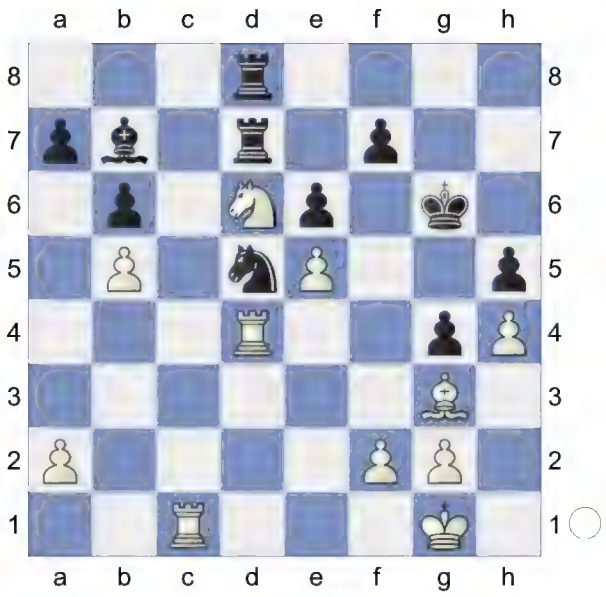
(Diagram)



21.h4 g4 0.59/19
[Better is 21...gxh4= 0.08/21 22.Bxh4 *(22.Nxh4 N7f6±)* 22...N7f6]
22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.dxe5
[But not 23.Bxe5+ Kf8±]
23...h5 24.Red1 Rd7 25.Rd4 Rad8

26.b4 0.27/23
[26.f3± 0.64/20 is superior.]
26...Kg6= 27.b5 Bb7

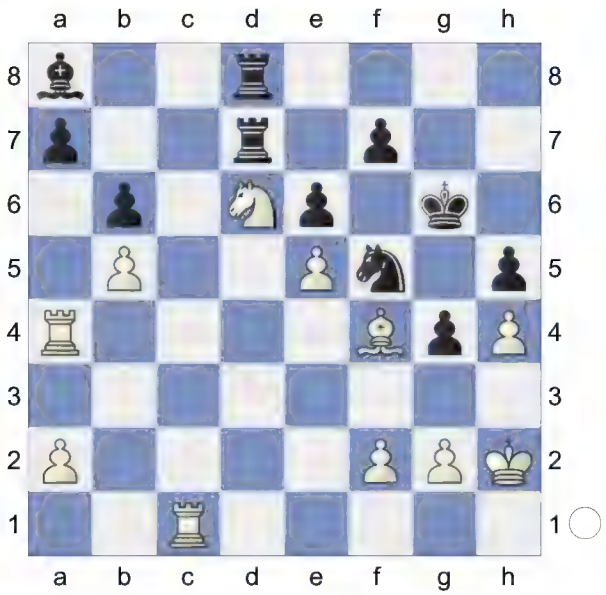
(Diagram)



28.Ra4 0.23/24 White is much more active.

[28.f3!± 0.85/20]

28...Ba8 29.Kh2 Ne7 30.Bf4 Nf5



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212 **D52**

□ **Bojkovic,Slobodan**

■ **Baretic,Dragoljub**

20/274 Novi Sad 1975

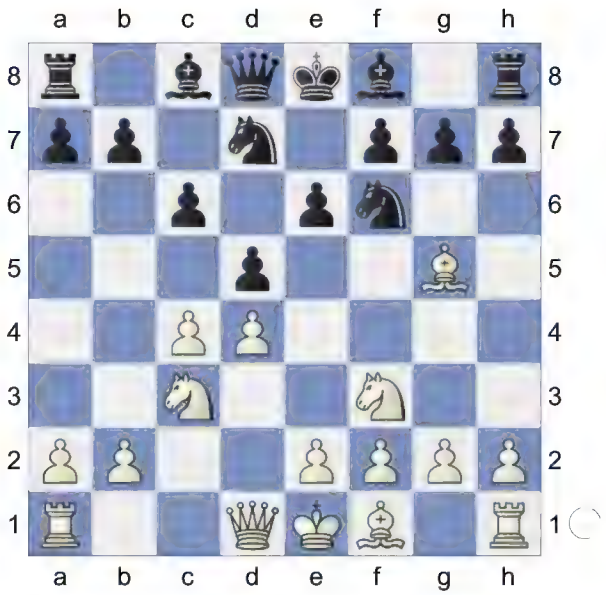
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5

[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]

5...c6

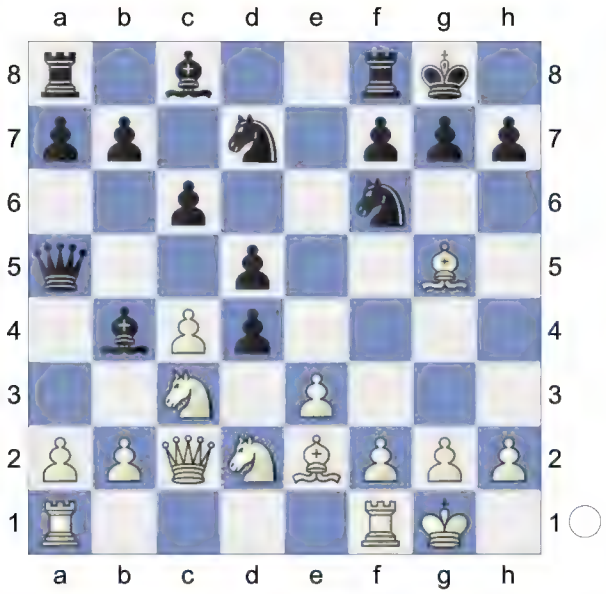


6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7.

Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4_5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4

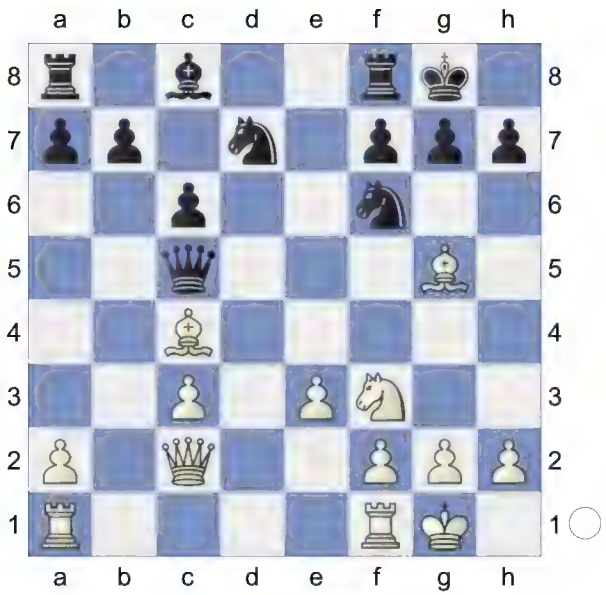


11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Nxd4 Bxc3 13.bxc3

[13.Qxc3 Ne4 14.Bf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nb6=]

13...dxc4 14.Bxc4 Qe5 15.Nf3 Qc5

(Diagram)



White has an edge. **16.Bb3**

[16.Bd3 simplifies Re8 17.c4 h6 18.Bf4]

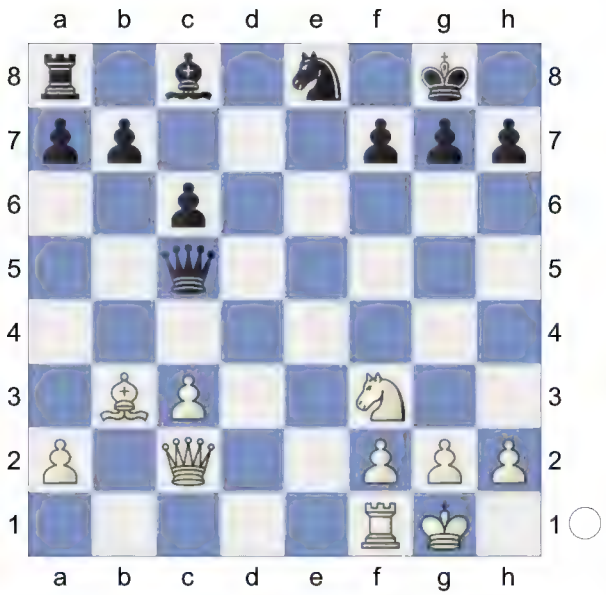
16...Re8

17.e4! Nxe4

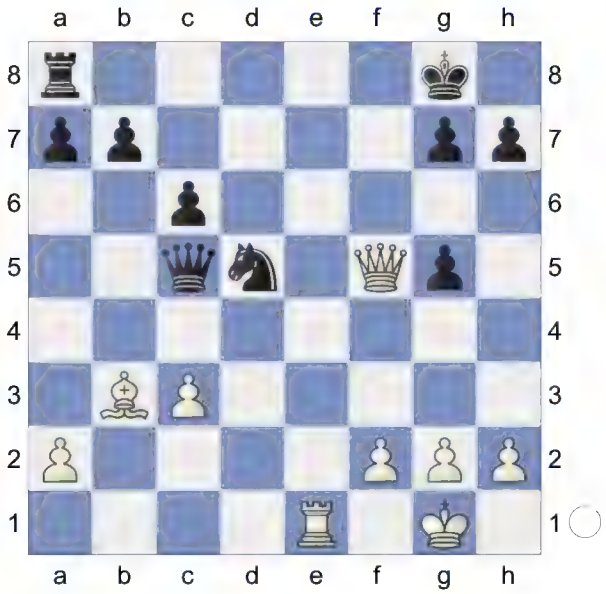
[17...h6 simplifies 18.Be3 Qe7 19.Rae1 Nc5]

18.Rae1 Ndf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Rxe8+ Nxe8

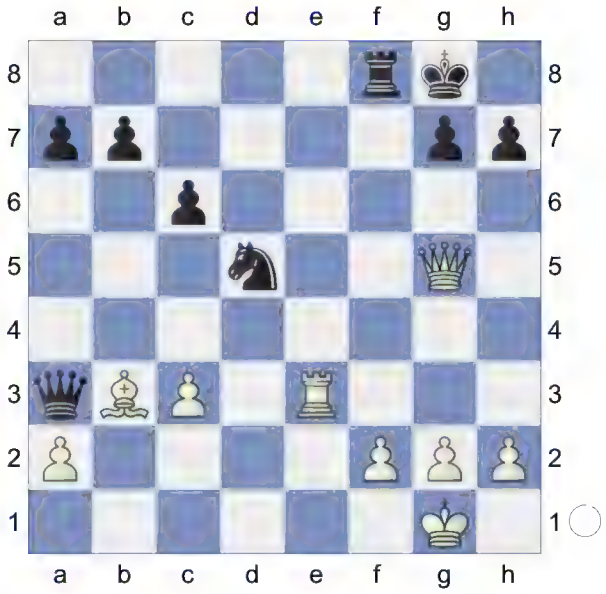
(Diagram)



21.Re1 Nf6 22.Qe2 Nd5 0.40/20
Prevents Qe2-e7
[22...Qxc3 23.Qe8+ Nxe8 24.Rxe8#]
[22...Bd7= 0.01/23]
23.Ng5± Bf5 24.Qe5 f6 1.20/21
[24...Bd7= 0.21/22]
25.Qxf5± fxg5

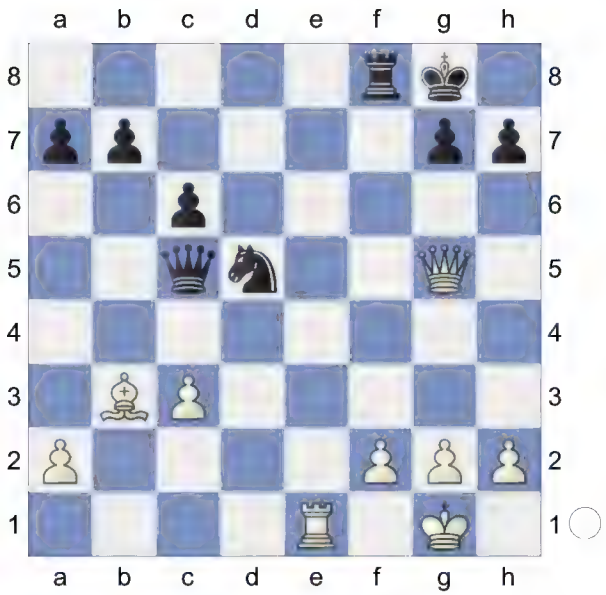


26.Re3 0.21/22
[26.Qxg5 Qxc3 27.Bxd5+ cxd5 28.Qxd5+ Kh8=]
[26.c4 Rf8 27.Qe6+ *(27.Qxg5? Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 Qxe1#)* 27...Kh8=]
[26.Qe6+± 1.02/23 Kh8 27.Qf7 *(27.Qe8+ Qf8=)*]
26...Rf8= 27.Qxg5 Qa3? 2.61/24
[27...b5= 0.26/22]

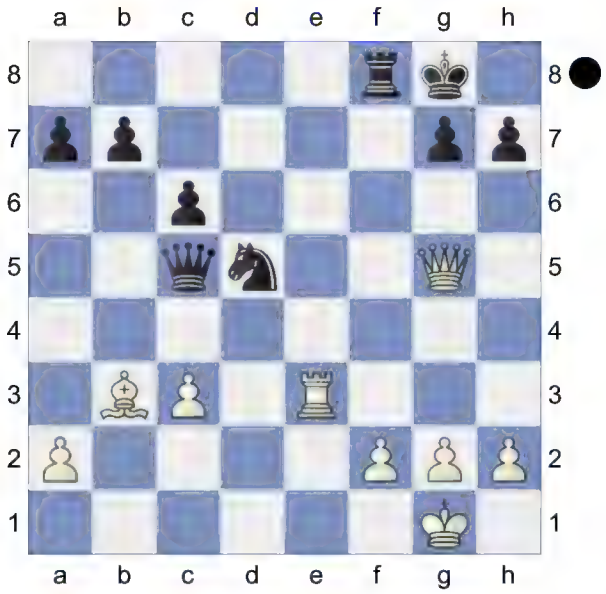


28.Re1? 0.64/23
[Less strong is 28.Bxd5+ cxd5 29.Qxd5+ Kh8±]
[28.Re7!+- 2.61/24 Rf7 29.Re8+ Rf8 30.Bxd5+ cxd5 31.Qxd5+ Kh8 32.Rxf8+ Qxf8 33.Qxb7]
28...Qc5± 29.Re3 0.01/16
[29.Qd2± 0.61/22]
29...Qa3= 30.Re1 -0.01/22 Dodges Qa3-c1
[Not 30.Bxd5+ cxd5 31.Qxd5+ Kh8±]
[30.Re7!+- 2.34/20 Rf7 31.Bxd5 cxd5 32.Re8+ Rf8 33.Qxd5+ Kh8 34.Rxf8+ Qxf8 35.Qxb7]
30...Qc5

(Diagram)



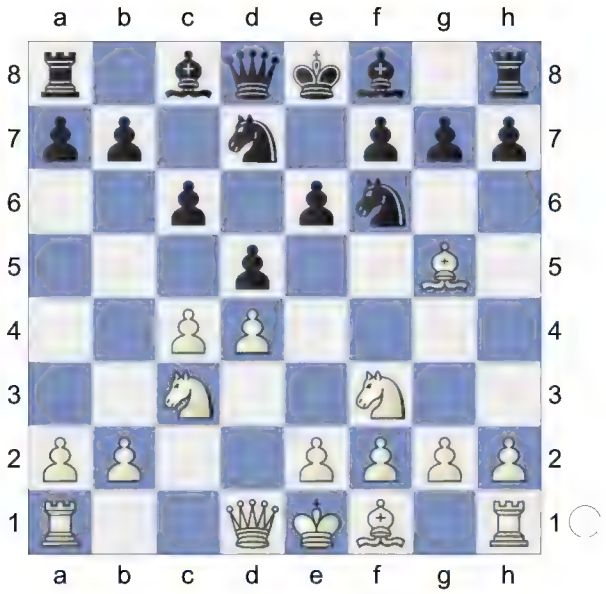
31.Re3 0.01/32
[31.Qd2± 0.69/21]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.27 (precise) . Loss on time!?
0-1

213 **D52**
□ **Bogoljubow,Efim**
■ **Tartakower,Saviely**
Nottingham International Masters (12.7)
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

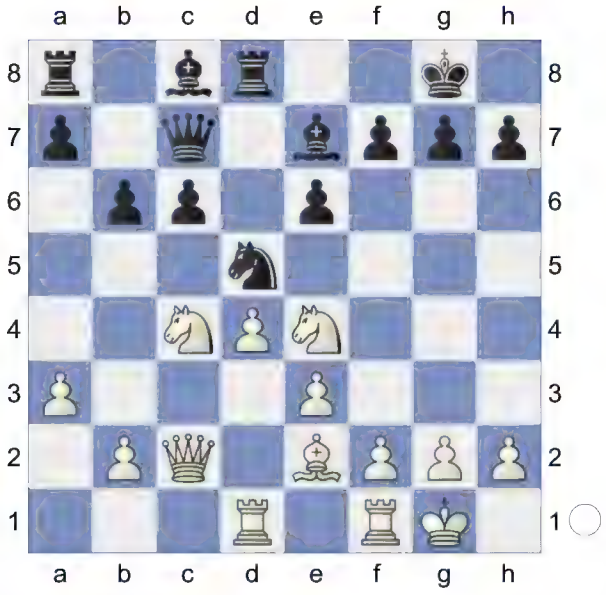


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2N
[8.Rc1 0-0 *(8...Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qxb2 12.Rc2 Qa3 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qb1 f5 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Qa1 Qb6 18.c5 Qd8 19.Bc4 Nf6 20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Nd5 22.h3* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 9.Bh4 e5 *(9...Re8 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.e6 Rxe6 15.Be2* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ncxe4 dxe4 12.a3 Bxd2+

13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Nxe5 15.Bg3 f6 16.h3 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 wi Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

8...dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7

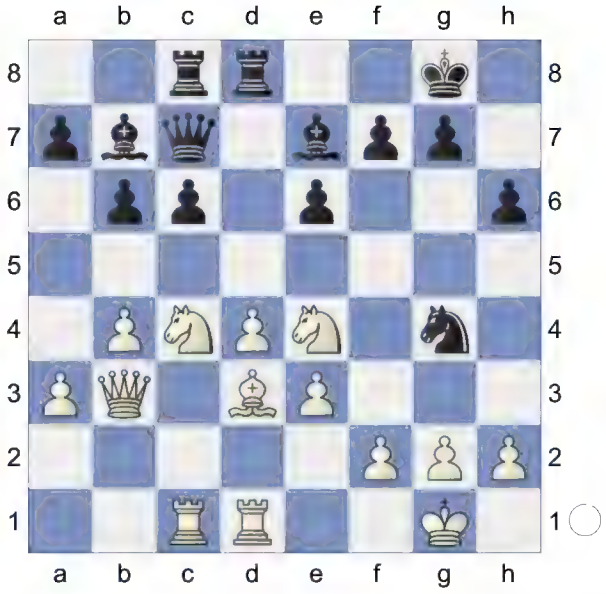
11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Rad1 Nd5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.a3 The position is equal. **15...b6**



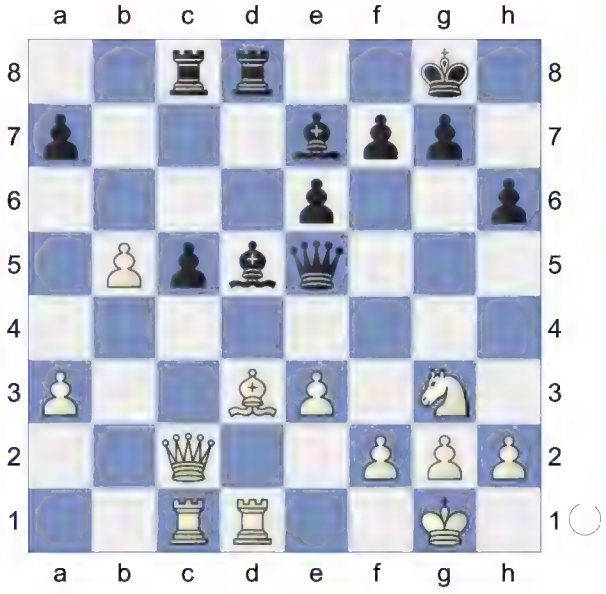
16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.b4 h6 19.Qb3 Nf6 20.Rfd1

[20.Nxf6+ simplifies Bxf6 21.Be4 Qe7 22.h3]

20...Ng4



21.Ng3 c5 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.b5 Bd5 24.Qc2 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5→



Black mounts an attack. **26.Bc4 Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Qb2 28.a4 Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Qb4 30.Qc2** -0.92/24

[30.Rc1= 0.01/21 Rd8 31.Qxb4 cxb4 32.Kf1]

30...c4∓

(Diagram)

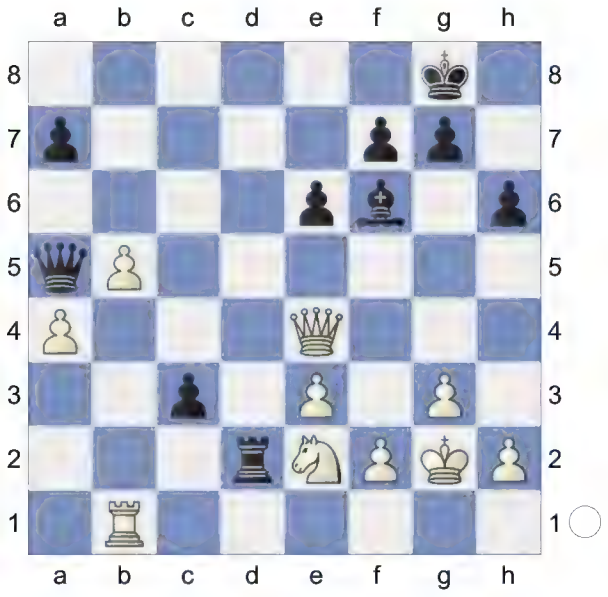
31.Ne2 Bf6 32.g3 c3 33.Rb1 Wards off Qb4-b2 **33...Qa5 34.Kg2** -1.88/18

[34.Nd4∓ -1.32/21 might work better.]

34...Rd8 -0.90/21

[34...Rc4-+ -1.88/18 is more deadly. 35.Rc1 Rxa4 *(35...Qxa4 36.Qxa4 Rxa4 37.Nxc3=)* 36.Nxc3 Rc4]

35.Qe4 Rd2



36.Qc4 Rc2 0.02/22

[Black should play 36...Qd8∓ -0.72/22 Threatens to win with ...Rd2-b2. 37.Rc1 *(37.Nxc3 Rc2-+)* 37...Rd7]

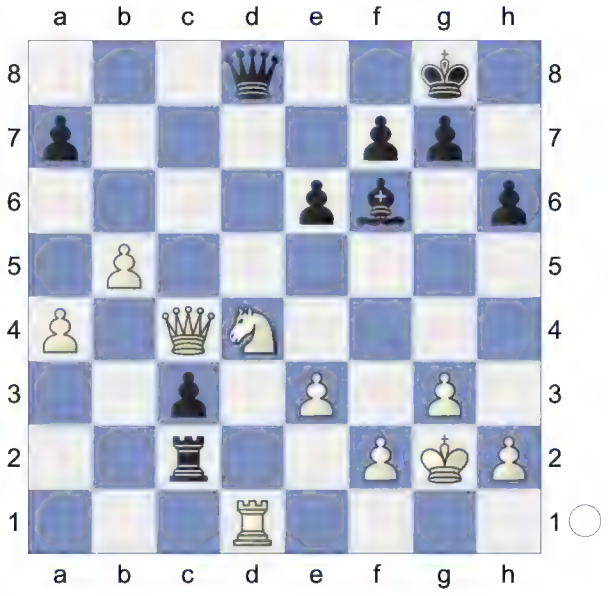
37.Rd1= Threatening Rd1-d7. **37...Qb6** 1.30/23

[37...Rb2= 0.02/21]

38.Nd4 0.87/25

[⌓38.Rd7 1.30/23]

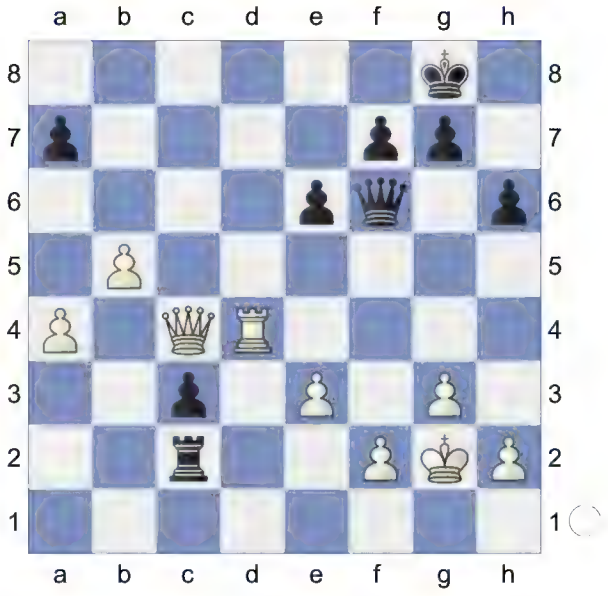
38...Qd8



39.Rd3 0.32/25

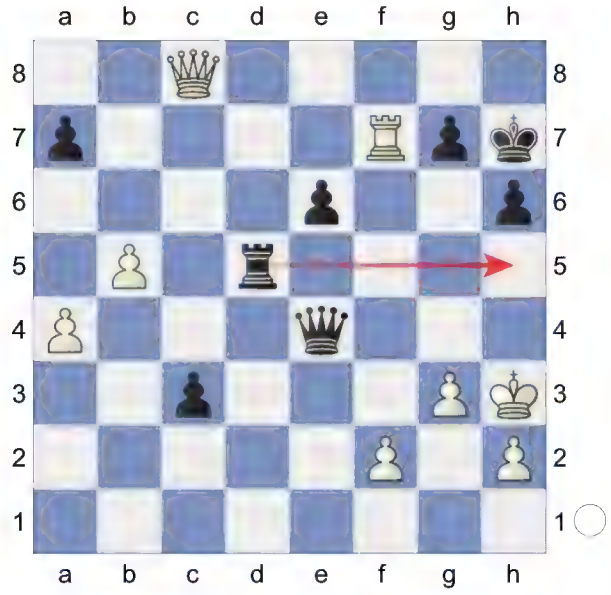
[Better is 39.Qd3!± 0.95/24 Ra2 40.Qxc3]

39...Bxd4± 40.Rxd4 Endgame. KQR-KQR **40...Qf6**



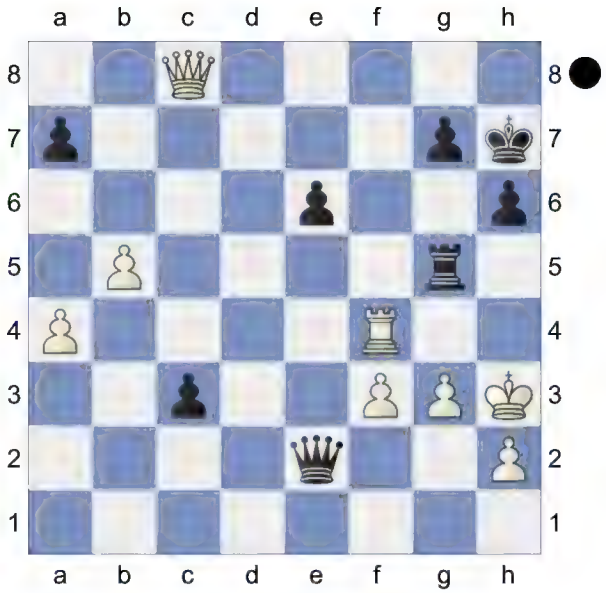
41.Rf4 Qe5 42.e4 Rd2 43.Qc8+

-0.71/22
[43.a5!= -0.12/24 keeps the balance.]
43...Kh7∓ Strongly threatening ...c3-c2.
44.Rxf7? -14.25/21 This costs White the game.
[44.Rf3∓ -0.71/21 c2 *(44...Qxe4 45.Qxc3 Rd1 46.Qc6=)* 45.Qc3]
44...Qxe4+-+ 45.Kh3 Rd5
[45...Qxa4? loses. 46.Rf8 *(46.Qxe6 Qxb5 47.Qf6 Qg5=; 46.Qxc3 Qd4±)* 46...Qe4 *(46...Qxb5 47.Rh8+ Kg6 48.Qxe6+ Kg5 49.f4+ Kh5 50.g4#)* 47.Qe8+- *(47.Qxc3 Rd5∓; 47.Qxc3 Rd5∓)*]

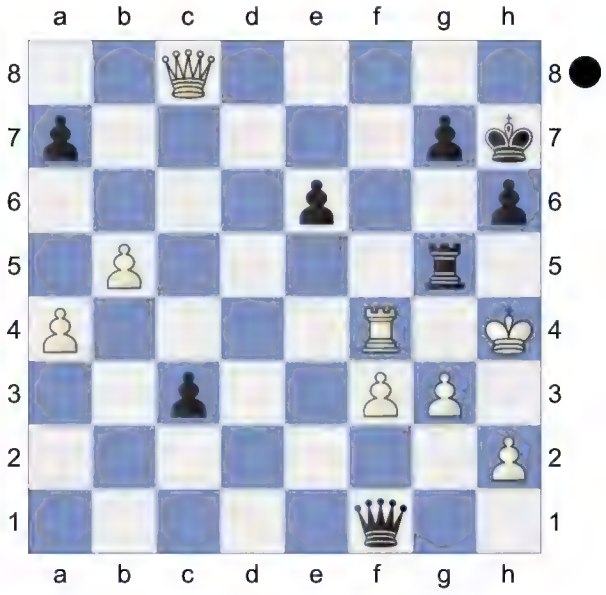


46.Rf4 Rh5+ Skewer **47.Kg4 Qe2+** Black mates. **48.f3 Rg5+ 49.Kh3**

(Diagram)



Qf1+! 50.Kh4



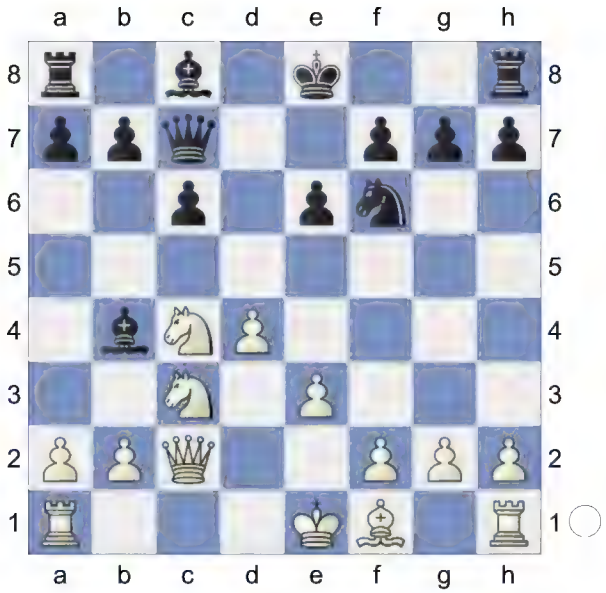
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.11 (very precise) . An unexpected result.
½-½

214 **D52**
□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**
■ **Bogoljubow,Efim**
102 Moscow (19) 1924
[Garry Kasparov]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7?! 5.e3! c6

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4?!
[8...0-0 9.Bh4]
9.Bxf6! 'Considering himself morally obliged to play for a win at all costs, Capablanca made this move almost without thinking.' (Bogoljubow) Capa's intuition did not betray him! **9...Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7?!**

(Diagram)



11.a3!
[11.g3!]
11...Be7 12.g3N -0.12/19
[12.Be2 0-0 13.b4 *(13.0-0 Bd7 14.b4 b6 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Be8 18.g3 Nd5 19.Nb2 Qb8 20.Nd3 Bg5 21.Rb1 Qb7 22.e4 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Qe7 24.h4 Bh6 25.Ne5 g6 26.Ng4 Bg7 27.e5 h5* (67) Chapter Games-Games Chapter Games 6-10*)* 13...b6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Bf3 Rac8 16.Rab1 Rfd8 17.Rfc1 Ba8 18.h3 h6 19.Qb3 Qb8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Bf6 22.a4 D 52/08 2003]
[⌓12.Bd3 0.26/18]
12...0-0 'Black had nothing better against the double threat of Nxg7+ or Nd5.' (Bogoljubow)
[12...c5
A) 13.Nb5 Qc6 *(13...Qb8* 0.41/20 13...Qc7-c6 -0.01 *14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Rd1* If *15...0-0* , then *16.Bg2!* , for example:*)* 14.Ne5 Qxh1 15.Nc7+ Kf8 winning. 16.Nxa8 b6;
B) 13.Bg2 Bd7 Prevents Nc3-b5 14.Ne5 cxd4 15.exd4 0-0 .;

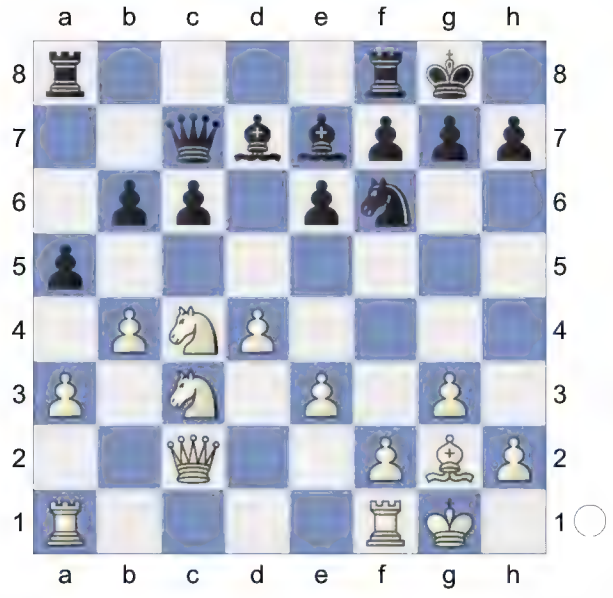
C) 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Be7 or 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.Ncd6+ -0.40/25 *(16.Rc1!= 0.12/20)* 16...Bxd6∓ (17.Qxc8+? Qxc8) ' 18.Nxd6+ would probably win also, but the text move is better and should have brought about a quick ending.' (Capablanca) Not so – 14 Rf3? would have altogether thrown away the win: Ke7 19.Nxc8+ Raxc8;
D) 13.Bg2= 0.14/22;
E) 13.-- -0.66/16]

13.Bg2 Bd7
[. I should like to add 13...b6 0.71/19 13...c6-c5 0.06 14.Ne5 Bb7 15.Nb5! Qc8 16.Nxc6]

14.b4!
[14.0-0 c5]

14...b6 White is slightly better.
[14...Nd5 15.0-0 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Rfd8 17.Rfc1]

15.0-0 a5
[15...Rab8 16.Rfb1 c5 17.dxc5 (Capablanca). bxc5 18.b5!]
[15...Rac8 16.Rfc1 Rfd8 17.Rab1]



An important, highly instructive moment for... the future contender for the crown.

16.Ne5? An alarm bell: unable to withstand the tension, Capablanca commits an oversight.
[16.Ne5!?]
[16.b5 -0.76/23 16.Nc4-e5 0.43 Rac8]
[16.Rab1 axb4 17.axb4 Ra7 0.54/18 (Better is *17...Nd5*= -0.17/20)]
[16.Ne5!?]

16...axb4! An unforeseen reply, forcing the exchange of queens. White's attack peters out, and he has to think about how to save the game. White must now prevent ...b5xc4. **17.axb4**
[17.Nb5 Qc8 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 1.03/24 *(18...cxb5± 0.52/23 19.Qxc8 Raxc8 20.Nxf6+ gxf6 21.axb4 Bxb4)* 19.Bxc6± Rac8! 20.Rac1! Qd8 21.axb4! Bxb4 22.Qb3 transposing into the previous variation]
[17.Nb5!? Qc8 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Qxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxc6±]

17...Rxa1
[17...Bxb4 1.09/24 17...Ra8xa1 0.39 'with a winning attack', but after 18.Nb5! nothing of the sort is apparent. but not 18...Qc8? 1.91/23 *(18...Qb7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Bxc6!? Rac8 21.Rfc1; 18...Qb7± 1.18/23)*
A) . On the other hand, White wins without difficulty after 19.Rxa8! 1.24/23 19.Nb5-a7 2.28 Qxa8 20.Bxc6
A1) 20...Rc8 21.Nxd7 Qxc6 22.Nxf6+ gxf6 23.Qe2 0.02/22 *(23.Qxc6± 0.40/22 Rxc6 24.g4)* 23...Qe4;
A2) 20...Bxc6 21.Nxc6 0.50/21 *(21.Qxc6± 0.98/23 Qa2 22.Qxb6)* 21...Ba5 1.32/21 *(21...Rc8!± 0.50/21 22.Rc1 Kf8)* 22.Ra1;
B) 19.Na7!+- Qe8 20.Nxd7 Nxd7

21.Bxc6 Rd8 22.Rfb1 – G. K.]

18.Rxa1 'Although Black is a piece ahead he still has trouble to get out of this position without serious loss.' (Capablanca) After stumbling on easy ground, the Cuban begins plays very cunningly, 'mixing things', I would say, in the style of Tal. Hoping for Nc3-b5.

18...Rc8? Bogoljubow wants to win in comfort.

[18...Bxb4 1.30/23 18...Be7-d6 0.59 19.Nb5! Qc8 20.Bxc6 Bxc6? 2.94/23 *(20...Ba5± 1.42/22* is a better defense. *21.Rc1 Bxc6)* 21.Nxc6+- Qd7 22.Ra7 Qd5 23.Nc7 Qd6 . 24.Qc4]

[. Here Panov recommended 18...c5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.b5]

[18...Bxb4 19.Nb5 Qc8 20.Na7±]

19.Nxd7! **Qxd7** Mistakes come in pairs... Black decided that after the exchange of queens there was no longer any play for mate, and he left too many white pieces in the vicinity of his king.

[19...Nxd7 20.Qb3]

20.Na4! (unexpectedly White's attack flares up with renewed strength)

20...Qd8

[although Bogoljubow's suggestion will also do: 20...Bd8!? 0.85/22 20...Qd7-c7 0.33 21.Rc1 Nd5 22.Bxd5 0.23/25 *(22.b5!± 1.13/22)* 22...exd5= 23.b5 c5! 24.dxc5 Qxb5]

(Diagram)

21.Qb3

[21.Bxc6 -0.01/22 21.Qc2-b3 0.55 Bxb4 is also hopeless *(21...b5!? 22.Nb2 Qb6-+)*]

[21.Bxc6 b5 22.Nb2 Qd6∓]

21...Nd5 1.12/23

[21...c5! 1.94/21 21...b6-b5 0.45 but not 22.bxc5? bxc5 But even stronger was 23.dxc5! Bxc5 2.35/24 *(⌓23...h5 1.76/18 24.c6 Rb8)* 24.Bb7!]

[21...b5! 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.bxc5 winning. I think that Alekhine would have found his way through these complications and would not have forgiven White for mistakes such as 16 g4? Ra8 *(23...Nd5* 0.77/22 23...Rc8-a8 0.40 *24.Ra6* with a rapid mate *)* 24.Rxa8 Qxa8?! 25.Qxb5 cxb5 26.Bxa8 b4 27.Bf3 etc. was too depressing . It is easy to see that everything else is worse: 27...b3? 28.Bd1! b2? 29.Bc2 Strongly threatening Kg1-f1. Kf8? 30.e4 Repels Nf6-d5 Ke7 31.Kf1 while if 31...Kd7? 1.20/27 *(31...Ne8=* -0.01/25 remains equal.*)* or 32.Ke2?± , then Kc6 33.f4 *(33.Kd2* 0.01/25

33.f2-f4 1.15 *e5!)* 33...Kb5 etc. And yet happiness was so possible, so close – 34.Kd3! with the threat of Rh5+ and mate. 'Of course, the world champion saw this natural attacking move, but he did not bother to calculate the resulting complicated and difficult variations, deciding that the win would be achieved more simply with the move in the game.' (Panov) Again this leaning towards simplicity! And yet the variations after 16 Qf7! are in fact by no means so 'complicated and difficult': Kb4 35.Bb1 Ne8!]

[21...b5± 0.58/23 22.Nb2 Nd5]

22.b5!± 'A very strong move.' (Bogoljubow) **22...cxb5**

[22...c5 1.57/23 22...c6xb5 1.17 23.dxc5 bxc5 1.37/19 *(23...Bxc5 24.Rd1?; 23...Bxc5+- 1.75/24 24.Rd1 Qf6 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Qxd5 Bb4)* 24.Qc4 0.66/20 *(24.b6± 1.37/19)* 24...Qa5 25.Rb1 Rb8 White, as Capablanca expressed it, 'would have had to fight hard to obtain a draw' – say, after 26.h4 Nb4 27.Nc3 Bf6 . 28.Bf1!]

23.Qxb5 Ra8

[23...Rb8 24.Bxd5 . Qxd5?! 25.Qxd5 exd5 26.Rb1 1.04/23 *(⌓26.Nc3 1.41/25)* 26...b5± *(26...Bd8 1.84/23 26...b6-b5 1.09 27.Rb5)* 27.Nc3 b4?! 28.Nxd5 Bd6 29.Rb3]

[or 23...Nc3 24.Qxb6 *(24.Nxc3 Rxc3 25.Bc6* etc. After *25...Ba3)* 24...Nxa4 25.Qxd8+ Bxd8 1.15/20 *(⌓25...Rxd8 1.58/20 26.Rxa4 h5)* 26.Rxa4± Rc1+ 27.Bf1 Kf8]

(Diagram)

24.Rc1!

[24.Rb1 0.23/24 24.Ra1-c1 0.79 Rxa4 but not 25.Qxa4?! Nc3]

24...Ra5 1.26/23

[⌓24...Rb8 0.89/22]

25.Qc6! White already has perpetual check, but Capa is eager to create a masterpiece! **25...Ba3**

['If 25...b5 , then

A) 26.Qb7 0.11/24 26.Bg2xd5 1. 23 Bf8 1.17/22 *(26...bxa4=* 0.11/24 *27.Rc8 Qxc8 28.Qxc8+ Bf8)*;

B) 26.Bxd5 exd5 (21...Rg7!? – G. K.) 27.Nc5! etc.' (Bogoljubow) But the simple 27...Qa8! would have forced the opponent to fight for a draw: 28.Qd7]

[25...Nb4 1.98/26 25...Be7-a3 1.30 26.Qb7 Bf8 27.Nxb6 1.54/22 *(27.Rc8+-* 2.71/25 *Qd6 28.Qxb6 Qxb6 29.Nxb6)* 27...Rb5± 28.Rc8 Qd6 *(28...Qxb6? #7/16* 28...Qd8-d6 1.62 *29.Qe7)* 29.Nc4]

[25...Nb4 26.Qb7 Rxa4 27.Rc8 Ra1+ 28.Bf1]

(Diagram)

Another key moment. 'The position is most interesting. Black is in a mating net, but to finish the work is most difficult.' (Capablanca) **26.Rb1 Bf8?**

[26...Rxa4?? 4.68/25 26...b6-b5 1.25 27.Qxa4 Nc3 If 28.Qxa3? , then Nxb1! . Perhaps the best defence was 29.Qb2!?]

[26...b5 27.Nc5 Bxc5 28.dxc5 Ne7? 8.19/22 *(28...g6± 0.87/21)* 29.Qb6 with drawing chances.]

27.Bxd5!

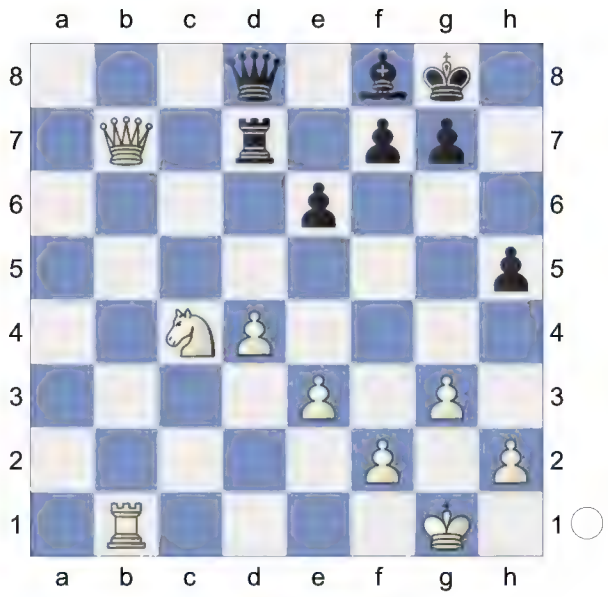
[Inferior is 27.Nxb6 Nb4 28.Rxb4 *(28.Qb7? Rb5-+)* 28...Bxb4-+]

27...Rxd5 28.Nxb6 Rd6 29.Qb7 h5

[29...h6]

30.Nc4 Rd7

(Diagram)



31.Qe4

[31.Qf3 Rc7 32.Ne5]

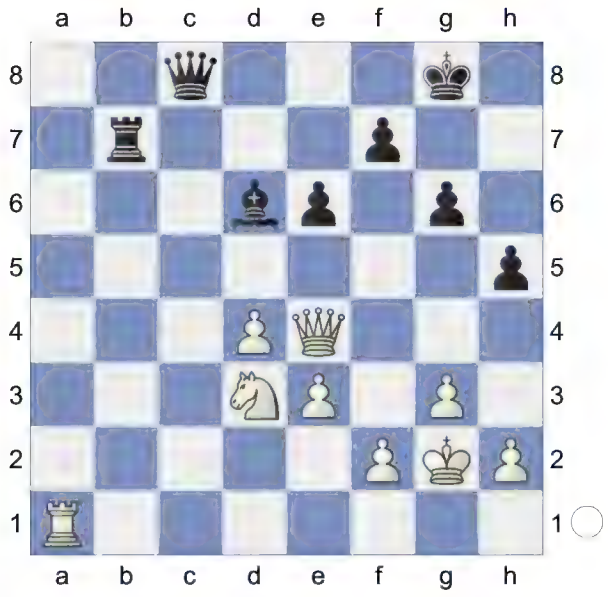
31...Rc7 32.Ne5 Qc8 33.Kg2

White is much more active. **33...Bd6**

34.Ra1 Rb7

[34...Qb7? 4.74/26 34...Rc7-b7 1.48 etc. 35.Ra8+? Bf8 36.Qxb7 Rxb7 37.Rd8]

35.Nd3 g6



36.Ra6 Bf8 37.Rc6

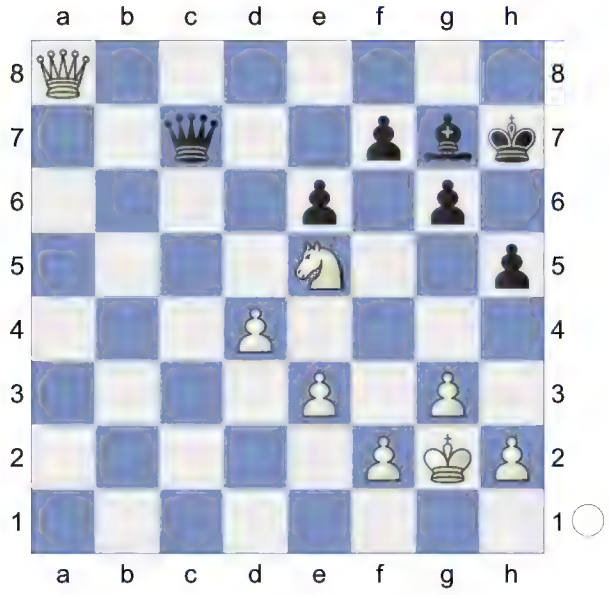
[37.Rc6? 0.01/19 37.Nd3-c5 1.79 --? 23.48/21 *(37...Rc7= 0.01/19 38.Rb6 Ra7)* 38.Nc5? 2.42/24 *(38.Rxc8*

23.48/21 *Rd7 39.Qe5 h4 40.Qc5 h3+ 41.Kxh3 Rd8 42.Rxd8 Kg7 43.Qxf8+ Kf6 44.Qh8+ Ke7 45.Ne5 g5 46.Rd7#)* 38...Bxc5? #9/21 *(38...Rc7+- 2.42/24 39.Rxc7 Qxc7)* 39.dxc5? 2.33/21 *(39.Rxc8+* #9/21 mates *Kg7 40.dxc5 Re7 41.Qd4+ e5 42.Qd8 g5 43.Qxe7 h4 44.Qxg5+ Kh7 45.Qf6 h3+ 46.Kg1 e4 47.Rh8#)*]

37...Rc7 . 'An extremely tense game.' (Bogoljubow) Or **38.Rxc7**

[38.Ne5? Qb7 . But not immediately 39.Qf3?! because of Bg7!]

38...Qxc7 Endgame. KQB-KQN **39.Ne5 Bg7 40.Qa8+ Kh7**



41.Nf3

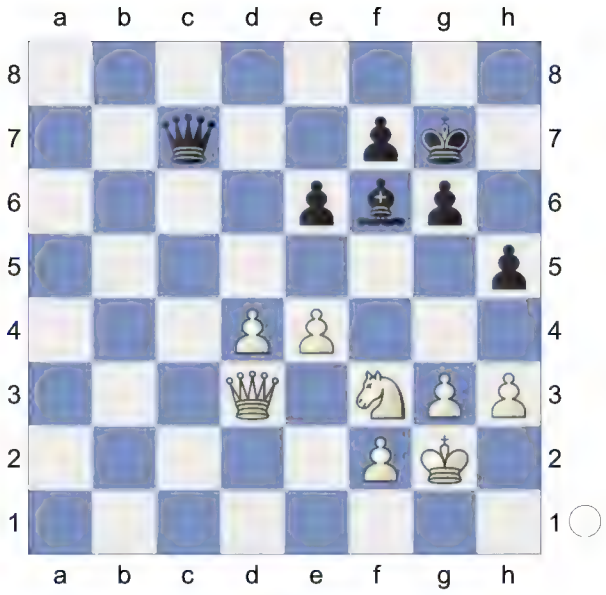
[41.Nf3 Threatens to win with Nf3-g5+. --? 6.68/24 *(41...Bf6±* 1.10/25 *42.Qa3 Kg7)* 42.Ng5++- with a probable draw. Kh6? 43.h4!]

41...Bf6 Against Nf3-g5+ **42.Qa6** aiming for d4-d5.

[42.Qf8 Qe7]

42...Kg7 winning. **43.Qd3 Qb7 44.e4!?** After **44...Qc6 45.h3! Qc7**

(Diagram)



both **46.d5**

[46.Nd2! h4]

46...exd5 47.exd5 Qc3

[47...Qd6! 1.31/22 47...Qc7-c3 0.83 – G. K. Weaker is 48.Qc4 Qf8! 1.56/22 *(⌓48...Qe7* 0.98/20 *49.Qd3 Qd6)* 49.Nd4 1.03/21 *(⌓49.Nd2* 1.56/22 *)*]

48.Qxc3 are good for White.

[48.Qe4 Qc5 and 32 h3 mate]

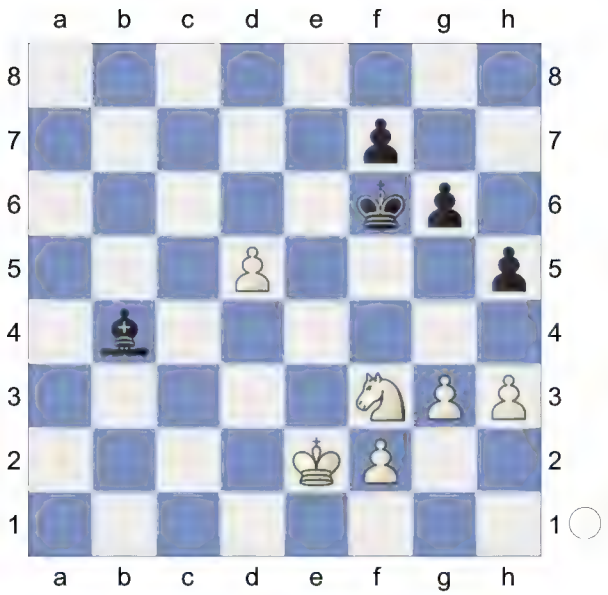
[Black also loses after 48.Qd1 Qc7! 1.55/24 *(⌓48...Qc4* 1.09/24 *)* 49.d6± Qc6 1.39/23 – G. K. *(Black should try 49...Qd7+-* 1.75/23 *50.Qd5 Qe6)* 50.d7!?± Bd8 51.Qd4+ Kg8]

and **48...Bxc3** KB-KN **49.Kf1**

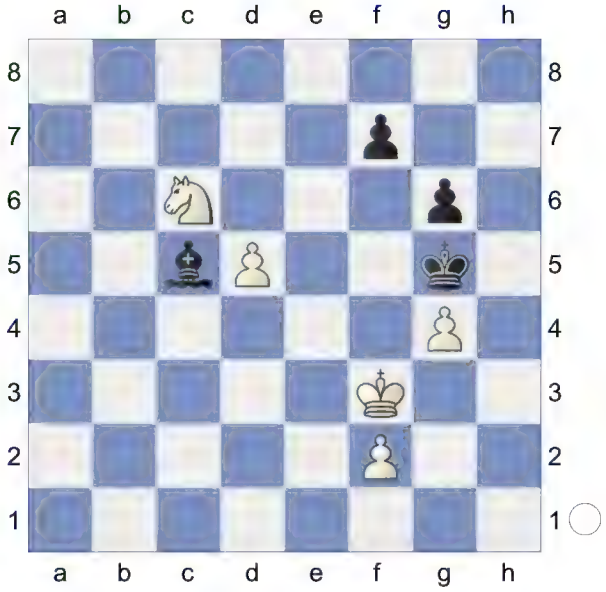
[49.Ng5?! f5]

49...Kf6 50.Ke2 Bb4

(Diagram)

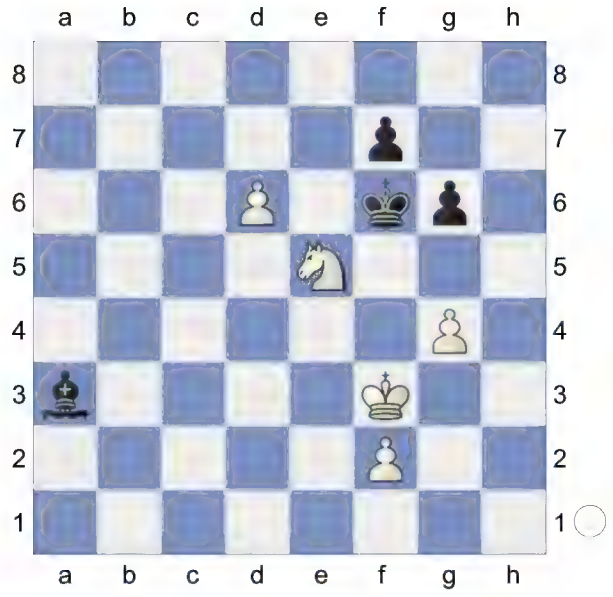


51.Nd4
[or 51.Kd3 0.00/25 51.Nf3-d4 0.63 Bc5 52.Nd4 Ke5]
51...Bc5
[51...Ke5? 4.13/25 51...Bb4-d6 0.89 52.Nc6+ .]
52.Nc6 Kf5 'If **53.Kf3**
[53.f3 Bd6! 54.g4+ 0.01/25 *(54.Kf2± 0.63/25)* 54...hxg4!= 55.hxg4+ Kf4]
53...Kf6 0.75/27 .' (Capablanca) But even so, in this case the win for White is more difficult than in the game:
[53...Bd6= 0.30/28]
54.g4 0.07/27
[White should play 54.Kg2± 0.75/27]
54...hxg4+= 55.hxg4 Kg5? 4.28/27
[55...Bd6!
A) 56.Ke4 Kg5 57.Ne5 *(57.f3 f5+ 58.gxf5!* and ...Kg7 equalising. less clear is *58...gxf5+ 59.Ke3 Bc5+)* 57...f5+ 58.gxf5 gxf5+ 59.Kd4! Ne5-f7+ would now be deadly. Kf4;
B) 56.Nd8 Bc7 57.g5+ Kxg5 58.Nxf7+! Kf6 59.d6 Bb6;
C) 56.Ke2 Kg5 57.Nd8 after 57...Bc7! Black has to reckon with 58.Nxf7+! *(58.Nb7* In mutual time-trouble (the control was on the 30th move) White tries to save time on the clock by repeating moves and he misses a study-like win, pointed out later by Capablanca: *58...Bb6! 59.f3 f5* (threatening Nd1 and Nf2 mate)*)* 58...Kf6! 59.d6 Bb6?? 0.53/28 *(59...Ba5=* 0.01/28 *60.Nh6 Ke6)* 60.Nh8 0.00/27 *(60.Nh6±* 0.53/28 *)* 60...g5;
D) 56.Ke2= 0.01/30 feels stronger.;
E) 56.--? 0.43/26]
[55...Bb6= 0.08/30 and Black is okay.]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
56.Ne5+- Bd4 7.26/25
[56...f5? 10.16/29 56...Bc5-a3 2.46 57.d6 fxg4+ 58.Kg2! Kf5 59.d7 Be7 60.Nc6]
[56...Kf6 57.Nd7+]
[56...f6 57.Nf7+ with equality]
[56...Ba3!? 57.Nxf7+ 1.20/25 *(or 57.d6 Kf6*

(Diagram)



58.d7! Ke7 59.Nxf7! Kxd7 60.Ne5+; 57.d6+- 2.35/31 Kf6 58.d7) 57...Kf6]
[⌓56...Ba3 4.58/35 57.d6 *(57.Nxf7+ Kf6±)* 57...Kf6]

57.Nxf7+ Kf6 58.Nd8 Bb6

['The idea of not moving the rook was in itself correct, only the correct move had to be found – 58...Ke5! ' (Bogoljubow). For example: 59.Nc6+]

59.Nc6 Bc5 60.Kf4

[60.Kg3 f2-f4 is the strong threat. Bd6+ 61.f4 And now Kg3-f3 would win. g5]
[60.Ke2 Kg5 Aiming to avoid repeating the position (61.f3 3.06/28 *(⌓61.Na5 6.92/28 Kf6 62.f4)* 61...Kf4) and to escape with his king from the mating threats, Black makes a fatal mistake.]

60...Bxf2

[60...g5+ 61.Kf3]

(Diagram)

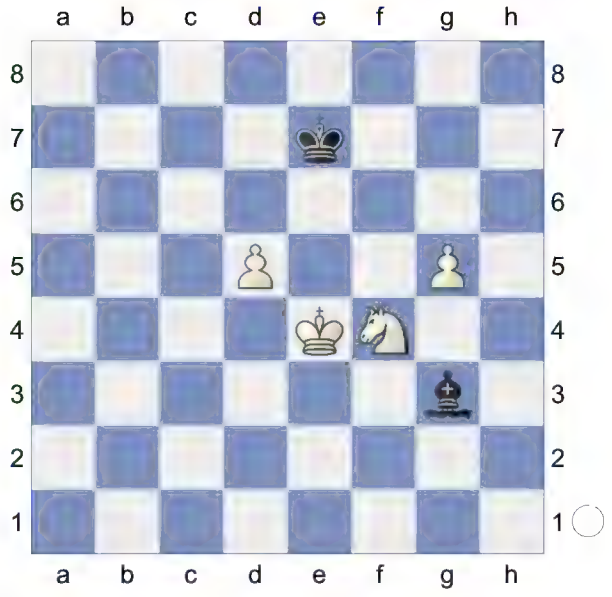
61.g5+ Kf7 62.Ne5+ Ke7

[62...Kg7 63.d6!]

63.Nxg6+ Kd6 64.Ke4 Bg3 . or **65.Nf4** #21/22

[65.Nf8+- 17.05/26 Be1 66.g6]

65...Ke7



White mates. **66.Ke5 Be1 67.d6+ Kd7 68.g6 Bb4** etc. **69.Kd5!?**

[69.g7? 0.38/21 69.Nf4-e6 #13 Bc3+]

69...Ke8

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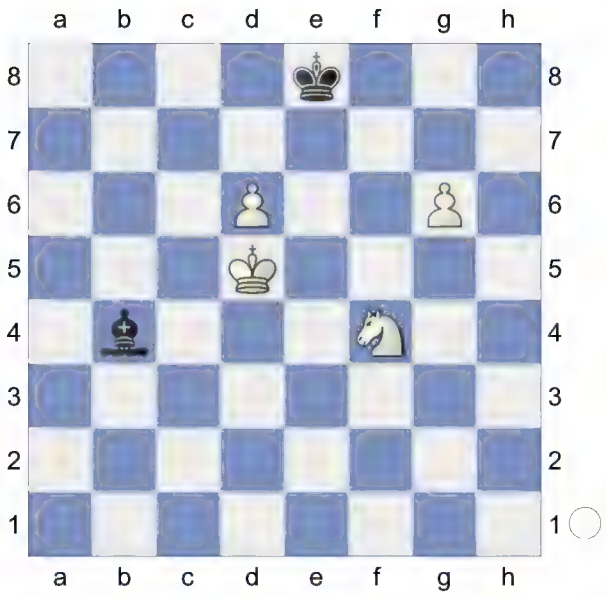
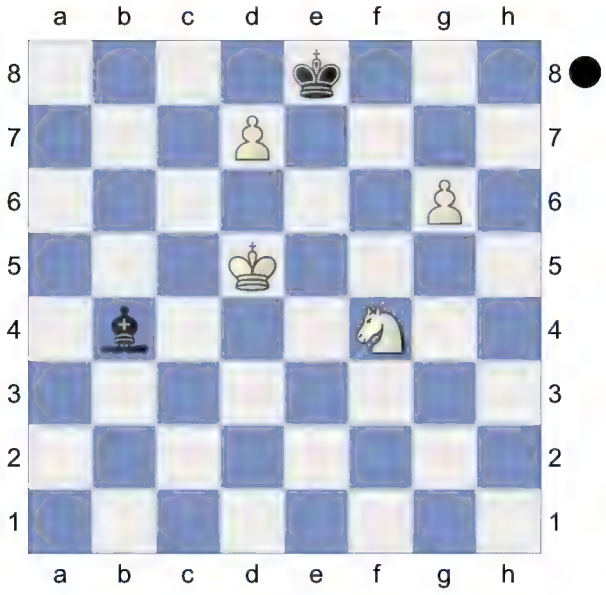


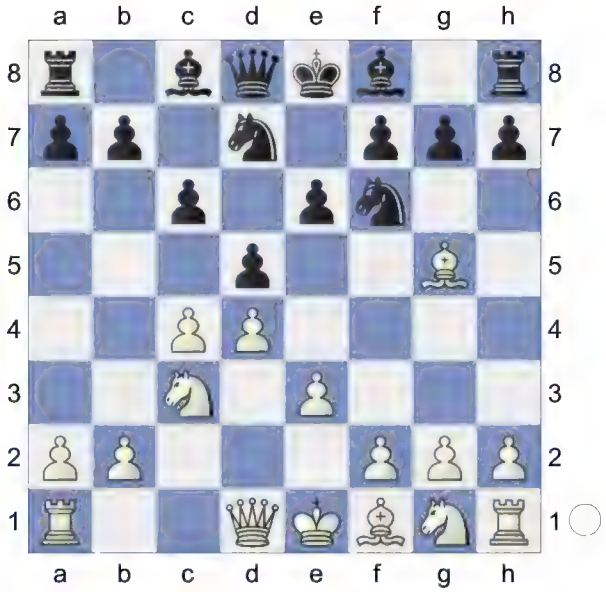
70.d7+!



Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

215 **D52**
□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**
■ **Janowski,D**
84: preliminary tourney 1914
[Garry Kasparov]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
White operates as simply as possible, remembering San Sebastian, where Capa miraculously escaped, after coming under a crushing attack (Game No.77). Dry, tedious play sickened Janowski – back in the match with Lasker (Paris 1909) he played the Exchange Variation badly with Black, and this had obviously been taken into account by Capablanca.
[4.Nf3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bd6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Ne4 Bc7]
4...Nbd7 5.e3 c6?!



6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4?! 8.Qc2 dxc4?!
[8...0-0 9.Bh4]
9.Bxf6 Nxf6?! 10.Nxc4 Qc7?!

11.a3!! Not wasting time on a2-a3. This plan of attack has become a classic one in such positions (see the 5 0-0 Qd6 variation).

[11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Rd8 *(12...Bd7; 12...b6 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Bf3 Rac8)* 13.Rad1 *(13.a3 Be7 14.b4 b6 15.Rfd1 Nd5)* 13...Nd5 14.Ne4 Be7 15.a3 b6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.b4 h6 19.Qb3 Nf6]

[11.g3]

11...Be7 12.Be2

[12.g3]

12...0-0?!

[12...c5 13.Nb5 Qd8 1.38/22 *(13...Qb8=* 0.30/20 *)* 14.dxc5± Ra1-d1 would now be deadly. Bxc5 1.77/21 *(14...0-0±* 1.41/21 *)* 15.b4 1.25/21 *(*Better is *15.Ne5+-* 1.77/21 *Qe7 16.Rc1)* 15...Be7± 16.Na5 0.23/19 *(16.Rd1±* 1.22/21 *Bd7 17.Nbd6+ Kf8 18.Nxb7)*]

13.0-0

[13.b4 Nd5 14.0-0 Bd7]

13...Bd7 'He simplifies, hoping to lighten White's attack.' (Capablanca)

[13...c5

A) 14.Nb5 Qd8 0.70/21 *(14...Qb8!=* 0.18/20 *)* 15.dxc5± Bxc5 16.b4 0.46/20 *(16.Rfd1±* 0.91/20 *Nd5 17.Bf3)*;

B) 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.b4 Qc7]

14.b4 b6? White is slightly better.

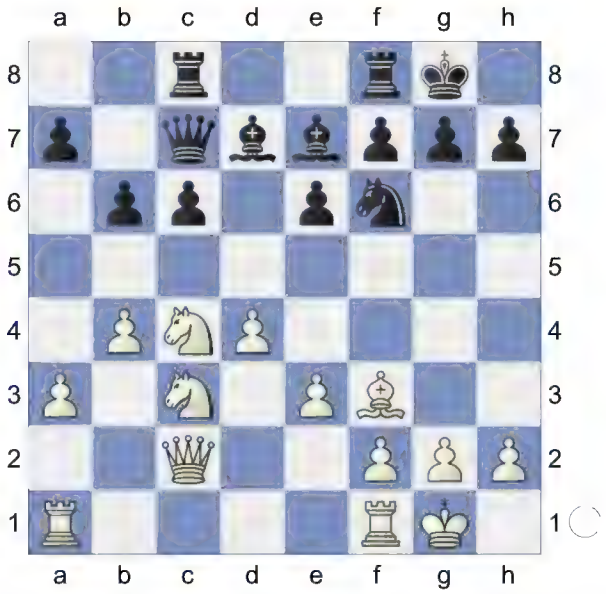
[14...Rfd8]

15.Bf3!

[15.Rfd1 a5 16.bxa5 b5]

15...Rac8

[15...a5 16.Ne5 axb4 17.Nb5]



16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Be8 18.g3! Supporting the knight and intending a simple and natural strategic plan with d3-d4 and c4-c5. Amazing: Black has not blundered, yet he can already resign!

18...Nd5 19.Nb2 Qb8

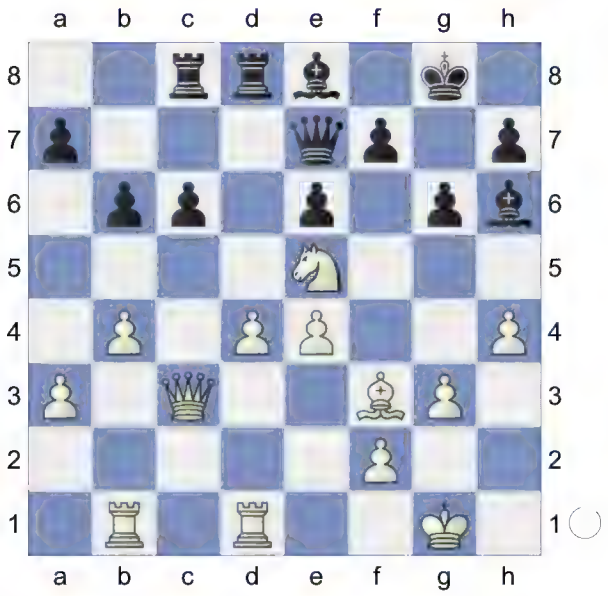
[19...Qb7]

20.Nd3 Bg5

[20...Bg5 21.-- -0.02/20 *(21.Qd2±* 0.38/17 might be stronger.*)* 21...Nxe3= 22.fxe3 Bxe3+ 23.Kh1 -0.66/19 *(23.Nf2=* -0.21/21 *)* 23...Bxc1]

(Diagram)

21.Rb1! Qb7?! 0.47/16
[21...Nxe3]
[21...Bxe3 0.98/21 21...Nd5xe3 0.12 22.Bxd5!]
[21...Nxe3= 0.11/21 22.fxe3 Bxe3+ 23.Kg2 Bxd4]
22.e4 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Qe7
[23...Rc7 24.Bg2 Bf6 25.e5 Be7 26.Rbc1 Qc8]
24.h4 Bh6 (this loses a piece, but there is no way of saving the game) **25.Ne5! g6**



26.Ng4 -0.16/22
[26.Nc4 Bg7 *(26...b5 27.Ne3)* 27.e5 h5 28.Nd6 Rxd6! 29.exd6 Qxd6 30.Qc4 -0.27/21 *(30.Rbc1; ⌓30.Rbc1* 0.29/19 *)*]
[26.Nc4± 0.42/23]
26...Bg7= Threatens to win with ...h7-h5.
27.e5
[27.Ne3? -2.14/19 27.e4-e5 -0.03 c5]
27...h5
[27...c5? 1.66/22 27...h7-h5 -0.01 28.bxc5 0.28/22 (Only move: *28.dxc5!+-* 1.66/22 *Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 bxc5 30.Nf6+ Bxf6 31.exf6)* 28...bxc5 0.98/20 *(28...h5=* 0.28/22 *29.Nf6+ Bxf6 30.exf6 Qxf6)* 29.Rb7!± Qf8 30.Rc1]
28.Ne3 c5 29.bxc5
[29.dxc5 bxc5 30.Rxd8 Qxd8 31.bxc5 Qc7]
29...bxc5 30.d5
[30.Rb7 Rd7 *(30...Rc7 31.Rxc7 Qxc7 32.Rc1 Rc8)*
A) 31.Rdb1 Qd8 0.60/17 *(31...Rxb7=* 0.01/20 *32.Rxb7 Rc7 33.Rxc7 Qxc7)*;
B) 31.Rxd7 Bxd7
B1) 32.dxc5 Be8 0.08/20 *(32...Bc6* -0.28/23 feels stronger. *33.Bxc6 Rxc6)* 33.c6= Qc7 34.Qc5 aiming for Ne3-c4. Bxe5;
B2) 32.d5 exd5 33.Nxd5 Qe6 34.Nf4 Bxe5 35.Nxe6 Bxc3 36.Rxd7 fxe6]
30...exd5

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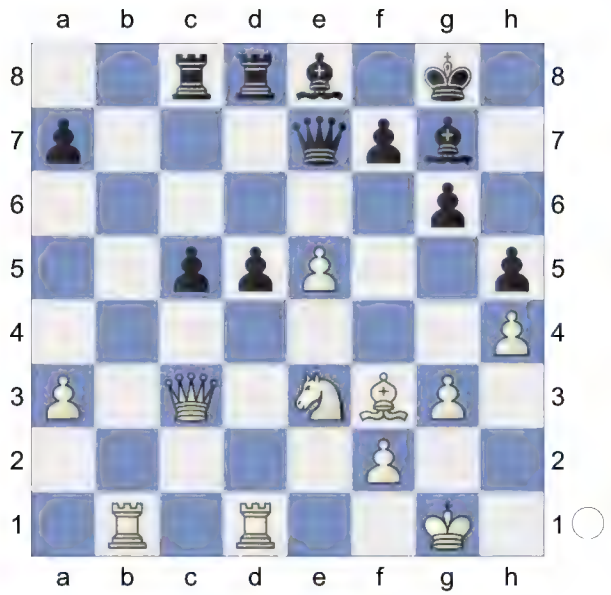
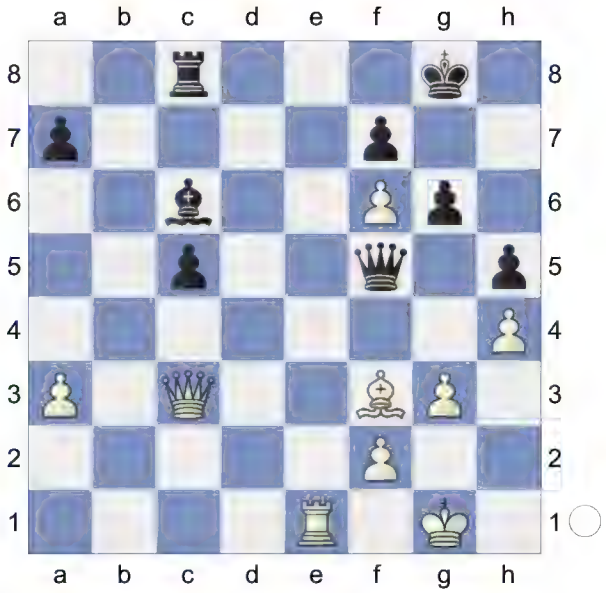


31.Nxd5
[31.Rxd5 Rxd5 32.Nxd5 Qe6! 33.Rb7 And now Nd5-e7+ would win. Bxe5 34.Qc4 -0.97/21 *(34.Qe1= 0.29/21 Bd6 35.Qxe6* Remove Defender *fxe6 36.Nf6+ Kf8 37.Rxa7)* 34...Kg7 35.Rxa7 -1.16/23 *(⌓35.Re7 -0.78/23 Qd6 36.Rxa7)* 35...Bd4]
'Also after **31...Qe6** the game is immediately decided by the same manoeuvre by White.' (Panov)
[31...Qxe5 0.73/20 31...Qe7-e6 0.28 32.Qxe5 Bxe5 33.Ne7+]
32.Nf6+ -0.33/22 was slightly more tenacious.
[32.Rb7! Bxe5 0.96/22 *(32...Rd7=* 0.20/21 *33.Rxd7 Bxd7)* 33.Qa5? -1.54/20 *(33.Qe3± 0.96/22 Rd7 34.Rxd7 Bxd7 35.Re1)* 33...Kg7 -0.57/21 *(33...Bc6!∓* -1.54/20 *34.Ne7+ Kg7 35.Rxd8 Bxf3 36.Nxc8 Bxb7 37.Qxc5 Bf6)* 34.Rxa7? -3.83/22 *(34.Qe1∓* -0.57/21 *Bd7 35.Rxa7)* 34...Bc6]
[32.Rb7!= 0.05/23 Rd7 *(32...Bxe5 33.Qe3±)* 33.Rxd7 Bxd7 34.Qa5]
32...Bxf6?∓ **33.exf6** . But not **33...Rxd1+ 34.Rxd1**
[34.Bxd1 Bc6 35.Qe3 Qd5∓ *(35...Qxf6 36.Qxc5 Qe6 37.Qe3∓)*]
34...Bc6? because of **35.Re1!**
[35.Bxc6 Rxc6 *(35...Qxc6)* 36.Rd8+ *(36.Rc1* -0.38/21 36.Qc3-a5 -0.01 *c4)* 36...Kh7
A) 37.Qd2 --? #2/6 *(37...Qxf6∓* -0.63/26 *38.Rf8 Re6)* 38.Rh8+ Kxh8 39.Qh6+;
B) 37.Ra8∓ -0.47/22 was preferrable.;
C) 37.Qd2 -0.88/26 37...Qxf6∓ 38.Rd7 -1.06/23 Dodges Rc6-c7 *(38.Qd5∓* -0.59/24 *)* 38...Kg7 *(38...c4* 0.01/23 38...Qf6-f3 -0.94 *39.Qd5! Kg7 40.Rxf7+!; 38...Ra6 39.Qd5 Kg7 40.Qxc5 Qa1+ 41.Kg2 Qxa3 42.Qd4+)* 39.Qd5 Rc8! 40.Rxa7 c4 41.Ra5]
35...Qf5



36.Re3
[36.Bxc6 Rxc6 37.Re5 -1.20/24 *(37.Rc1∓* -0.49/22 *)* 37...Qxf6]

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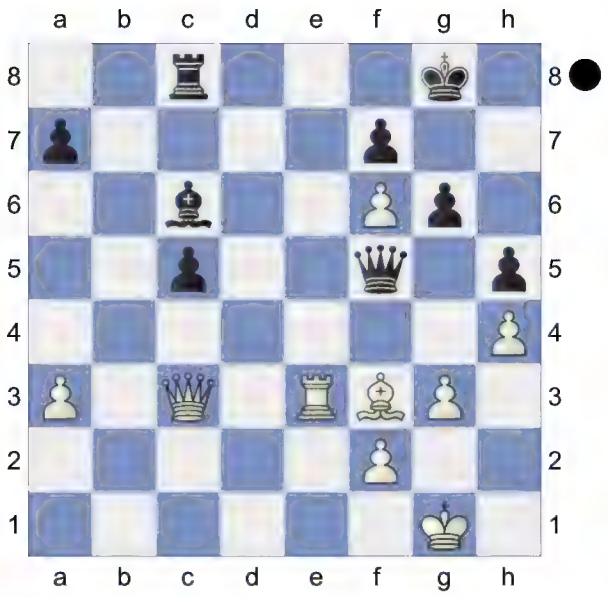


and ... Nc5.'He is forced to do this in order to avoid the breaking up of his queenside pawns. The only alternative would have been **36...c4!** , which on the face of it looks bad.' (Capablanca) 'Now the white knight occupies d5, and the game is strategically decided. The best chance of a defence was 14...b5 with the idea of ...Kb7 and ...Ra8.' (Panov) I think that Panov was right, although Black also has a bad position after

37.a4N

[37.Bxc6 Rxc6]

37...a5 -0.01/24

[37...Bxa4 38.Be4 -1.85/24 *(38.Re7 Bc6* Prevents Bf3-e4. *39.Qxc4 Qxf6 40.Re3 Kg7; 38.Re7∓* -0.54/26 *Bc6 39.Qxc4 Qxf6 40.Re3)*

A) 38...Qg4? 0.01/21 38...Qf5-c5 -1.52 39.Bf3 Qd7 40.Re7 Qd3 41.Qxd3 cxd3 42.Rxa7;

B) 38...Qd7 39.Rf3 -1.42/21 *(39.Qb4!∓* -0.45/21) 39...Kh7? 1.06/21 *(39...Bc6∓* -1.42/21 keeps the pressure on. *40.Bxc6 Rxc6)* 40.Qe5;

C) 38...Qd7 39.Rf3 Bc6 -0.72/24 *(⌓39...Qd6!* -1.16/20 *40.Rd3 Qb6)*

C1) 40.Qe3 White threatens Qe3-h6! and mate. Qe8 -1.33/23 *(⌓40...Qd8!* -0.75/24 *41.Bxc6 Rxc6)* 41.Rf4 -2.07/21 *(41.Bxc6∓* -1.33/23 was necessary. *Qxe3 42.Rxe3 Rxc6 43.Rc3)* 41...a5;

C2) 40.Qe3∓ -0.72/24 Qe8 41.Rf4;

C3) 40.Qxc4? -6.38/27 40...Bb7-+ 41.Qe2 Qh3;

D) 38...Qc5-+ -1.85/24 39.Bg2 Rd8;

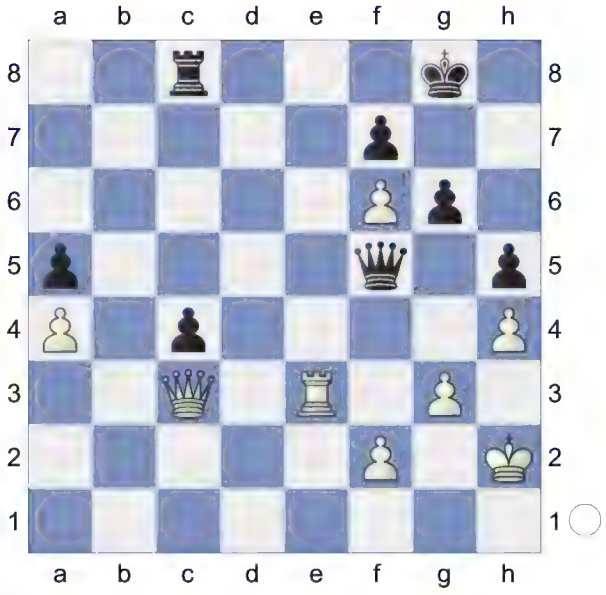
E) 38...--?? 15.80/24]

[37...Bxa4∓ -0.60/24 38.Re7 Bc6 39.Qxc4 Qxf6 *(39...Qxf3 40.Qxf7+ Kh8 41.Qh7#)*]

38.Bg2 -0.85/22

[38.Bxc6= -0.01/24 keeps the balance. Rxc6 39.Qd4]

38...Bxg2∓ 39.Kxg2 Endgame. . KQR-KQR **39...Qd5+?!** is now too late in view of **40.Kh2 Qf5**

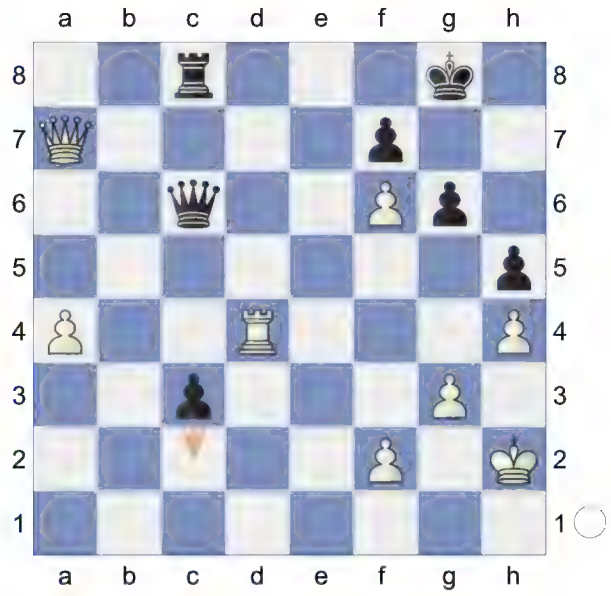


41.Rf3 -0.45/27

[41.Kg2= 0.01/22 deserves consideration.]

41...Qc5∓ Black wants to play ...Qc5-b4.

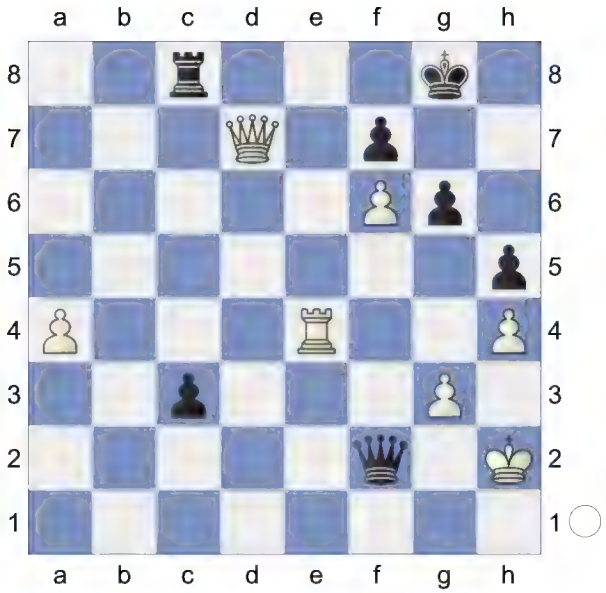
42.Rf4! -0.54/28 winning.
[42.Re3 Qb6 *(42...Qb4* -0.07/23 42...Kg8-h7 -0.43*)* 43.Rf3 Qc6 0.01/23 *(43...Qb4∓* -0.70/24 *44.Re3 Qxa4)*]
[42.Re3!= -0.01/26]
Possibly the only defence was **42...Kh7!**
[42...Qb6]
[42...Qb4 43.Qe3 Qxa4 0.01/28 *(43...Qd6!∓* -0.55/27 *44.Qc3 Qb6)*
A) 44.Rxc4? -9.20/26 44.Rf4-g4 0.01 Rxc4 45.Qh6 Rxh4+;
B) 44.Rf5 Qe8 45.Re5 -1.30/25 *(45.Qxe8+=* -0.20/25 *Rxe8 46.Rc5)* 45...Qd8 46.Rxh5 Qxf6! 47.Rxa5 c3;
C) 44.Rg4= Qe3-h6! would kill now. 44...Qe8 45.Qh6 Dodges Qe8xe3 Qf8 Prevents Qh6-g7+ 46.Rxg6+!]
43.Rd4 Qc6 0.01/23
[43...Qb6 44.Rf4 -1.34/24 *(44.Rd2∓* -0.48/25 *)* 44...Kg8 -0.69/26 *(44...Qc6∓* -1.34/24 *45.Rd4 Qxf6)* 45.Kg1 -1.71/25 *(45.Qe1∓* -0.69/26 *)* 45...Qb4 -1.00/25 *(45...Qb3-+* -1.71/25 *46.Rf3 Qxa4)* 46.Qe3∓ Qxa4 47.Rf5? -4.86/26 *(47.Kh2* -1.90/23 is a better defense.*)* 47...Qd1+-+ 48.Kh2 gxf5 49.Qg5+ Kf8 50.Qg7+ Ke8 51.Qg8+ Kd7 52.Qxf7+ Kd6 53.Qe7+ Kc6]
[Black should try 43...Qb4∓ -0.52/26 44.Qf3 Qb6 *(44...Qxa4 45.Qb7=)*]
44.Qxa5= c3↑ Black has some pressure.
[44...Qxf6 45.Rf4 Qe6 46.Qc3]
45.Qa7! Kg8
[45...Kg8!? 46.Qe7□ c2 47.Rd8+ Rxd8 48.Qxd8+ Kh7=]
[45...Rc7!? 46.Qb8□ Qxf6 47.Qxc7 Qxf2+ 48.Kh1 Qxd4 49.Qxf7+ Qg7=]
[45...Rc7!? 46.Qb8□ Rc8=]



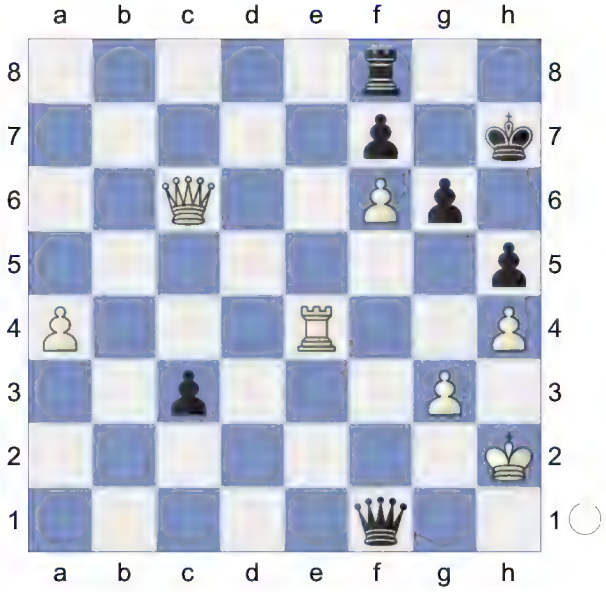
, in order to control the d5-square. But Janowski simply does not yet realise how bad his position is. Of course, **46.Qe7!** is more accurate, but that was how they played chess then! Slowly, without himself being aware of it, Janowski loses the game... White wants to mate with Qc7xf7+!
[46.Qd7 Qxd7 47.Rxd7 c2 48.Kg2 c1Q *(48...c1B? 49.a5-+)* 49.Rd3 Qe1 *(49...Qc6+ 50.Kg1 Qc2 51.Re3 Qd1+ 52.Kg2 Rc1 53.Re8+ Kh7 54.g4 hxg4 55.Rh8+ Kxh8 56.Kg3 Qf3+* Deflection, Double Attack *57.Kh2 Qxf2#)* 50.Re3 Qd1 51.Re7 Qd5+ *(51...Qxa4 52.Re5 Qa8+ 53.f3 Qa2+ 54.Kh3 Qf2 55.g4 Qxf3+ 56.Kh2 Qf2+ 57.Kh3 Rc3+ 58.Re3 Rxe3#)* 52.Kh2 Qf3]
46...Qb6 and ...0-0.
[46...Qb6!? 47.Rd7□ Kh8=]
[46...c2!? 47.Rd8+□ *(47.Rd7? Qxd7* Promotion *48.Qxd7 c1Q-+)* 47...Rxd8 48.Qxd8+ Kh7=]
It would have been better to play the knight here after **47.Qd7** -2.27/28

. Dodges c3-c2
[47.Rd7
A) 47...Qxf2+ 48.Kh1 *(48.Kh3)* 48...Qa2 *(48...Qa2!? 49.Rd8+□ Rxd8 50.Qxd8+ Kh7=)* 49.Rd8+ Intending Qe7xf7+! and mate. Rxd8 50.Qxd8+ Kh7 51.Qf8;
B) 47...Rf8
B1) 48.a5 Qxa5 49.Ra7 Qd5 50.Rd7;
B2) 48.Kg2 Qc6+ 49.Kh2 c2 50.Rd8;
B3) 48.Qe3 Qxf6 *(48...Qc6 49.Rc7)* 49.Rc7;
B4) 48.--;
C) 47...--]
[47.Rd7!= -0.01/29 Qxf2+ 48.Kh1! Qf3+ *(48...Qa2!? 49.Rd8+□ Rxd8 50.Qxd8+ Kh7=)* 49.Kh2 Qf2+ 50.Kh1!]
[47.Rd7!= -0.01/29 and White stays safe. Qxf2+ 48.Kh1]
47...Qc5!-+ . The usual **48.Re4** i s s o u n d e r .In the final tournament Lasker 'swindled' Capa with the help of **48...Qxf2+** (Game No.68)
[48...c2?? 4.59/23 48...Qc5xf2+ -1.98 49.Re8+ Rxe8 50.Qxe8+ Qf8 51.Qc6]
and the time for **49.Kh3!** had not yet then arrived. Black must now prevent Xc7-c2. Strongly threatening Xc7-c2.
49...Qf1+ 50.Kh2 Qf2+? -0.01/22
[50...Rf8!-+ -3.11/30 51.Qc6 Qf2+ 52.Kh3 Qf3]

(Diagram)

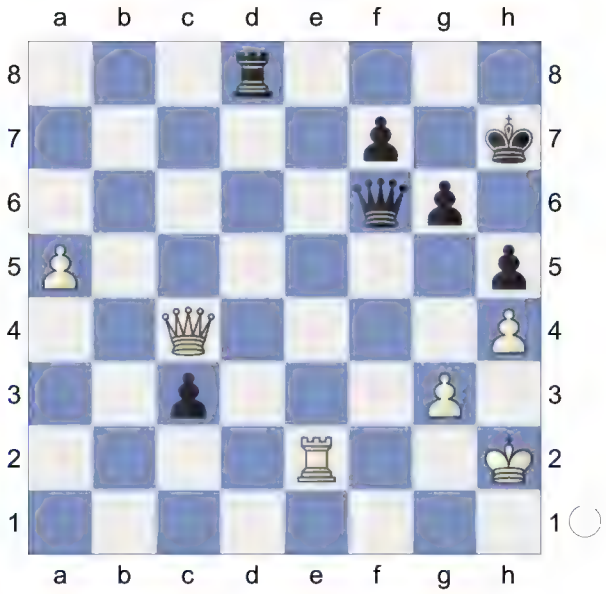


51.Kh3= Rf8 52.Qc6 Qf1+ -1.65/5
[⌓52...Qf3! -2.79/28 53.Kh2 Kh7]
53.Kh2-+ Qf2+! 0.01/16
[53...Qf3-+ -1.68/26 Hoping for ...Kg8-h7. 54.a5 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qf3]
54.Kh3= Qf1+? -0.01/5
[54...Qf3 55.Rc4? -14.90/27 *(55.Kh2; 55.Kh2* -2.56/30 *)* 55...Qf1+-+ 56.Kh2 Rd8]
[54...Qf3!-+ -2.42/27 55.Kh2 Kh7]
55.Kh2 Kh7



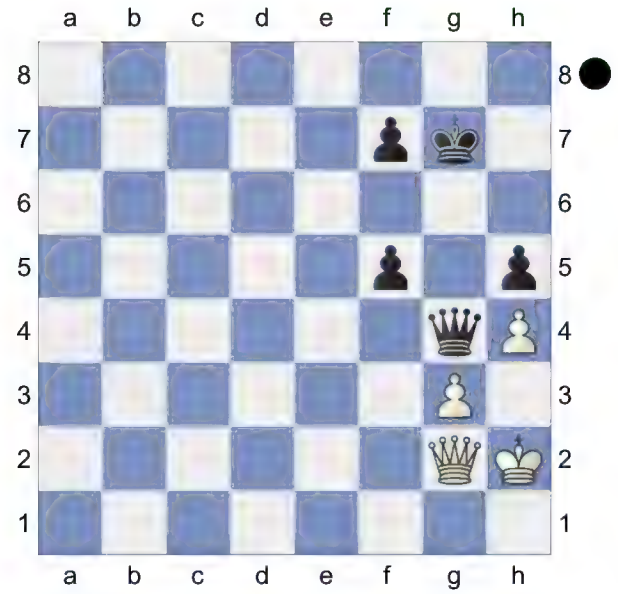
56.Qc4? -2.83/25
[56.Re7 Qf2+ 57.Kh3 c2 58.Rc7

Rd8 59.Qxc2]
[56.Qxc3? -7.13/22 56.Re4-e7 -1.17 Qf2+! 57.Kh1 Rb8]
[56.Re7∓ -1.17/26]
56...Qf2+!-+ etc. (Mecking-Korchnoi, Augusta 12th matchgame 1974).
[56...Qxf6 57.Rf4 Qe7 58.Rf1=]
57.Kh3 Qg1
[57...c2? -0.92/23 57...Qf2-g1 -2.65 58.Rf4? -12.49/27 *(58.Re7∓ -0.92/23 Qxf6 59.Rc7)*]
[57...Qxf6 58.Rf4 Repels Qf6-f5+ Qg7 59.Rf3]
[57...Qxf6 58.Rf4 Qe5 59.Rf3=]
58.Re2
[58.g4? -8.33/23 58.Re4-e2 -3.41 c2 59.Qxc2 Re8 (-> ...h5xg4+) 60.Qc7 *(60.Rxe8 hxg4#)* 60...hxg4+! 61.Rxg4 Re3+ 62.Rg3 Qh1+ 63.Kg4 Re4+ -7.86/5 *(⌓63...Qd1+ -#5/12 64.Kf4 Qd4+ 65.Kg5 Re5+ 66.Qxe5 Qxe5+ 67.Kg4 Qf5#)*]
58...Qf1+! -1.13/19
[58...Qh1+ 59.Rh2 Qf3
A) 60.Rc2? -23.27/19 60.Rh2-e2 -2.27 Qf5+ *(60...Qxf6? -0.14/21* 60...Qf3-f5+ -23.99 *)*;
B) 60.Qf4 Qd1 ...c3-c2 is the strong threat. 61.Qc7 Qg4+ 62.Kg2 Qe2+ 63.Kh3 Qe6+ 64.Kg2 Rc8;
C) 60.Re2 Qxf6? -0.85/26 *(60...Kg8!-+ -2.51/24 61.Qe4 Qxf6)* 61.Kg2∓ Rb8;
D) 60.--]
[58...Qh1+-+ -3.23/25 and Black stays clearly on top. 59.Rh2 Qf3]
59.Kh2∓ Qxf6
[59...Kh6 60.Qf4+]
60.a5? -17.46/29
[60.Rc2
A) 60...Re8 61.Kg2! Prevents Qf6-f3+ *(61.Qxc3?* -7.65/24 61.Kh2-g2 -0.44 *Re2+!)*;
B) 60...Rb8 -0.20/25 60...Rf8-a8 -0.95 61.Qxc3 Qf1 -0.01/21 *(61...Qxc3∓* -0.46/22 *62.Rxc3 Rb2+ 63.Kg1 Ra2)* 62.Qc4;
C) 60...Rd8 61.Qxc3 Qf1 62.Rd2 Qe1 *(62...Qe1!? 63.Rc2□ Qf1=)* 63.Rc2;
D) 60...--]
[60.Rc2∓ -0.85/24]
[60.Rc2∓ -0.85/25]
60...Rd8 -6.13/28
[60...Qf1 61.Qe4 Rd8 *(61...Rb8?* -3.91/26 61...Rf8-d8 -22.25 *)*]
[⌓60...Qf1 -17.46/29 61.Re4 Qf2+ 62.Kh3 Qf5+ 63.Kh2 Rc8 *(63...Qxa5 64.Re3∓)* 64.Qxc8 Qxc8]

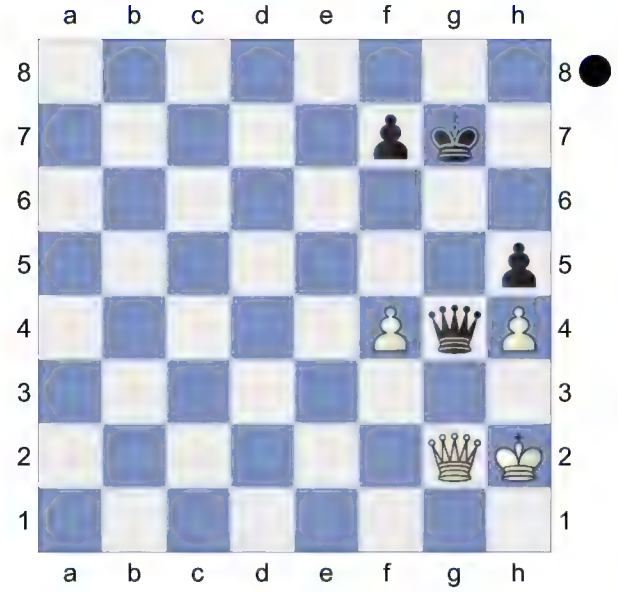


61.a6
[61.Kg2 Kg7? -0.89/26 *(61...Qf5!-+* -4.82/23 is more deadly. *62.Qxc3 Rd3)* 62.a6∓ Rd1 63.Rf2 Rd2 64.Rxd2 *(64.Qc5?* -21.19/29 64.Rf2xd2 -0.90 *Rxf2+ 65.Qxf2 Qc6+ 66.Qf3 Qxf3+ 67.Kxf3 c2 68.a7 c1Q 69.a8Q Qh1+)* 64...cxd2 65.Qd5 Qb2 66.Kh3 Qc2 67.a7? -2.62/24 *(67.Qd4+∓* -0.91/30 *Kh7*

68.a7) 67...Qf5+-+ 68.Qxf5 gxf5 69.a8Q d1Q Inhibits Qa8-d8. 70.Qg2 Qg4+ 71.Kh2



f4! 72.gxf4? -10.15/27 *(72.Qb2+* -2.18/24 *Kh7 73.gxf4)*



72...Qxg2+!-+ 73.Kxg2 Kg6 74.Kg3 Kf5 75.Kf3 f6]

61...Qf1 62.Qe4

[62.a7 Rd2 63.Rxd2 Qxc4 64.a8Q *(64.Rc2 Qa4)* 64...cxd2]

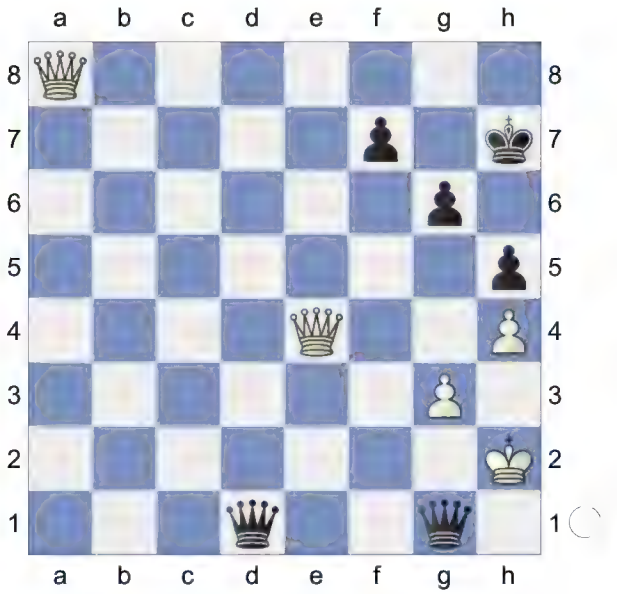
62...Rd2

[Less strong is 62...Rd1 63.Qg2∓]

63.Rxd2 cxd2 64.a7 d1Q

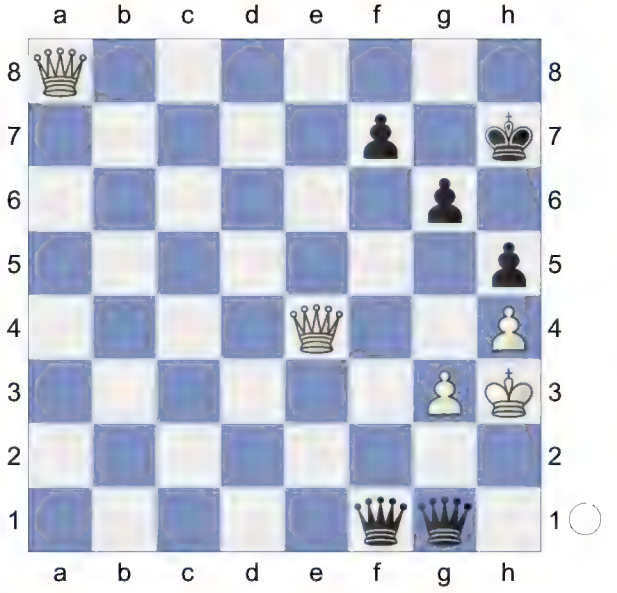
[64...d1B? too greedy. 65.a8Q *(65.a8B Bg4∓)* 65...Qf2+ 66.Qg2+-]

65.a8Q Qg1+



66.Kh3 Qdf1+

[66...Qdf1+ 67.Qg2 Qh1#]



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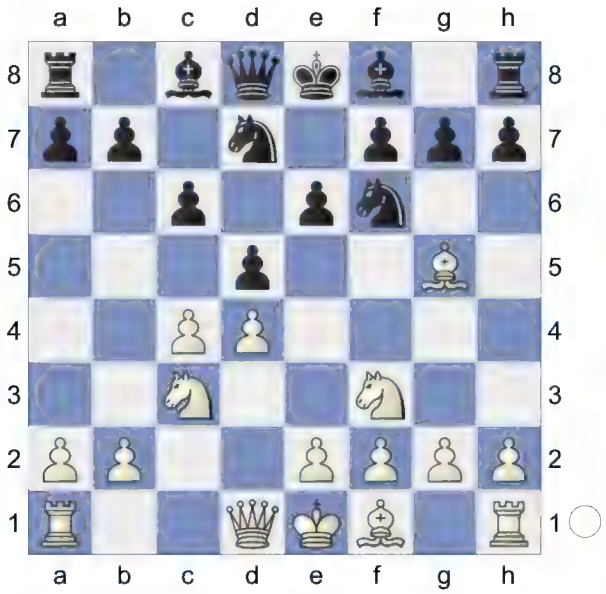
□ **Najdorf,Miguel**
■ **Lynch,Julio**
La Plata Jockey Club (14) 1944
[García/González,JA]

1.d4 García/González,JA García/GonzF lez,JA García/González,JA GarcF a/GonzF lez,JA: 'García/González, JA García/González,JA' **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6**



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 exd5?!
[⌓7...Nxd5]
8.Bd3 Bd6?! 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qc2 Re8

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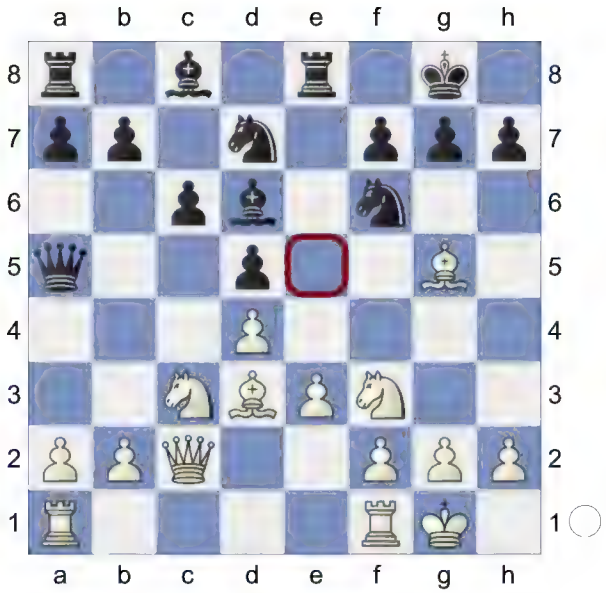

11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qc7
[12...Qd8 13.Rae1 *(13.b4)* 13...Be7 *(13...Nf8 14.e4)* 14.Bg3⟳ *(14.h3 Nh5±)* 14...Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4± Short-Andersson, Tallinn/Paernu 1998]
[12...a6 13.b4 Qd8 14.Rfc1! b5? 15.e4! Bf4 16.Re1 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bb7 18.Nxf6+! Nxf6 19.Rxe8+!+- Knoppers-Lee Johnson, Hastings Reserva 1945]
13.Rfc1± a6 14.b4 g5
[14...Be7!? 15.Bg3 Qd8±]
[14...b6 15.Bf5 a5 16.b5±]
15.Bg3 Bxg3

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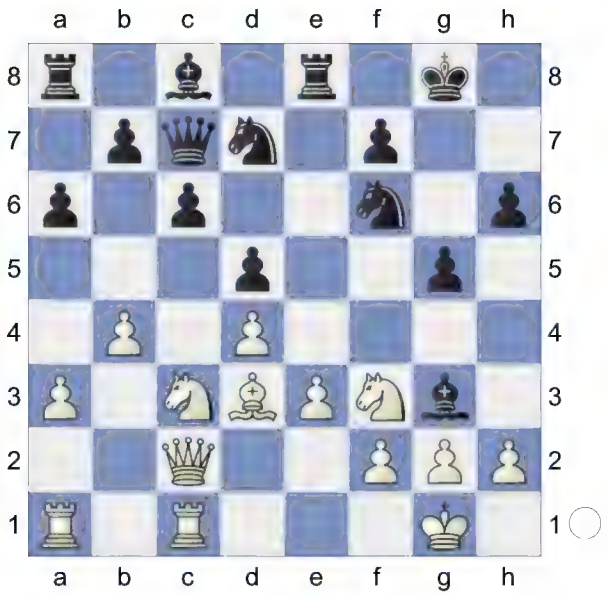
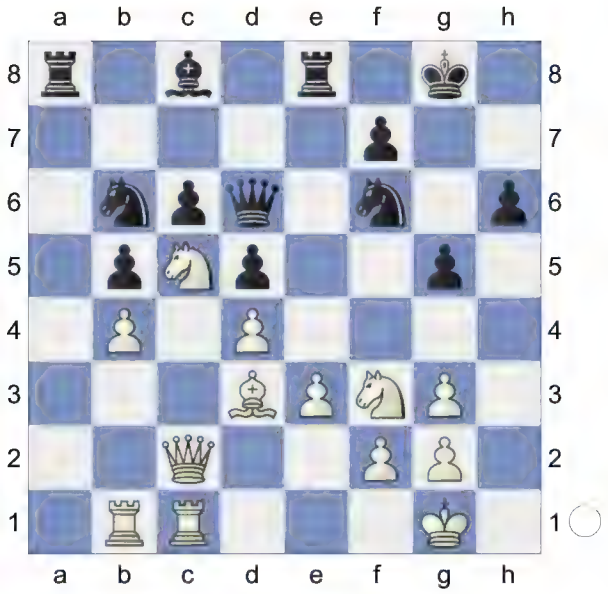


16.hxg3 Qd6
[16...Nf8 17.Rab1±]
17.Rab1 a5 18.Na4 b5 19.Nc5 axb4 20.axb4 Nb6



21.Ra1 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Re7 23.Bf5 Kg7 24.Bxc8 Nxc8 25.Ne5 Ra7

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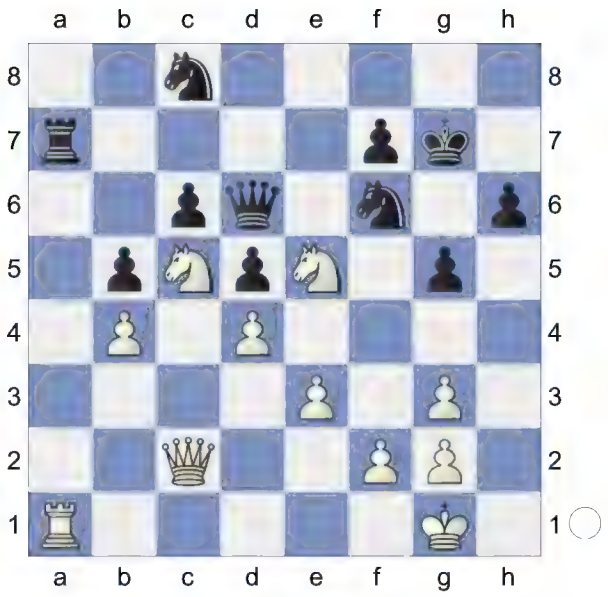
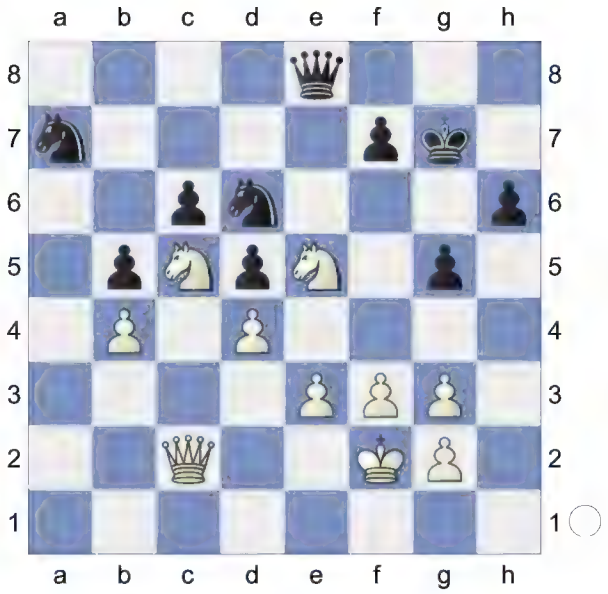


26.Rxa7 Nxa7 27.Qf5
[27.Qa2 Qc7 28.Qa6±]
27...Qe7 28.f3 Ne8 29.Qc2
[29.Qh3!?]
29...Nd6 30.Kf2 Qe8



31.Qa2 Ndc8 32.Qa6 h5 33.e4 dxe4 34.fxe4 Qe7 35.Ke3 Qc7

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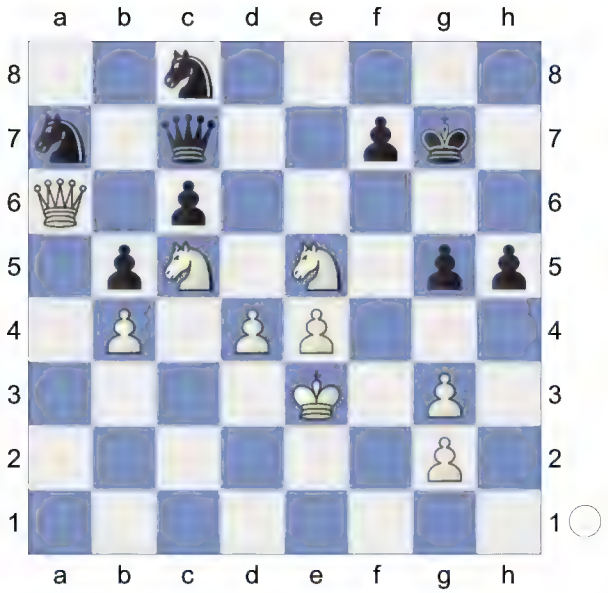
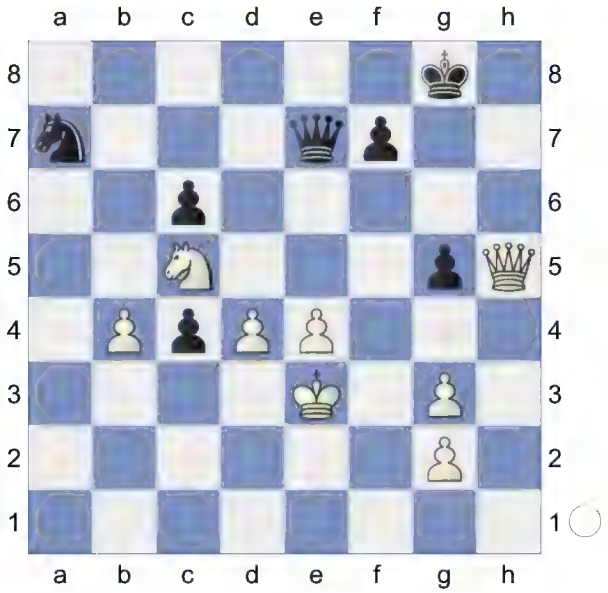


36.Qa1 Kg8

[36...Qe7!?]

37.Qf1 Qe7 38.Qf3 Nd6 39.Qxh5 Nc4+ 40.Nxc4 bxc4



41.e5

[41.Qh6+-]

41...Nb5 42.Ne4 Qd8 43.Qxg5+ Qxg5+ 44.Nxg5 c3 45.Kd3 Kf8

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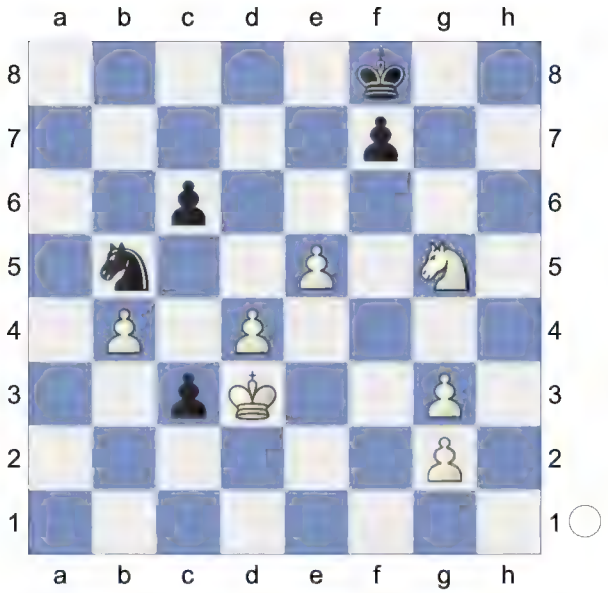
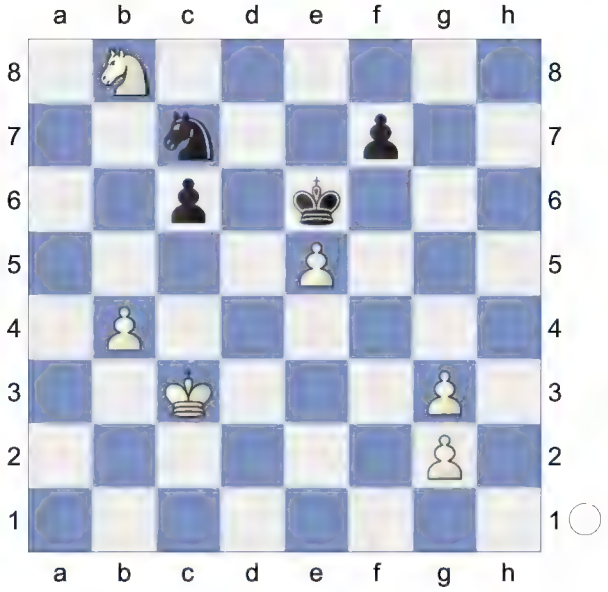


46.Ne4 Nxd4 47.Kxc3 Ne6 48.Nc5 Nc7 49.Nd7+ Ke7 50.Nb8 Ke6



51.Kd4 Nb5+ 52.Kc5

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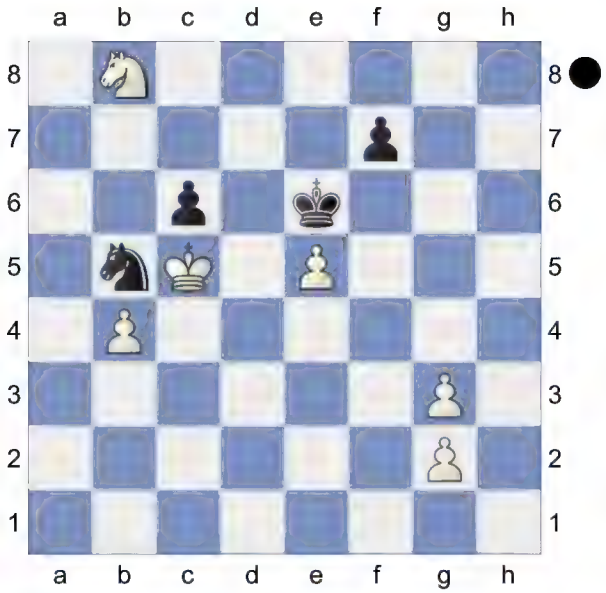

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□ **Gothilf,Solomon Borisovich**

■ **Bogoljubow,Efim**

Leningrad National with Bogoljubow

[Kitty Kat]

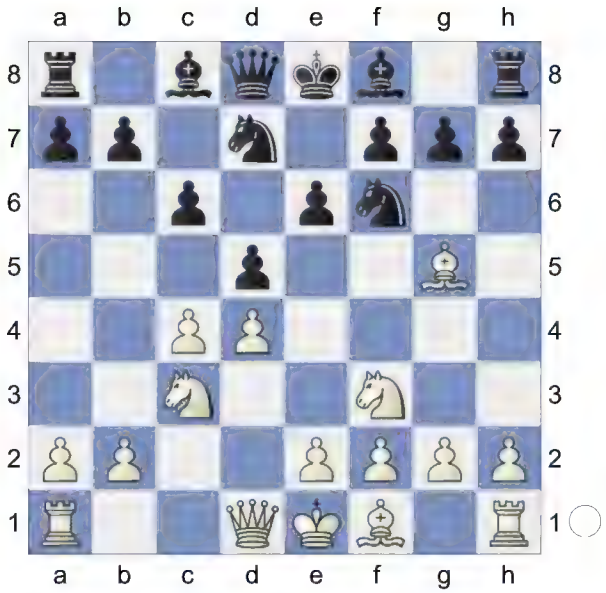
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5

[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]

5...c6

(Diagram)



6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022 *)* 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4 5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4

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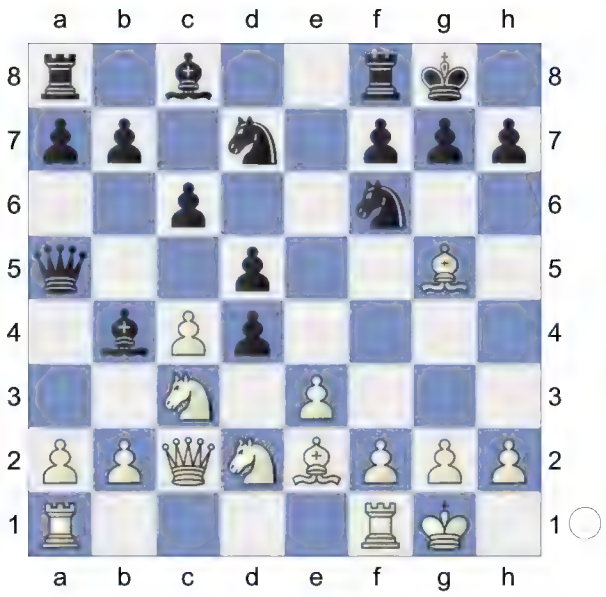
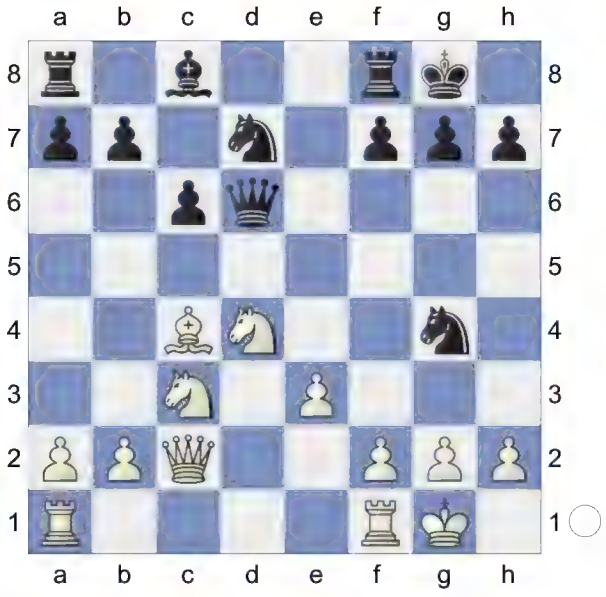


11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bf4 -0.20/21
[⌓12.Nxd4 0.30/21 dxc4 13.Rad1]
12...Bd6= 13.Bxd6
[13.Nxd4 Bxf4 14.exf4 Qxf4∓]
13...Qxd6 14.Nxd4 dxc4 Deflection **15.Bxc4 Ng4**



16.Nf3 Nde5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.g3 Qh5 19.h4 Ne5 20.Be2 Bg4

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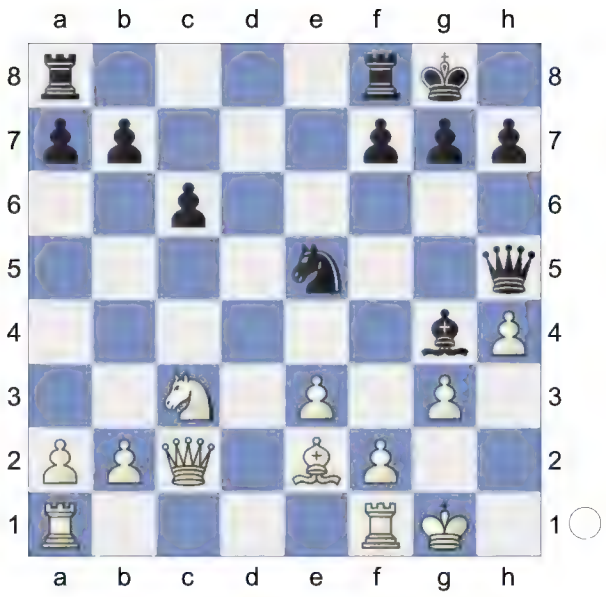
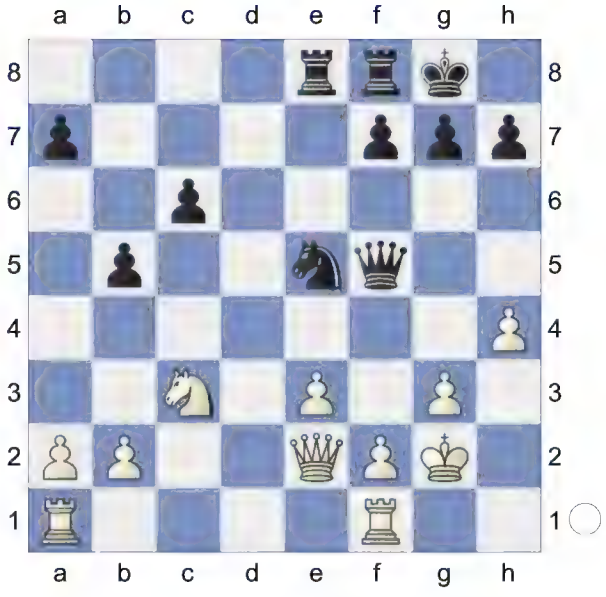


21.Bxg4 Qxg4 22.Kg2 Qf3+ 23.Kg1 Rae8 24.Qe2 Qf5
[24...Qxe2 simplifies 25.Nxe2 Rc8 26.Rfd1 Rfd8]
25.Kg2 Prevents Qf5-h3+ **25...b5**



26.Rac1 b4 27.Na4 Nd3 Repels Na4-c5 **28.Rcd1 Rd8 29.b3 Qb5** ...Nd3-f4+! is the strong threat. **30.Kg1 Rd5**

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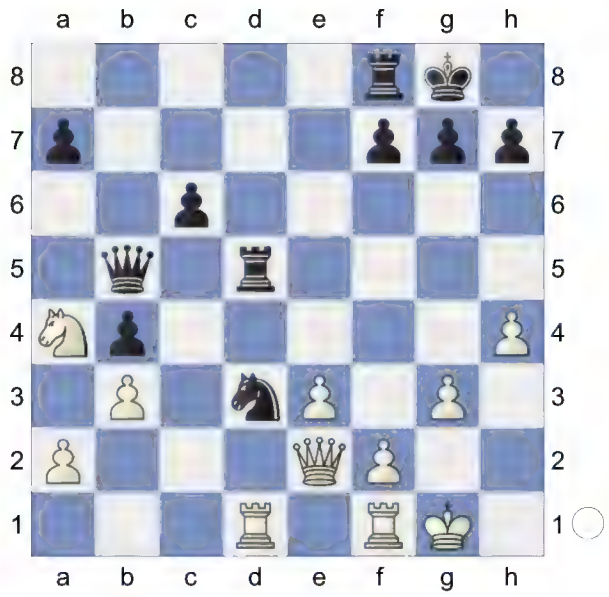

31.e4 Rd4 0.44/23
[31...Re8= 0.01/21]
32.Rd2 -0.01/23
[32.Nb2!± 0.44/23 Rfd8 33.Rxd3 Rxd3 34.Nxd3 Qxd3 35.Qg4]
32...Rfd8
[32...Re8!? 33.Rfd1 Rexe4= *(33...Rdxe4? 34.Qxd3 Qxd3 35.Rxd3+-)*]
33.Rfd1 f5 0.61/24
[33...Kf8= 0.25/22]
34.exf5!±
[34.Nc5 Qxc5 35.Rxd3 fxe4 36.Rxd4 Rxd4=]
34...Qxf5

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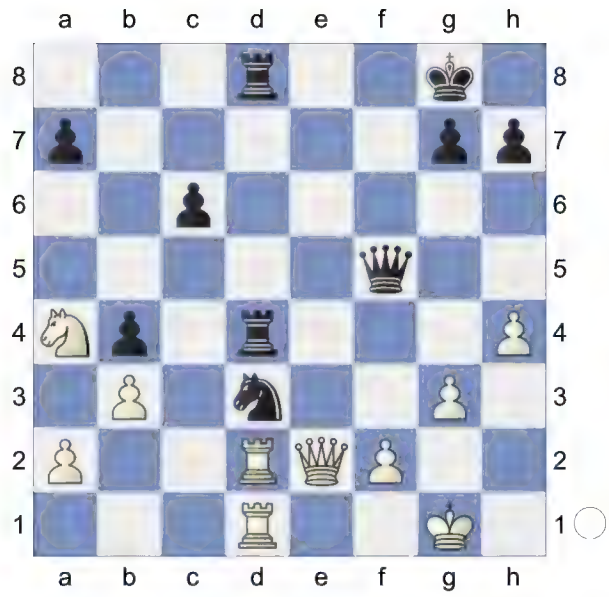
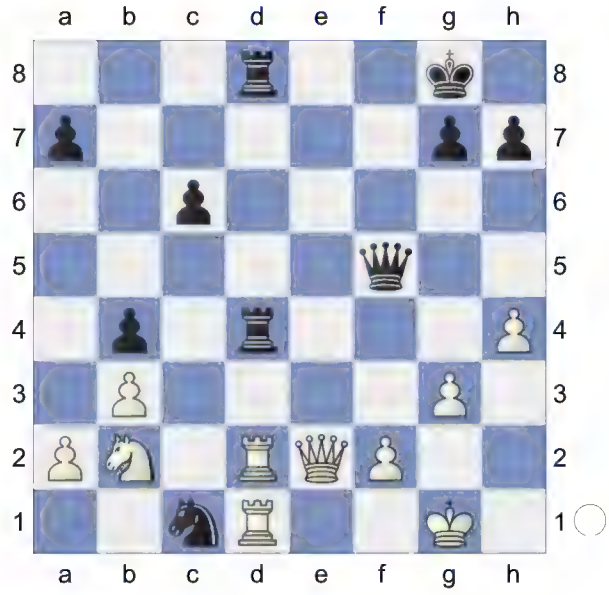


35.Nb2! Nc1 4.61/23



36.Qe3? 0.01/23
[36.Rxc1? Rxd2 37.g4 Rxe2-+]
[36.Qc4++- 4.61/23 Rxc4 37.Rxd8+ Kf7 38.Nxc4 *(38.R1d7+ Ke6±)*]
36...Rxd2= 37.Rxd2 Rxd2 38.Qxd2 Nxa2 Endgame. KQN-KQN **39.Qd8+ Qf8 40.Qd7 h6**

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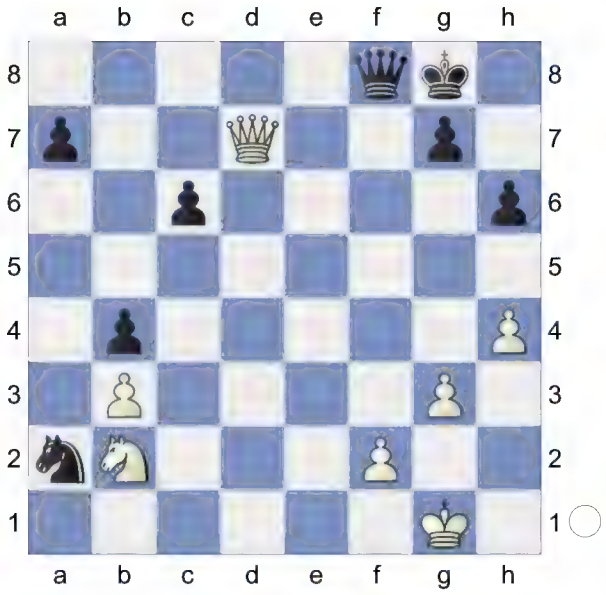
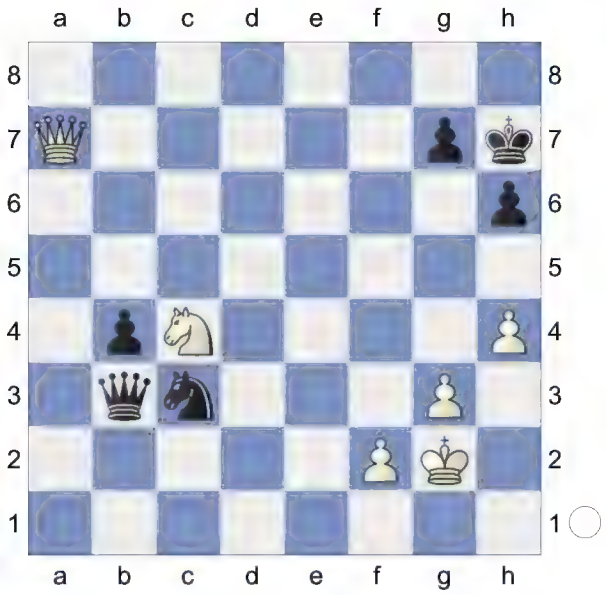


41.Qxc6 Qf5 42.Nc4 Nc3 43.Qa8+ Kh7 44.Qxa7 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 Qxb3



46.Qd4 Qc2 47.Ne3 Qe4+ 48.Qxe4+ Nxe4∓ KN-KN **49.Nc4** -1.06/26
Repels Ne4-d2
[49.Kf3∓ -0.43/25 Nc3 50.Nc4]
49...b3 50.Kf3

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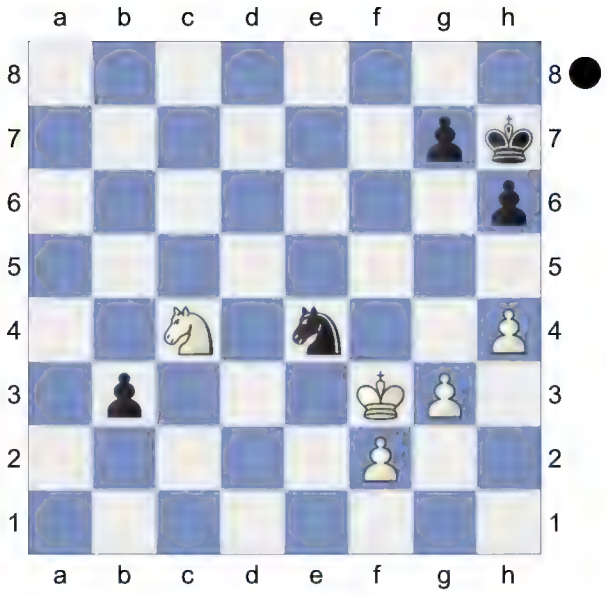
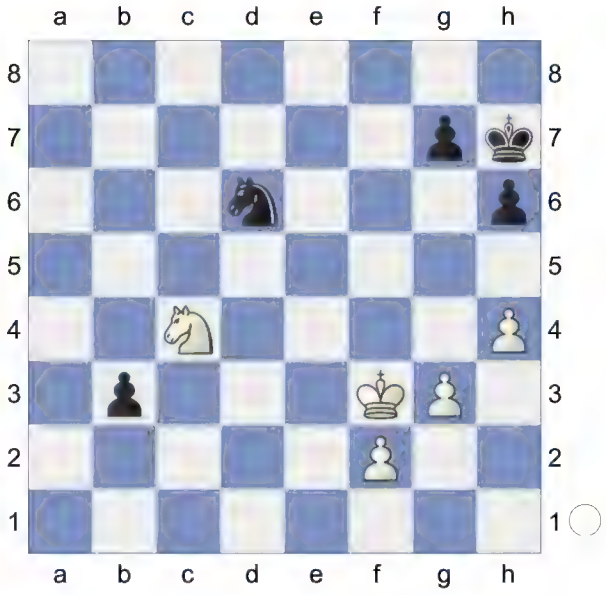
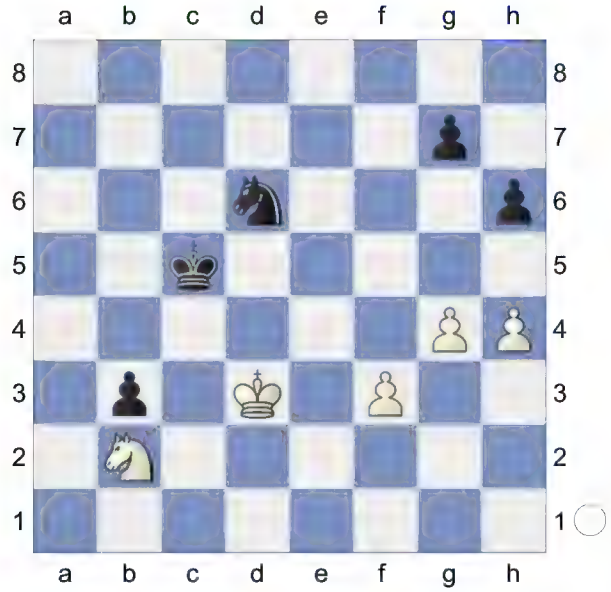


Nd6

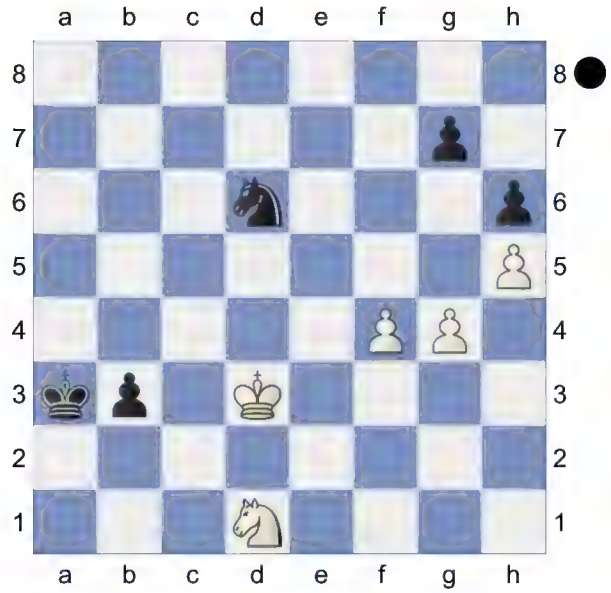


Deflection, Promotion **51.Nb2**
[51.Nxd6? too greedy. b2 52.Nc4 b1Q-+ *(52...b1B 53.Nd6±)*]
51...Kg6 52.Ke3 Kf6 -0.75/24
[⌓52...Kf5 -1.35/24 ...Kf5-g4 would now be deadly. 53.f3 Kf6]
53.f3 -1.62/24
[53.Kd4∓ -0.75/24]
53...Ke5 -2.03/24
[⌓53...g6 -1.62/24 54.Na4 Ke5]
54.g4-+ Kd5 -0.94/24
[54...g6-+ -1.95/24 55.f4+ Kd5]

55.Kd3∓ Kc5 -0.75/23
[Better is 55...g6 -1.11/24 56.f4 Ne4]



56.f4 Kb4 57.h5 Ka3 58.Nd1



b2 0.00/25
[58...Ka4!∓ -1.43/22 59.Kd4 Kb4]
59.Nxb2= The position is equal.
59...Kxb2 60.Kd4 Black must now prevent Kd4-d5. **60...Kc2**

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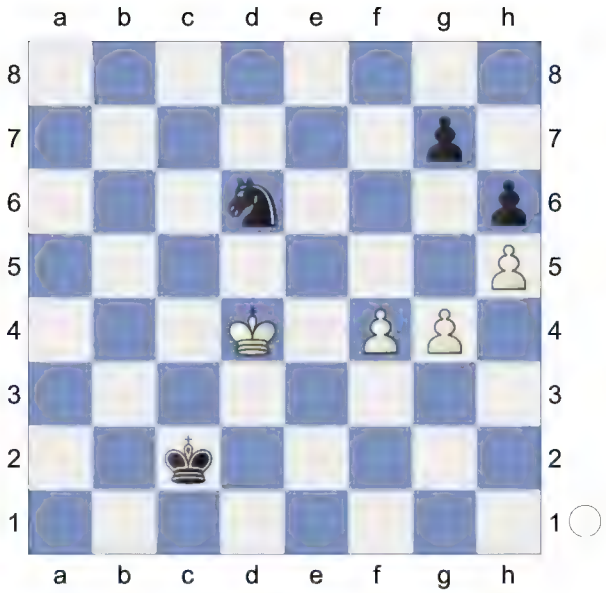
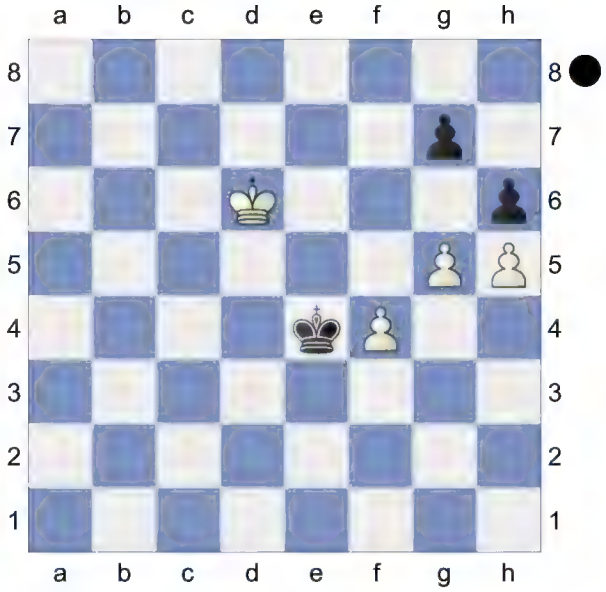


61.Ke5 Kd3 62.Kxd6 White wants to mate with Kd6-d5. **62...Ke4 63.g5**
[63.f5!? Kf4□ 64.Ke7 Kxg4 65.f6 gxf6 66.Kxf6 Kxh5 67.Kf5=]



Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

218 **D52**
□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**
■ **Tartakower,Saviely**
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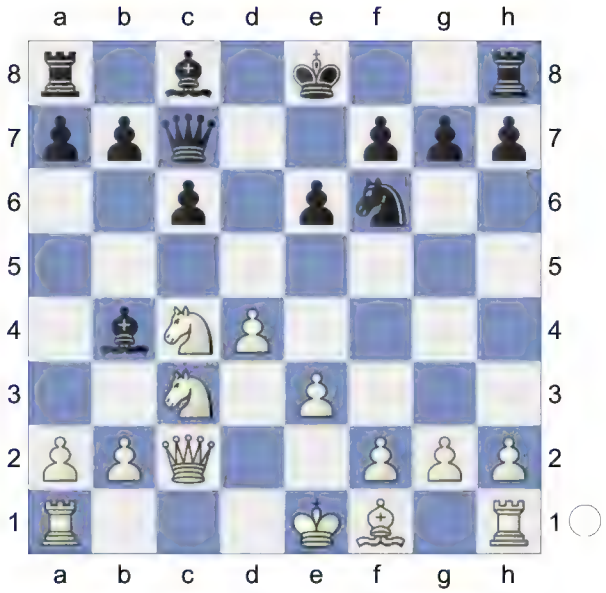
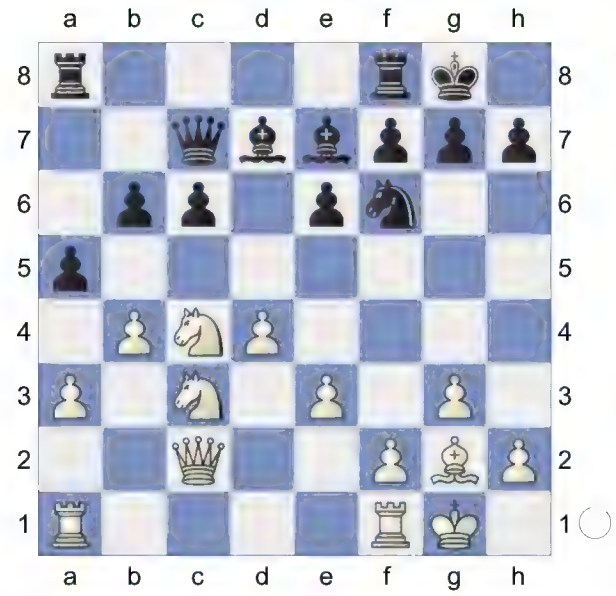
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
In the 28th game, where a sharp, multi-piece endgame was reached, Alekhine ran short of time and ended up in a critical position: White inevitably lost a pawn. In an effort to save the game, he thought over his sealed move for 1 hour 50 minutes (a record for the match !) and on the resumption he twice more found the only moves... And here, after thinking for 40 minutes, Capablanca unexpectedly offered a draw !The 29th game was no less dramatic. One version has it that Alekhine thoroughly exhausted his opponent by his tenacious defence in a very difficult position. He did indeed defend brilliantly, but he nevertheless lost the game... **1.d4** Fritz 5.00 (5s) **1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6**

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'N' 'with the idea' 9... Qh5, 10... Ng4; 8... Nc6 9.Rc1 h6 10. Bh4 Ne4 11.Be7 Ne7 12.Be4 fe 13.Nd2 d5 14.Qg4 Rf6 15.Ne2 Qd6= Nogueiras - Yusupov, Rotterdam, 1989 **9.Bxf6** ! 'with the idea' 10.e4 **9...Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7**



11.a3 Be7 12.g3 'with the idea' 13. a5$36$14 **12...0-0** Fritz 5.00 (5s): '±' ?!
[12...c5 13.Nb5 *(13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bg2 Bd7)* 13...Qb8∞ 0.40/22 Botvinnik *(13...Qc6 14.Ne5 Qxh1 15.Nc7+;* *13...Qc6=* 0.00/24 is more appropriate. *14.Ne5 Qxh1 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Nxa8 g5)* 14.dxc5± Fritz 5.00 (5s) Bxc5 15.Bg2 *(15.Ncd6+ Bxd6 16.Qxc8+! Qxc8 17.Nxd6+ Ke7 18.Nxc8+ Rhxc8)* 15...Bd7 16.Nc3 0-0 17.0-0 Qc7]
13.Bg2 Bd7
[13...b6∞ 0.59/21 13...c6-c5 0.13 !]
14.b4 !
[14.0-0 ?! c5±]
14...b6 White is slightly better. **15.0-0** '±' ! 'with the idea' f4, Qf3, e4$16 **15...a5**
[15...Rac8 'with the idea' 15... e5!$15; 14... g6?! 15.ef ef 16.c5! bc 17.

Qd5$14]
[15...Rab8 'with the idea' 16.Be4$16 16.Rfb1 'with the idea' 16... c5$13 c5 0.86/23 Fritz 5.00 (5s) *(16...Rfc8± 0.31/19)* 17.dxc5± bxc5 18.b5 'with the idea' 14.a5$36$14]



16.Ne5
[16.Rfb1 -0.36/18 16.Nc4-e5 0.43 ?! axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1∞ ! 18.Rxa1 %03'better is' Bxb4]
[16.Rab1 axb4 17.axb4 Ra7± 0.60/18 *(17...Nd5= -0.17/20)*]
[16.Qb3 !? axb4 17.axb4 'with the idea' g4, Ref8$131 Nd5 18.b5? -3.68/25 *(18.Rxa8= 0.16/24* and White stays safe. *Rxa8 19.b5)* 18...Nxc3? -0.40/22 'with the idea' f3$14 *(18...Rxa1-+ -3.68/25 19.Rxa1 Nxc3 20.bxc6 Bxc6)*]
[16.Ne5!?]
[16.b5 cxb5 *(16...Rac8)* 17.Bxa8 -1.95/25 ! *(17.Ne5∓ -0.89/27 Rac8 18.Rfc1)* 17...Qxc4-+ 18.Bf3 b4? -0.01/25 'with the idea' Qd3, Rb1 *(18...Rc8-+ -1.99/27 19.Rfc1 b4 20.axb4 axb4)*]
16...axb4 17.axb4
[17.Nb5 Qc8 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Qxc6 Qxc6 20.Bxc6 Ra5±]
17...Rxa1 ?! 'with the idea' 18... e5$131; 'better is'17... c5 ('with the idea'Rc8, cd$131) 18.e4!$37$14
[17...Bxb4 1.18/25 17...Ra8xa1 0.47 18.Nb5 Qc8 2.10/25 *(18...Qb7±* 1.15/23 was called for.*)* 19.Rxa8∓ 1.14/25 *(19.Bxc6∓* 1.11/22 19.Nb5-a7 2.03; *19.Na7!+-* 2.10/25 *Qe8 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Bxc6 Qxa7 22.Bxa8)* 19...Qxa8± ! 20.Bxc6 0.63/24 Fritz 5.00 (5s) *(20.Nxd7±* 1.00/25 *Nxd7 21.Qxc6 Qxc6 22.Bxc6)* 20...Bxc6 21.Nxc6 0.43/24 *(21.Qxc6±* 0.82/24 *Rb8 22.Rc1)* 21...Ba5 1.21/22 *(21...Rc8!±* 0.43/24 *22.Rc1 Kf8)* 22.Ra1]
18.Rxa1 Fritz 5.00 (5s): ' ∓' ! **18...Rc8** Fritz 5.00 (5s): '='
[18...Bxb4 1.25/23 18...Be7-d6 0.60 !? 19.Nb5! Qc8
A) 20.Nxd7 1.03/24 20.Nb5-a7 1.57 cxb5!?= Fritz 5.00 (5s);
B) 20.Na7 !? Qc7 21.Nxd7 Nxd7 2.48/25 *(21...Qxd7 22.Bxc6; 21...Qxd7±* 1.54/28 *22.Bxc6 Qd8)* 22.Nxc6+- Bd6± 5.45/25 Alekhine *(22...Rc8?* 4.39/27 22...Qc7-d6 2.31 *23.Ra8; 22...Qd6 23.Ra7; 22...Qd6* 2.34/26 is tougher. *23.Ra7 Nb8)* 23.Ne7++- Kh8 24.Qxc7 Bxc7± 25.Ra7 !?;
C) 20.Bxc6]
[18...c5 'with the idea' Rh1, h5$36$16 19.Nxd7 'with the idea' Rc6$131 Qxd7± ! 20.dxc5± bxc5 Fritz 5.00 (5s) ?! 21.b5]
[18...Bxb4?! 19.Nb5 Qd8 20.Bxc6±]
19.Nxd7 Qxd7
[19...Nxd7+-]
20.Na4 Qd8
(Diagram)

'±' **21.Qb3** ! 'with the idea' Kg2, h4, h5, Rh1$36$16

[21.Bxc6 0.01/24 21.Qc2-b3 0.58 Bxb4 *(21...b5!? 22.Nb2□ Qd6∓)*]

21...Nd5 0.85/25

[21...c5? 1.92/24 21...b6-b5 0.35 22.bxc5∞ bxc5 ?! 23.dxc5 Bxc5 2.42/25 ?? *(⌓23...Rb8 1.82/20 24.Qc2 Qa5)* 24.Bb7!]

[21...b5 22.Nc5+- Bxc5 ? 23.bxc5+- 0.36/24 *(23.dxc5± 0.72/25 Qc7 24.Qb2)* 23...Ra8]

[21...b5± 0.44/23 feels stronger. 22.Nc5 Ra8]

22.b5± cxb5 1.12/23

[22...c5 1.54/24 22...h7-h5 0.76 23.dxc5

A) 23...bxc5 24.Qc4 0.79/19 *(24.b6+- 1.87/22* is more deadly. *)*;

B) 23...Bxc5 ? 24.Rd1]

[⌓22...h5 0.74/24]

23.Qxb5 Ra8 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '±' ?!

[23...Rb8 24.Bxd5 ! Qxd5 25.Qxd5 ! exd5 26.Rb1 b5 *(26...Bd8* 1.72/24 26...b6-b5 1.35 ? *27.Rb5)* 27.Nc3 b4 28.Nxd5 Bd6 29.Rb3+- 0.83/24 *(⌓29.Kf1* 1.45/24 *)*]

[23...Nc3 24.Qxb6]

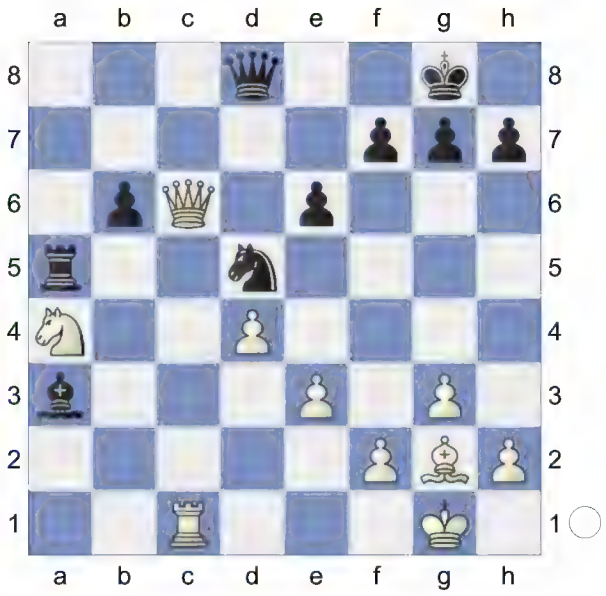
24.Rc1!

[24.Rb1∞ 0.20/26 24.Ra1-c1 0.58 Rxa4 !! 25.Qxa4 *(25.Bxd5??* -3.12/23 25.Qb5xa4 0.25 !? *Ra5)* 25...Nc3]

24...Ra5 25.Qc6 Ba3

[25...Nb4 2.01/29 25...Be7-a3 1.19 26.Qb7 *(26.Qxb6* 0.92/26 26.Qc6-b7 1.92 *Rxa4 27.Qxd8+! Bxd8 28.Rc8 Ra1+ 29.Bf1 Nc6+-* Alekhine *30.Rxc6* ! Rc6-c8 would now be deadly. *Kf8)*]

[25...Nb4? 26.Qb7 Bf8 *(26...Rxa4? 27.Rc8+-* Pin *)* 27.Rc8+- *(27.Nxb6 Rb5+-)*]



26.Rb1 Bf8

[26...Rxa4?? 4.65/27 26...b6-b5 1.20 27.Qxa4 Nc3 28.Qxa3 , where White reaches the Goldin line but with the c7-pawn already eliminated; in this case White wins Nxb1 Fritz 5.00 (5s) 29.Qb2]

[26...b5 27.Nc5 0.85/25 *(⌓27.Rxb5* 1.23/27 *Rxa4 28.Rxd5)* 27...Bxc5± 28.dxc5 Ne7? 7.76/24 *(28...g6±* 0.85/20 *)* 29.Qb7± 1.97/22 *(⌓29.Qb6* 7.76/24 *Qxb6 30.cxb6)*]

27.Bxd5 !

[Stronger than 27.Nxb6 Nb4 28.Rxb4 *(28.Qb7? Rb5-+)* 28...Bxb4-+]

27...Rxd5 28.Nxb6 Rd6 29.Qb7 h5

[29...h6!]

30.Nc4 Rd7

31.Qe4 Rc7 32.Ne5 ! 'with the idea' 33. Rh6, 34.f5$18 **32...Qc8 33.Kg2** White has more active pieces. **33...Bd6** ?! **34.Ra1 Rb7** During the Christmas of 1969 my family visited Blacksburg, Virginia, where my uncle was an engineering professor at Virginia Tech. Having saved my allowance for an eternity, and with a little monetary assistance from Santa, I wisely invested in my first Capablanca book. Both the name and author of the book are long forgotten, but what I do remember is this diagrammed position versus Tartakower. I took one look and grew convinced Capa's side was losing. Don't make the same mistake I made when I was nine-years-old!

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Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'The passed pawn on g5 will quickly become a dangerous weapon'

[however, GM Igor Zaitsev found a hole in Goldin's line: 34...Qb7!! 5.22/26 34...Rc7-b7 1.58 35.Ra8+ Bf8 36.Qxb7 Rxb7 37.Rd8]

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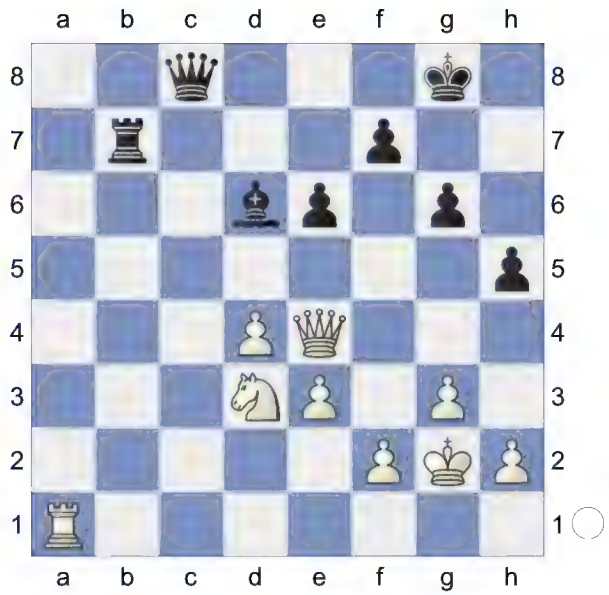

36.Ra6 Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'White gets kings attack' ! **36...Bf8** 2.20/25 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '±'

[36...Bb8 1.61/25 was necessary. 37.Nc5 Ra7]

37.Rc6! ! **37...Rc7 38.Rxc7**

[38.Ne5 Qb7! 39.Qf3 Bg7! should save Black.]

38...Qxc7 Endgame. ! KQB-KQN

39.Ne5! QUESTION: Why dance around the f-pawn, rather than take it?

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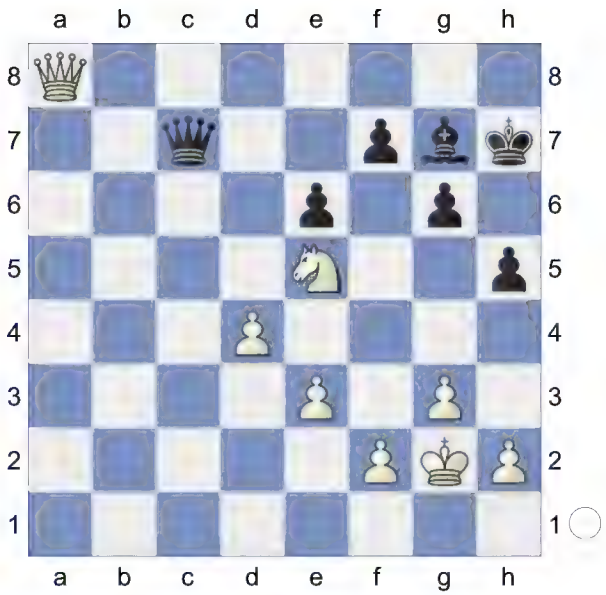
Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'Threatening mate: Rh8'
39...Bg7 40.Qa8+ ! 40...Kh7



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'Threatening mate... how?' **41...Bf6** Inhibits Nf3-g5+. **42.Qa6** The correct moment to take the f-pawn. Well, I did say Black would be better off without the pawn, didn't I?
And now d4-d5 would win.
[42.Qf8 Qe7! 1.64/24 , when Black's rook reaches the first rank, which puts White's win at risk; for example, *(42...Qb7± 0.96/27)*]
42...Kg7 **43.Qd3** Re-litigating the old mate threat.
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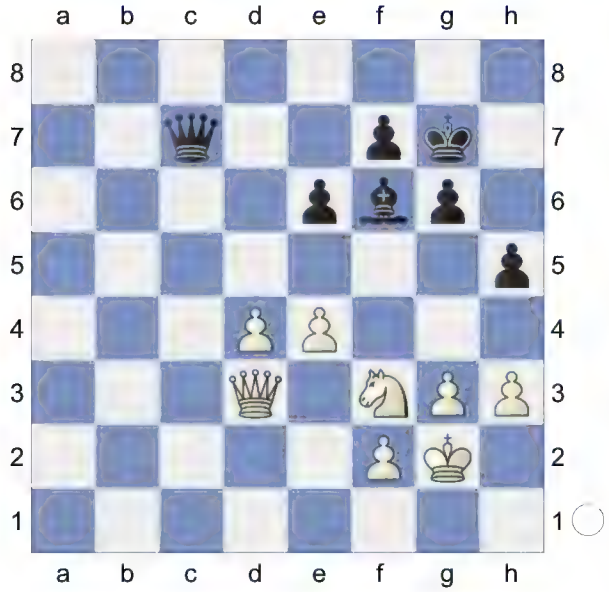
Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'Do you see the mate threat?' **43...Qb7** **44.e4** Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'The mate threat is Kxf4' **44...Qc6**
EXERCISE: (combination alert): How can White hold on to his g-pawn and then pick off d5?
ANSWER: By offering to go into a won king and pawn ending.
45.h3! ! **45...Qc7**



46.d5
[46.Nd2 h4 1.43/22 *(⌓46...Qa7* 1.07/26 *)*]
46...exd5 QUESTION: Why not continue the harassment from g5? **47.exd5** Capa lassoes yet more pawns with the ease of a ranch-hand roping fat, lazy, wayward cows. Time for Tartakower to resign. Naturally he didn't. Perhaps it was under the assumption that a beaten general can still hope to negotiate favourable terms of surrender?
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Fritz 5.00 (5s): 'The passed pawn on d4 quickly leads to threats' **47...Qc3**
[47...Qd6 1.59/24 47...Qc7-c3 0.93 48.Qc4 1.09/25 and now Goldin's analysis continued *(⌓48.Nd2* 1.59/24 *)* 48...Qf8? 49.Nd4 0.95/24 *(⌓49.Nd2* 1.41/23 *)*]
48.Qxc3
[In his book, 'The Greatest Ever Chess Endings', Steve Giddins points out an analytical dual between chess journalist Vladimir Goldin and GM Igor Zaitsev. Goldin claimed a draw for Black with 48.Qd1! (clearly Black's best practical try)]
[48.Qe4 Qc5]
48...Bxc3 KB-KN **49.Kf1** **Kf6** **50.Ke2!** **Bb4**

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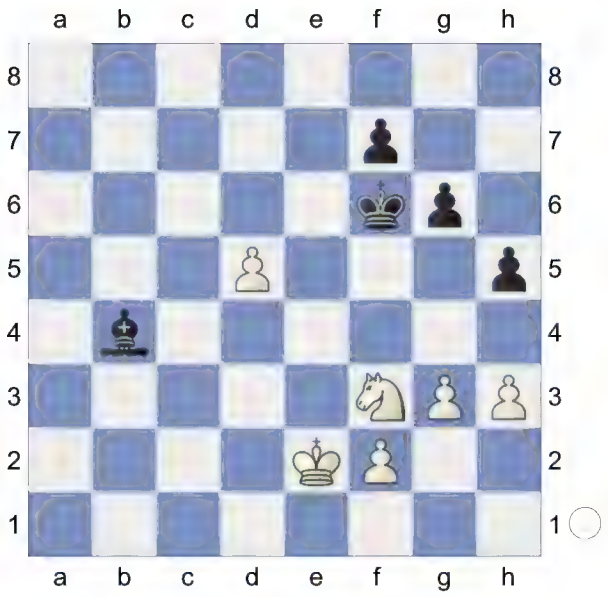

51.Nd4 ! **51...Bc5**
[51...Ke5? 8.94/30 51...Bb4-c5 0.84 52.Nc6++-]
52.Nc6 0.39/28
[White should try 52.Nb3± 0.81/29 Bf8 53.Kd3]
52...Kf5!± Fritz 5.00 (5s) **53.Kf3+-** 1-0 (53) Capablanca,J-Tartakower,S New York_180518 1924 Capablanca: Move by Move [Cyrus Lakdawala]
[53.f3 h4 0.96/27 *(53...Bd6± 0.31/27)*]
≤53...Kf6 Fritz 5.00 (5s) **54.g4 hxg4+ 55.hxg4 Kg5N** 2.23/30
[55...Bd6 56.Nd8 0.00/31 *(⌓56.Ke4!?* Fritz 5.00 (5s)

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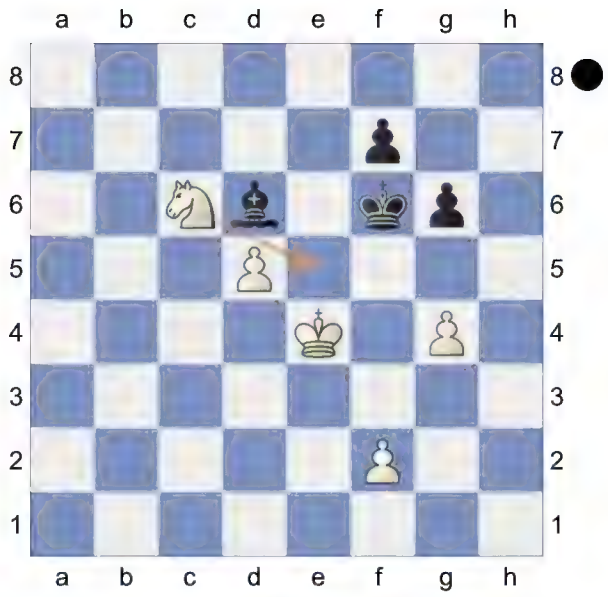
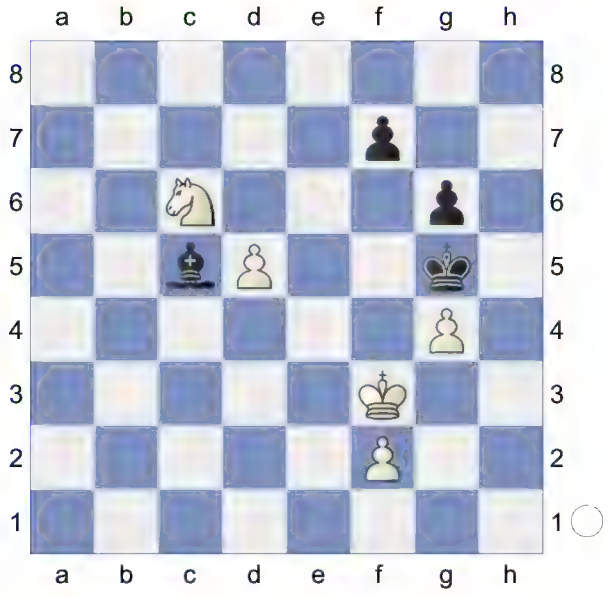
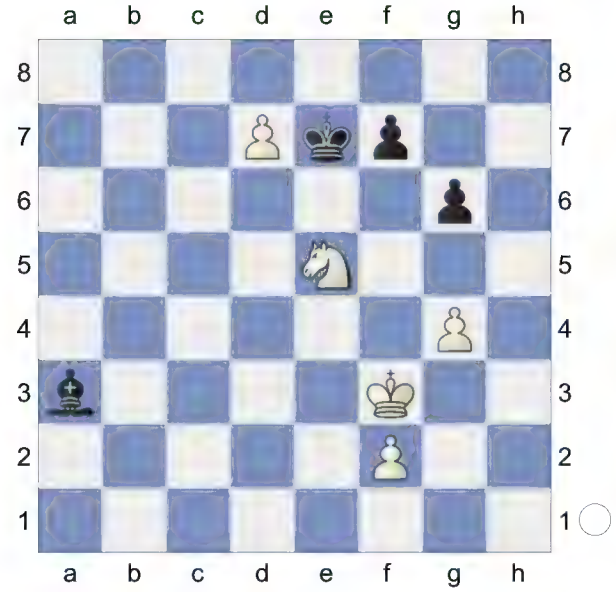


56...Kg5; 56.Ke4± 0.52/30) 56...Be7? 3.40/29 *(56...Bc7=* 0.00/31 and Black is okay. *57.Nc6 Kg5)*]
[55...Bb6=]
[Better is 55...Bb6± 0.37/30]

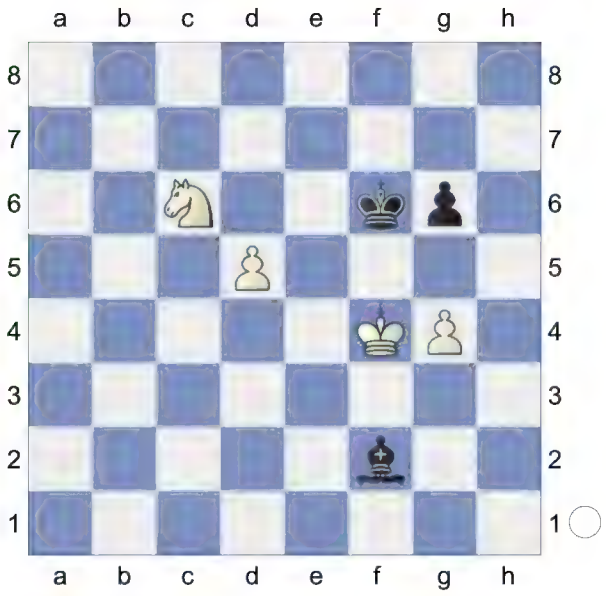


This move loses the game for Black.
56.Ne5 Hoping for d5-d6. **56...Bd4?** 7.22/28 Fritz 5.00 (5s)
[56...f5? 12.99/28 56...Bc5-a3 2.24 = 57.d6 fxg4+ 58.Kg2! Bb6 *(58...Kf5* 'with the idea' 43.g8Q, 44.Ra8$18 *59.d7 Be7+-* QUESTION: It looks to

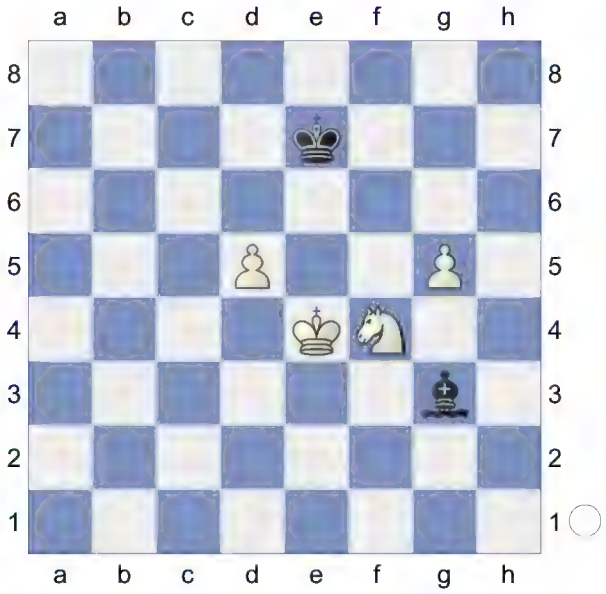
me like Black wastes time going after f4. Why not try a queening race with *60.Nc6* ?
ANSWER: White is faster in every line: *)* 59.d7 Kf5 60.Nc6]
[56...f6 57.Nf7+ Kh4 58.d6]
[56...Kf6 57.Nd7+]
[56...Ba3 57.d6! Kf6 and White reaches the goal first. or 58.d7! Ke7



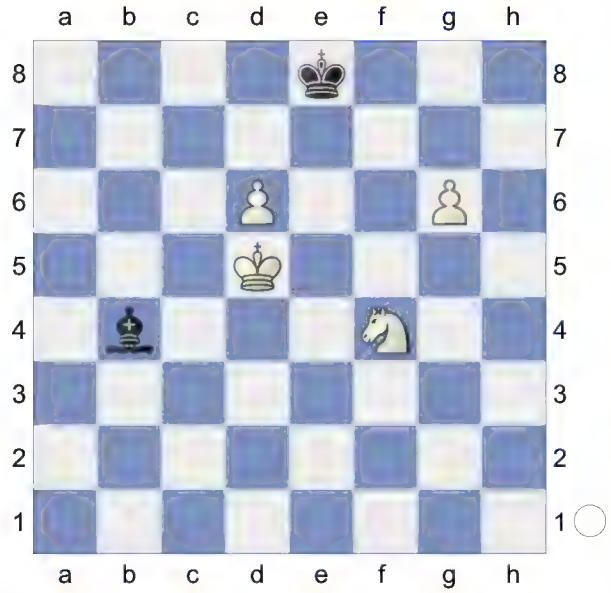
59.Nxf7 0.93/22 *(White should play 59.Ke4! 1.37/32 f6 60.Nxg6+ Kxd7 61.Kf5)* 59...Kxd7± 60.Ne5+]
[56...Ba3 2.16/31 57.d6 *(57.Nxf7+ Kf6±)* 57...Kf6]
57.Nxf7+ Kf6 58.Nd8 ≤Bb6
[58...Ke5 ! 59.Nc6+ ??]
59.Nc6 ANSWER: The rook backs away with the laboured, false friendliness of an enemy before a more powerful foe. Black walks into a quick mate in this line:
59...Bc5 60.Kf4
[60.Kg3 4.71/36 60.Kf3-e2 9.62 Fritz 5.00 (5s) Bd6+ 61.f4 Strongly threatening Kg3-f3. g5+-]
[60.Ke2 Kg5 61.f3+- 3.19/28 *(⌓61.Ne5 8.08/28 Ba3 62.Kf3)* 61...Kf4 ?!]
60...Bxf2
[60...g5+ 61.Kf3+-]



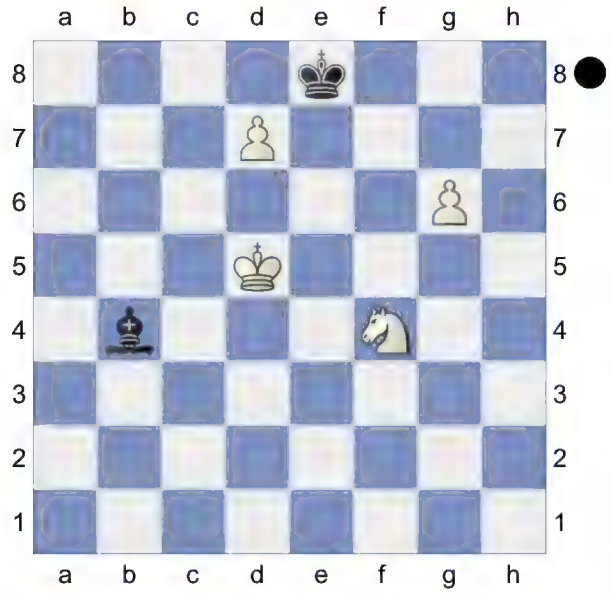
61.g5+ Kf7
[61...Kg7 promotes. 62.d6]
62.Ne5+ ! **62...Ke7** 'with the idea' 48. Kc6$18
[62...Kg7 63.d6]
63.Nxg6+?! Fritz 5.00 (5s) **63...Kd6** After **64.Ke4** **Bg3** 16.79/26 Prevents Ng6-e5.
[⌓64...Be1 4.84/22 65.Nf4 Bb4]
65.Nf4 Threatening mate with g5-g6.
65...Ke7



66.Ke5 White mates. **66...Be1 67.d6+ Kd7 68.g6 Bb4 69.Kd5**
[69.g7? 0.18/22 69.Nf4-e6 #13 Bc3+]
69...Ke8



70.d7+!



Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
1-0

219 **D52**
□ **Rubinstein,Akiba**
■ **Schlechter,Carl**
Match Rubinstein-Schlechter +2-1=3 (6)
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]
5...c6

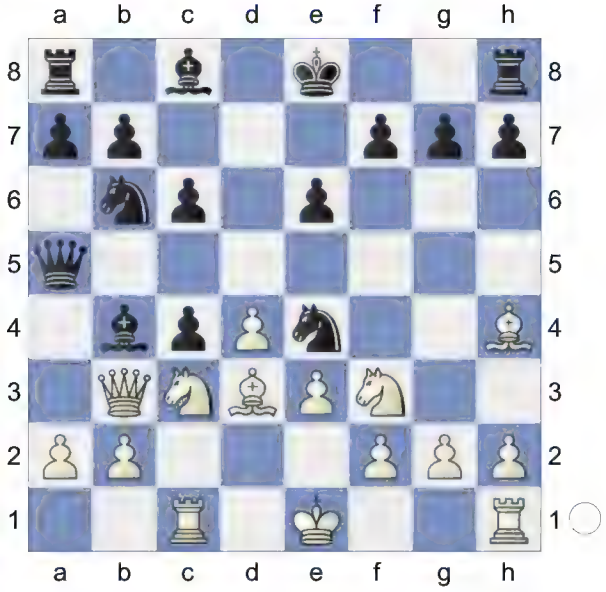
6.e3N
[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7.

Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4_5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.Qb3 Ne4 aiming for ... Ne4xg5. **8.Bh4 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nb6 10.Bd3** -0.11/23

[⌓10.a3 0.30/21 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3]

10...dxc4



11.Bxc4 Qa4 0.40/23

[11...Nxc4= 0.00/19 was preferrable. 12.Qxc4 0-0]

12.Bd3± Qxb3 13.axb3 Nf6 14.Ke2 Nbd5 15.Ne5 Be7

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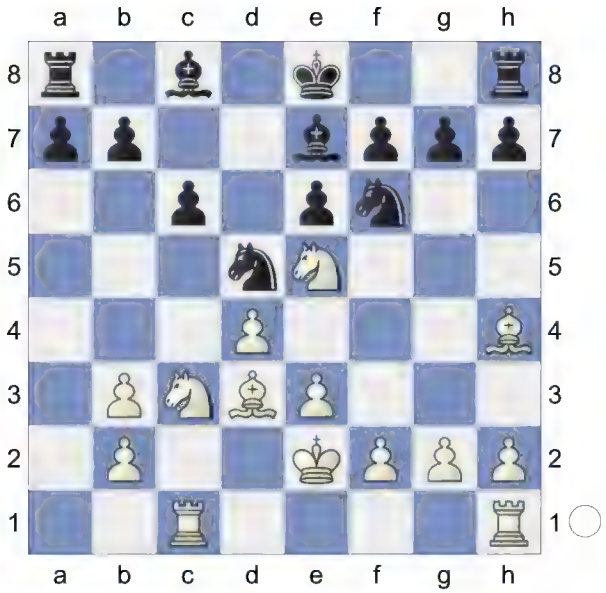


16.Ra1 Nb4 17.Bb1 b6 18.Rc1 Bb7! 19.f3 Nfd5 0.82/20

[19...Nd7= 0.16/18 20.Bxe7 Kxe7]

20.Bxe7 0.29/20

[White should play 20.Nxd5± 0.82/20 exd5 21.Be1]

20...Kxe7=

21.Nd3 0.05/18

[21.Kf2± 0.44/19]

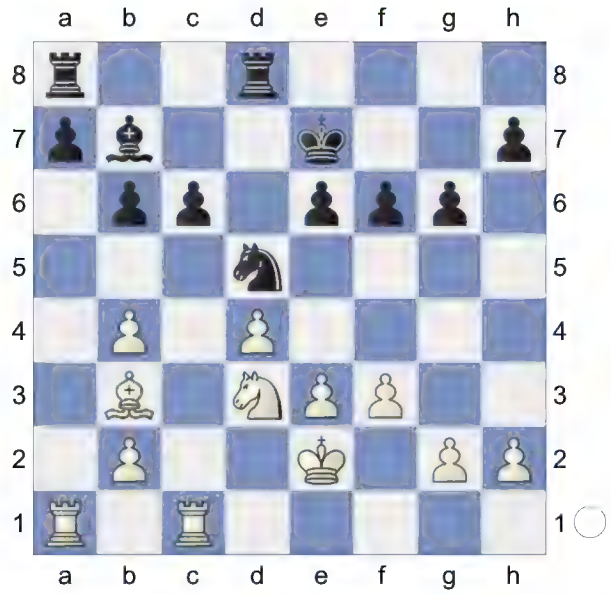
21...Rhc8

[21...Ba6 is interesting. 22.Kd2 Bxd3 23.Bxd3 a5]

22.Nxd5+ 0.65/19

[22.Kd2= 0.10/18]

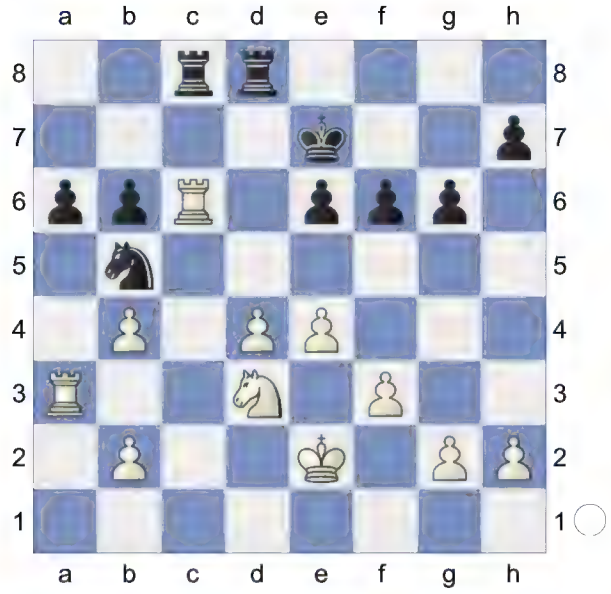
22...Nxd5± 23.b4 g6 24.Bc2 f6 25.Bb3 Rd8



26.Ra3 a6 27.Ba4 Rac8 1.35/21

[27...Rd6± 0.55/20]

28.e4± Nc7 29.Bxc6 White is more active. **29...Bxc6 30.Rxc6 Nb5**



Dodges Ra3-c3 **31.Rxc8**

[31.Rxb6 Nxa3 *(31...Rxd4? loses. 32.Raxa6 Rcd8 33.Nc5+-; 31...Rc2+ 32.Ke3=)* 32.bxa3 Rc2+ *(32...Rxd4 33.Nc5=)* 33.Ke3 a5= *(33...Rxg2 34.Rxa6 Rxh2 35.b5±)*]

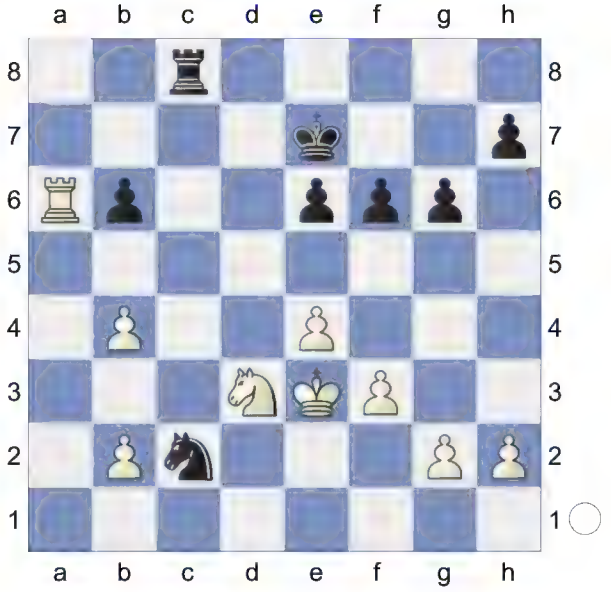
31...Rxc8 32.Rxa6 Nxd4++- KRN-KRN

33.Ke3 Nc2+ 34.Kd2 Nd4 35.Ke3? -0.01/19

[35.Rxb6 Rc2+ 36.Ke3 e5 37.Rb7+ Kd8∓]

[35.f4± 1.57/22]

35...Nc2+!=



36.Kd2 -0.01/21

[White should try 36.Kf2!± 0.95/26 Rd8 37.Ra7+ Skewer Kf8 38.Nf4 Rd2+ 39.Kg3]

36...Nd4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24

(precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

220 **D52**
□ **Menchik,Vera**
■ **Lasker,Emanuel**
1935 Moscow (Russia) 1935
[Kitty Kat]

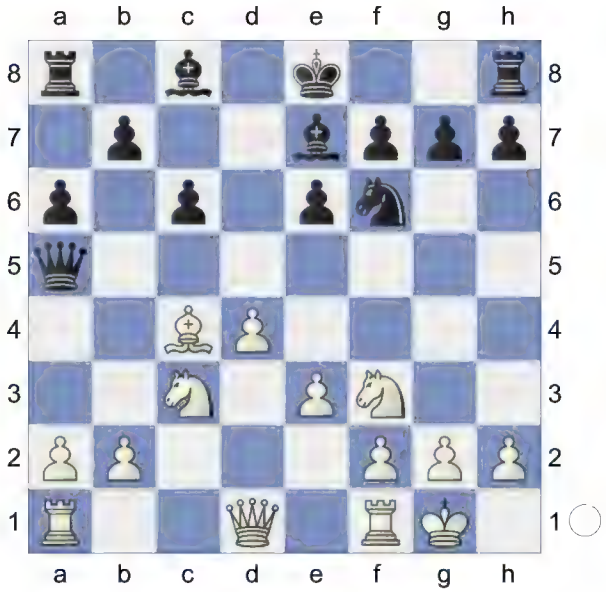
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

6.Nc3N

[6.Nbd2 h6 *(6...Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Rc1 c4 11.Bf5 b5 12.a3 Rb8 13.Qc2 g6 14.Bh3 Nb6 15.Bxc8 Rxc8 16.Ne5 Nfd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Nf3 Qd6 20.h4 a5 21.h5* (47) Collet-Fine Diagram 282 1937*)* 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Nh5 9.Bd3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Bg7 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.Rc1 0-0 13.0-0 e5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.b4 Bg4 18.Nf3 Qb2 19.Qxb2 Bxb2 20.Rc7 Bxf3 1-0 (58) 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2719)-Seebacher,O (2642) corr M1628 E 1997 (6)]
[6.Qc2 Qa5+ 7.Nbd2 Ne4 8.Bf4 Bb4 9.a3 g5 10.Bg3 h5 11.Rb1 Be7 12.b4 Qxa3 13.Rb3 Qa1+ 14.Nb1 a5 15.b5 g4 16.Nfd2 Bb4 17.Ke2 Bxd2 18.Nxd2 a4 19.Rd3 a3 20.Nxe4 dxe4 1-0 (40) Cicala,L-8...d4 10. ♖e1 ♘e8 CZE-ch 18th Karvina 1987]

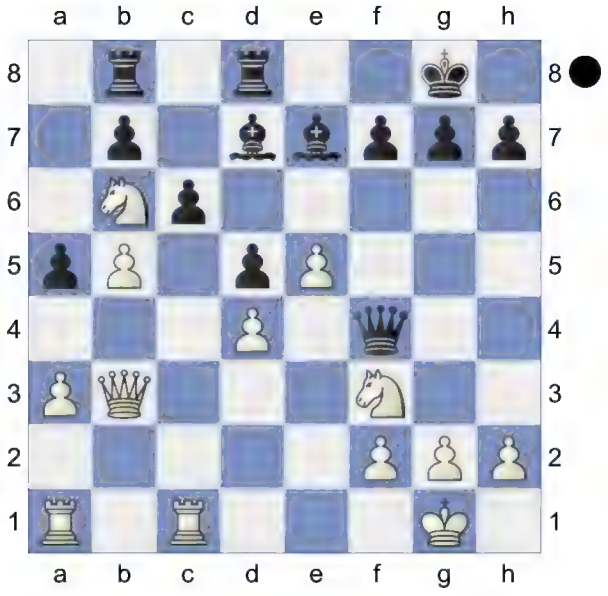
6...Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 a6 10.0-0 Be7



11.a3 0-0 White has an edge. **12.b4 Qc7 13.e4 a5 14.Qb3 Rd8 15.Rfc1 Qf4**

(Diagram)

16.e5 Nd5 17.Bxd5 -0.08/22
[⌓17.b5 0.30/19]
17...exd5= 18.b5 Bd7 19.Na4 Rab8 20.Nb6
[20.b6 simplifies Bg4 21.Qe3 Qxe3 22.fxe3 f6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Nc5]



Nb6xd7 would now be deadly. **20...Bg4**

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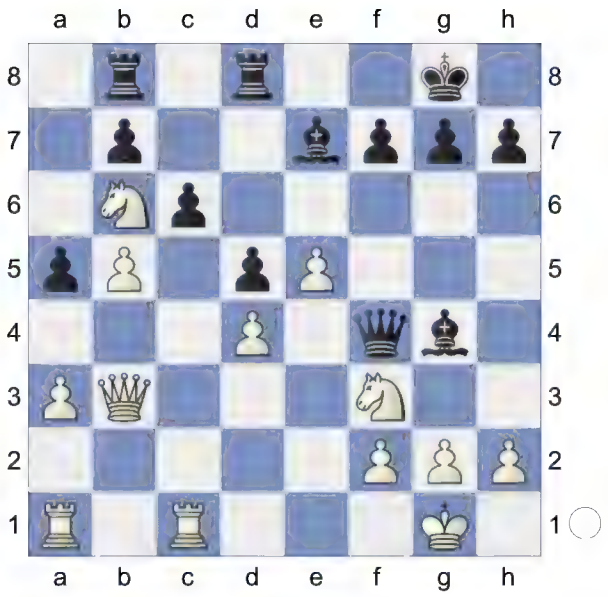
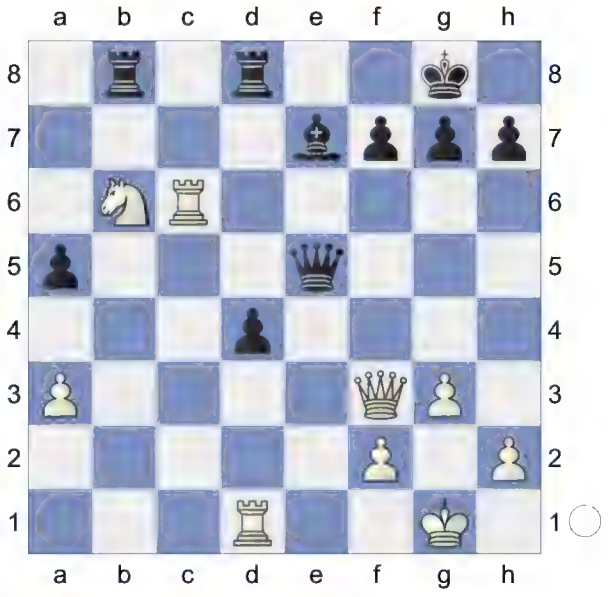
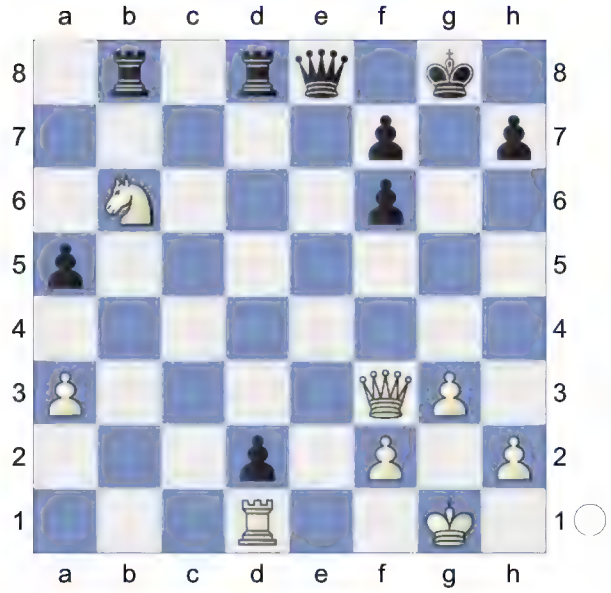


White must now prevent ...Bg4xf3.
21.bxc6 -0.90/22
[21.Qe3= -0.01/20 keeps the balance. Qxe3 22.fxe3]
21...bxc6∓ 22.Rxc6 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Qxd4 24.Rd1 Qxe5 25.g3 d4

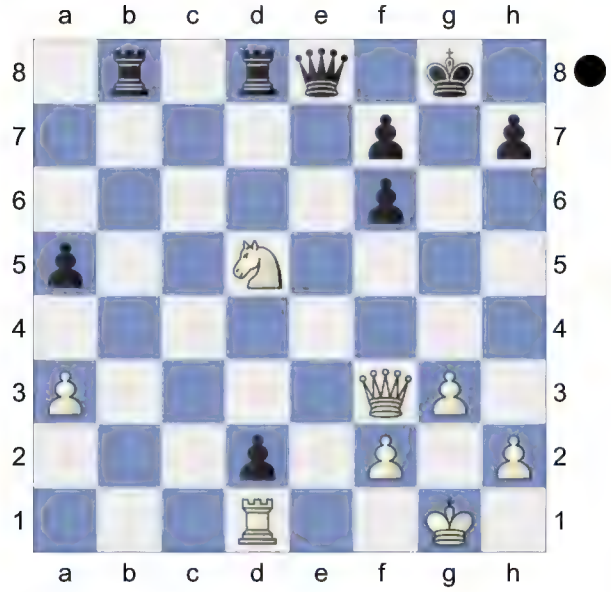


26.Qd3 -1.42/20
[White should play 26.Kg2 -0.88/20]
26...Bf6 -0.99/21
[⌓26...Bf8 -1.42/20 27.Rdc1 Rb7]
27.Rdc1 Qe8 28.Qf3 -1.97/22
[28.a4∓ -1.10/21 was necessary.]
28...d3-+ ...d3-d2 is the strong threat.

29.Rxf6? -5.93/25
[29.Rd1 -2.10/22]
29...d2 Black is clearly winning. **30.Rd1 gxf6**



31.Nd5



Rxd5!

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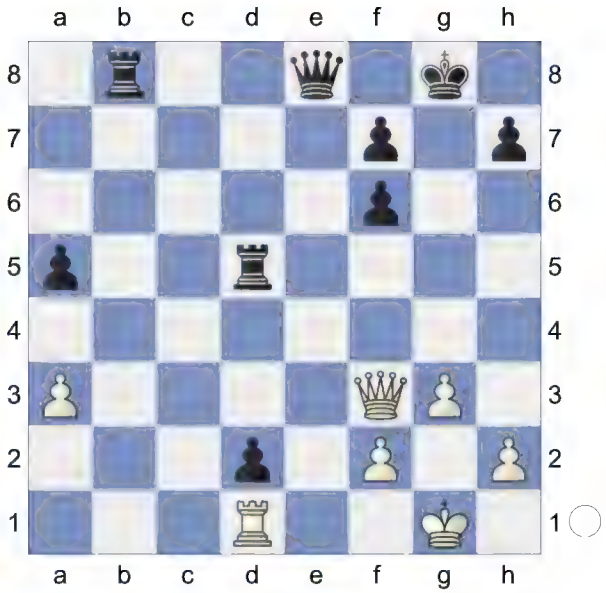

Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.07 (flawless)
0-1

221 **D52**
□ **Hodges**
■ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**
American Nacional Tournament 1915
[Van de Oudeweetering,Arthur]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
THE BISHOP WITHIN THE CHAIN **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5**
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]
5...c6

(Diagram)

6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022 *)* 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4_5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 Diagram

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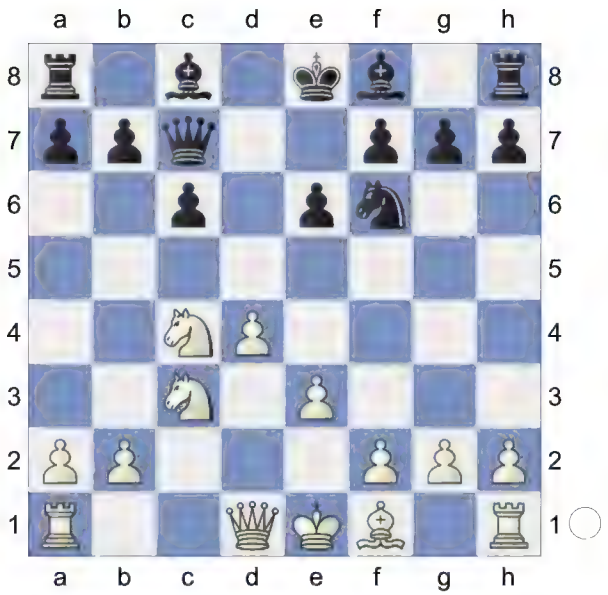

Here Black's light-squared bishop is still within the pawn chain. White also has an extra central pawn compared to the previous examples. Black can, however, develop easily and harmoniously; and when the position opens up his pair of bishops will of course become strong.

10.Be2

[10.Rc1 Be7 11.g3 was seen in a more recent game: Nakamura-Gelfand, Tal Memorial Moscow 2010. Black was fine there too.]

10...Be7

[The immediate 10...Bd7!? 11.0-0 c5 0.66/20 has been tried, while it's also possible to manoeuvre the bishop to e8, moving the king's rook to d8, as in the aforementioned Nakamura-Gelfand game. *(11...Be7*= 0.22/20 *)*]

(Diagram)

11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2
[12.a3 c5 *(12...Rd8 13.b4 Bd7 14.Qc2 Be8 15.Rfc1 Rac8 16.Bf3±* Timman - Ljubojevic, Bugojno, 1978*)* 13.Rc1 cxd4 14.exd4 Bd7 15.d5 *(15.Ne5 Bc6* Repels Nc3-d5 *16.b4 Qd6)* 15...exd5 16.Nxd5 -0.62/23 *(16.Ne3=* -0.26/23 *)* 16...Nxd5∓ 17.Qxd5 Rac8 =]
[12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Ne4 Nxe4 *(14...Rac8* %03'better is') 15.Qxe4 c5 16.dxc5 Bc6 17.Qe5 Qxe5 18.Nxe5 Rd2 19.Bf3! Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rxb2 21.Rb1↑ Kasparov - Rodriguez, Moscow, 1982]
12...Nd5 13.Rae1 White is slightly better. **13...b6** Yet another possible way of developing the bishop. **14.Rc1 Bb7 15.Rfd1**
[15.Bd3 Nf6 0.12/18 *(15...Nb4 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Qb1! g6 18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.Qxg6↑; 15...Nxc3∓* -0.35/20 should be considered. *16.bxc3 g6)* 16.e4= h6∞]
15...Rac8

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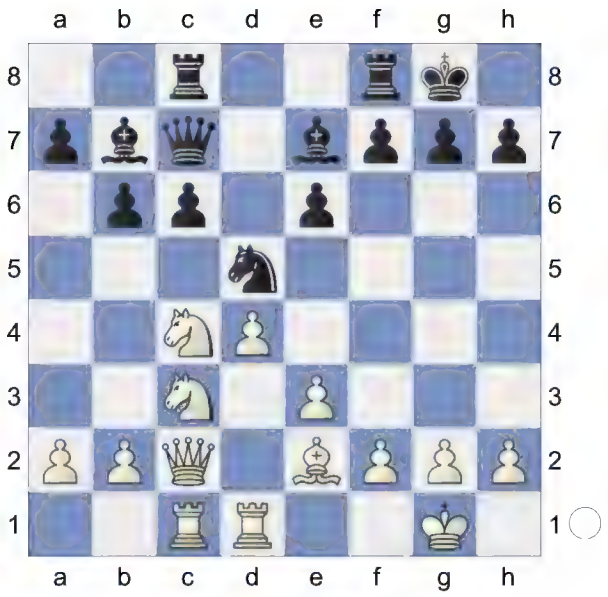

16.Qd2 -0.45/22
[16.Bd3 !?]
[16.Ne4= 0.00/21]
16...Nxc3∓ 17.bxc3
[17.Qxc3 c5 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.f4 -0.81/21 *(19.Nf3∓* -0.45/19 was preferrable.*)* 19...cxd4 20.Qxc7 Bxc7∓]
17...c5 Black seems to have effortlessly freed his position and now Bb7 appears to be the strongest piece on the board!
18.Ne5 cxd4 -0.05/20
[18...f6 -0.08/20 18...Rf8-d8 -0.57 !? 19.Nf3 Bd6 20.Bc4 Rfe8 21.d5 Rcd8∓]
[Black should play 18...Rfd8∓ -0.58/20]
19.cxd4= Qd6 20.Bd3
[20.Bf3 %03'better is']
20...Qa3

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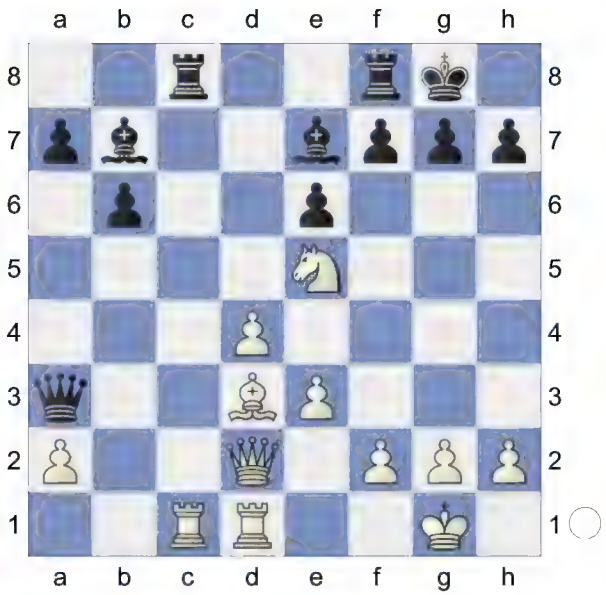


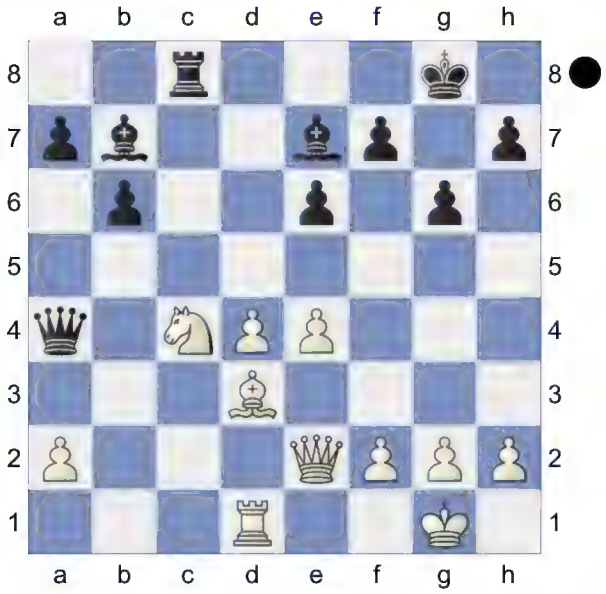
aiming for ...Be7-b4. **21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Qe2 g6! 23.Nc4** Black continues to play with concentration.

[23.Bc4 !?]

23...Qa4 24.e4? -2.08/21

[24.Ne5 Bd5 25.Ra1 -1.16/19
(⌓25.g3 -0.74/19) 25...Bb4∓ -0.50/18
(Black should try *25...Kg7∓* -1.16/19
26.g3 Rc3)]

[24.Ne5∓ -0.98/20]

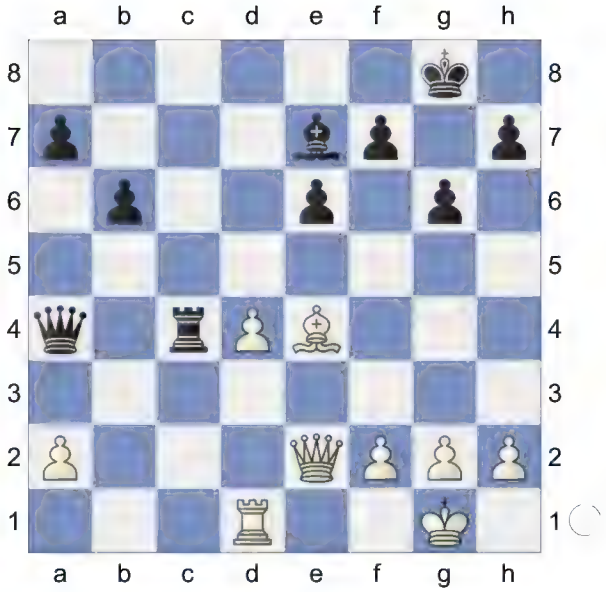


? **24...Bxe4!-+** ! '-+'. Deflection **25.Bxe4**

[25.Ne3 Bxd3]

25...Rxc4

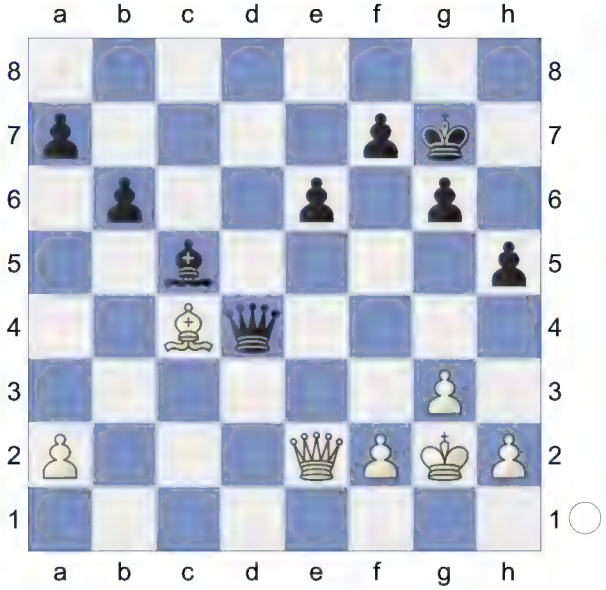
[25...Qxc4 26.Kf1=]



26.g3 Rxd4 and Capablanca had no problems converting his extra pawns.

27.Rxd4 Qxd4 Endgame. KQB-KQB

28.Kg2 Bc5 29.Bd3 Kg7 30.Bc4 h5



31.h4 Be7 32.Bb3 Qc5 33.a4 Qa5 34.Qb5 Qd2 35.Qe5+ Bf6

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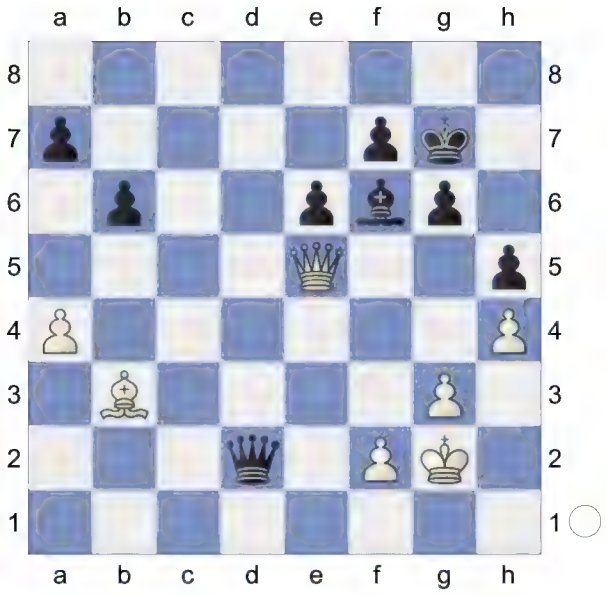
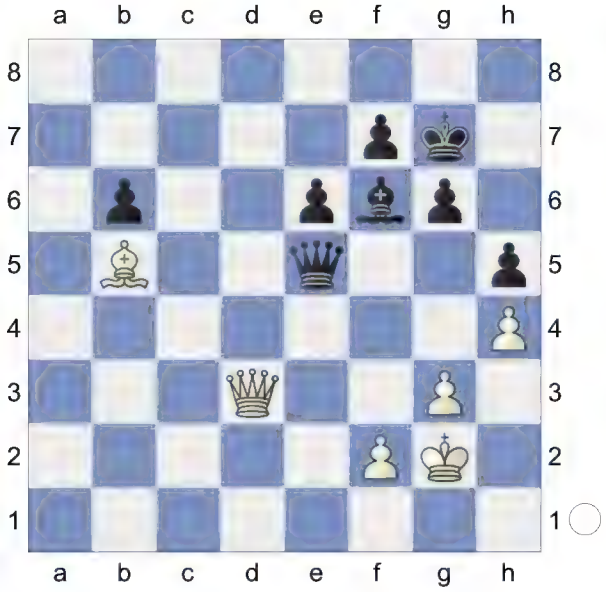


36.Qe3 Qb4 37.Qd3 a6 38.Bc4 Qxa4 39.Bxa6 Qa1 40.Bb5 Qe5



41.Bc6 Be7 42.Kg1 Bc5 43.Bb5?
-5.69/27
[43.Qf3 -2.37/23 is tougher.]
43...Qe1+

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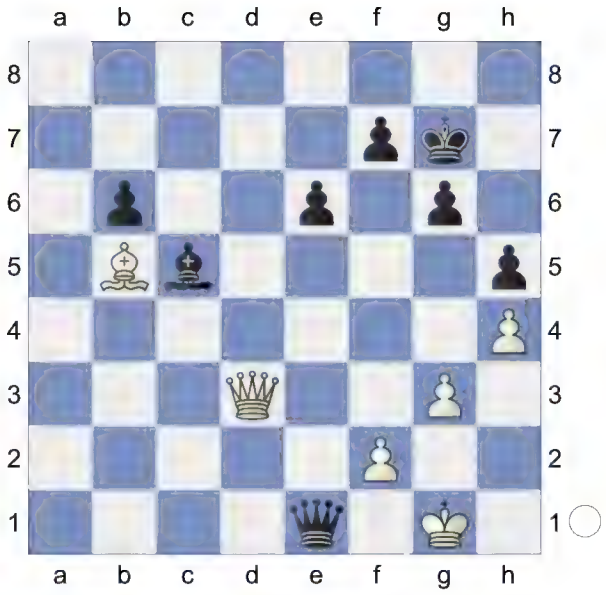

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

222 **D52**
□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**
■ **Bogoljubow,Efim**
London 1922
[Cyrus Lakdawala]

Alekhine played Bogoljubow and Euwe (who he lost to, then beat) as his hoped-for punching bags in title matches, rather than face Capablanca – who was the logical, legitimate challenger – in a rematch.
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

(Diagram)

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 Premature. Black had no need to hand White the centre. Premature. Black had no need to hand White the centre. Garry Kasparov: '?!' Garry Kasparov: 'The first steps of theory; ' **10.Nxc4 Qc7**

11.a3 Returning the favour.
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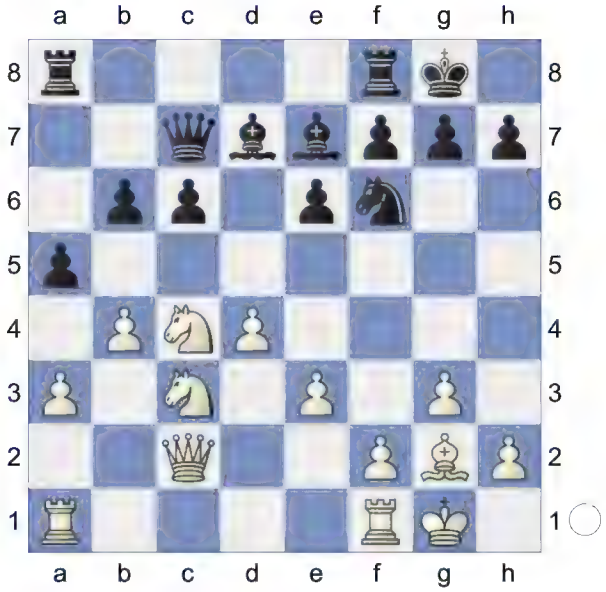
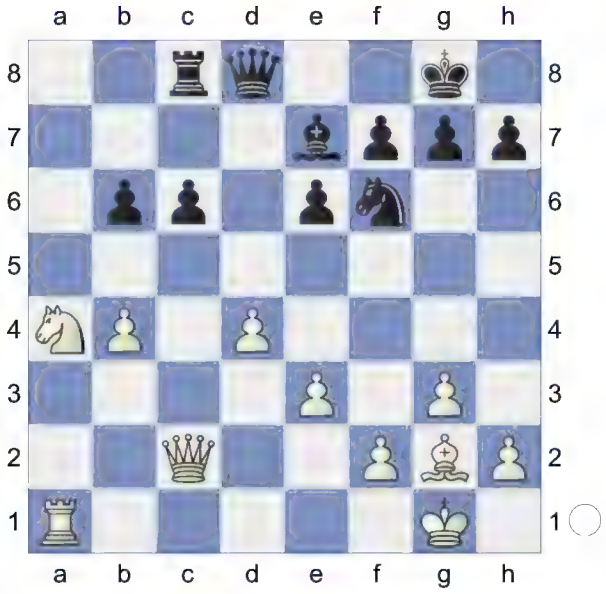


Garry Kasparov: '!' **16.Ne5!?** Creating two imbalances with a single move:
1. Kingside versus queenside pawn majorities.
2. Capa agrees to give up the bishop pair.
16...axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Bogo emerged from the opening quite well, with a Benoni-like position in which he has access to a few piece trades. I believe it was GM Yasser Seirawan who once told me (right after he beat me in a Benoni!): If Black manages to swap off two pairs of pieces in a Benoni, he stands equal or better.
Hoping for Nc3-b5! **18...Rc8**
[18...Bxb4?! 19.Nb5 Qc8 20.Na7± *(20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.Na7 Qd7+-; 20.Bxc6 Ba5±)*]

19.Nxd7 Qxd7 An unnecessary weakening. **20.Na4 Qd8**



21.Qb3

[21.Bxc6 b5 22.Nb2 Qc7∓]

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Garry Kasparov: '?!' Garry Kasparov: "This is the turning point of the game. Black should have taken the knight with the bishop and then played ...Bf6. Failure to do this was the cause of his defeat.' (Capablanca) A typically categorical statement from the 'epoch of the titans': all simple and understandable!'

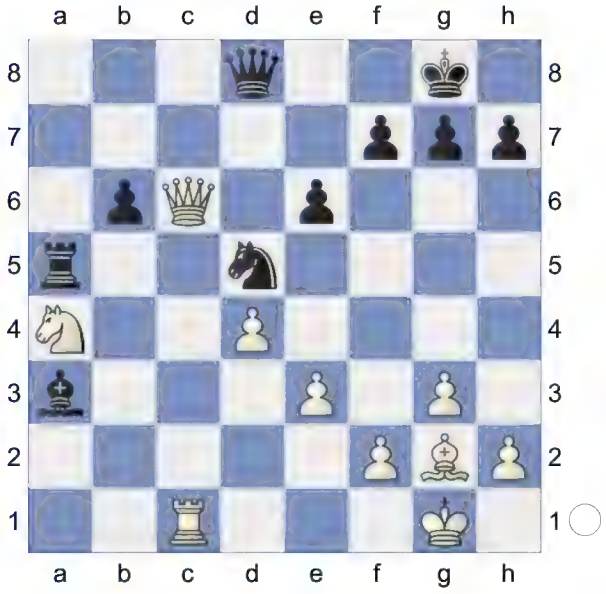
[21...b5± 0.50/20 22.Nb2 Nd5]

22.b5!± Good man, Capa. He wisely takes my advice. White's multipurpose last move does the following:

1. Takes away Black's ...Bxf3 option.
2. Prepares to roll the kingside majority with f2-f4.
3. Fights for c4 in case White later wants to toss in a2-a4.

22...cxb5 23.Qxb5 Ra8 24.Rc1! Ra5! Garry Kasparov: '!?' Garry Kasparov: "This move gives Black a passed pawn, but on the other hand it helps White to carry out his purpose of blocking off the bishop at h5.' (Capablanca) Indeed, the move is very interesting and sharp: Bogoljubow, an incurable chess optimist, is playing for a win!' **25.Qc6↑** White is on the roll. **25...Ba3**

[25...Nb4? 26.Qb7 Bf8 *(26...Rxa4? 27.Rc8+- Pin)* 27.Rc8+- *(27.Nxb6 Rb5±; 27.Qxb6 Qxb6 28.Nxb6 g6±; 27.Nxb6 Rb5±; 27.Qxb6 Qxb6 28.Nxb6 g6±)*]



26.Rb1 Bf8 27.Bxd5 Garry Kasparov: '!' Garry Kasparov: 'The consistent implementation of the plan – Capablanca's iron principle.'

[And not 27.Nxb6 Nb4 28.Rxb4

(28.Qb7? Rb5-+) 28...Bxb4-+]

27...Rxd5 Garry Kasparov: '?!' **28.Nxb6 Rd6** We reach a deeply unbalanced situation:

1. Black has bishop and knight for two knights.
2. White owns a massive block of central pawns and has the option of pushing on with e4-e5 or f4-f5.
3. Black has doubled, passed and protected a-pawns.
4. Black has possible infiltration ideas down the b-file, and on b2 and b3 later on.

Conclusion: The position looks dynamically balanced but I actually prefer Black.

EXERCISE (planning): The question is: Should we as White play 29 f5, burying his bishop but at the cost of handing over the e5-square?

ANSWER: It's a good deal for White's side.

29.Qb7 Garry Kasparov: 'As in his game with Winter (Game No.88), Capa cuts off the bishop from the main battlefield. But there the bishop was altogether 'dead', whereas here it can after all come into play, and in addition Black has a strong passed pawn. And although from the preceding commentary it would appear that 'the goalkeeper is already on the ground and it only remains to shoot gently but accurately at the goal,' in my view the evaluation of the position is as yet far from clear.' **29...h5** The bishop falls into a fitful sleep on h7 and continues to toss and turn.

QUESTION: Is Black's bishop as buried as you say? At some point he can simply play ...f7-f6, move his king and then play his bishop to g8, when it eventually emerges.

ANSWER: The question you should ask is: Can Black get away with ...f7-f6? If White ever gets a knight to d4 or f4, it then entrenches itself on e6 like a kidney stone in Black's position.

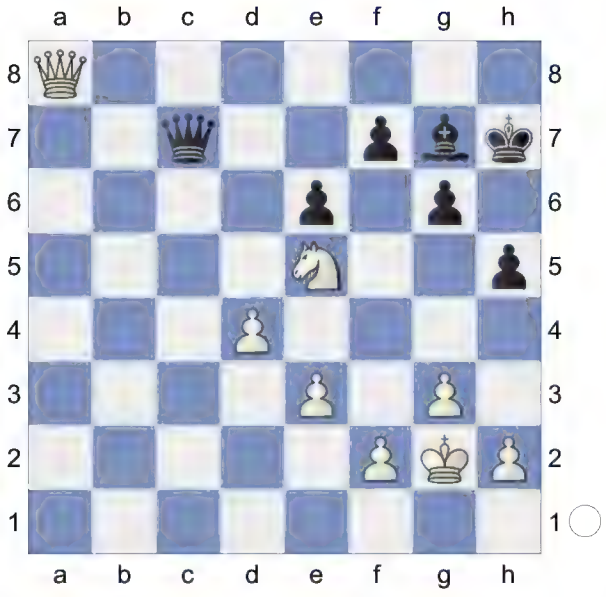
30.Nc4 Rd7

Garry Kasparov: '!' **31.Qe4 Rc7** Eyeing infiltration to b2 and b3.

32.Ne5 Qc8!? Allowing a potential nightmare scenario of a white knight on e6. Allowing a potential nightmare scenario of a white knight on e6. Garry Kasparov: "The move prepares for the ultimate re-entrance of the bishop into the game via g8, f7 etc. The drawback is that it creates a hole at e6 for one of the white knights. However, there was not very much that Black could do in order to avoid the disadvantage from such a poor pawn formation.' (Capablanca) But why?!' **33.Kg2** White is much more active. **33...Bd6 34.Ra1 Rb7 35.Nd3 g6**

(Diagram)

36.Ra6! Bf8 Black banks on his passers in the ending. Black banks on his passers in the ending. Garry Kasparov: '?' **37.Rc6 Rc7 38.Rxc7 Qxc7** Endgame. KQB-KQN **39.Ne5 Bg7 40.Qa8+ Kh7**



This poor guy, cloaked in shame for so long on h7, dreams of freedom some day.

41.Nf3 Black must sort through an amalgamation of confusing and conflicting plans. One holds the draw, while the other leads to suffering. The answer remains hidden beneath layers of subterranean truths known only to Capa:

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Garry Kasparov: '!' Garry Kasparov: 'It is now possible to talk of an advantage for White, although, as we will see, subsequently Bogoljubow could have resisted more tenaciously.' **41...Bf6** The wrong decision swings the advantage to White's side. Inhibits Nf3-g5+. **42.Qa6!** Suddenly, we begin to see the faintest glimmer of counterplay from White's side. Capa forces a passer, distilled from his own pawn majority, one which proves more potent than Black's on the a-file.

aiming for d4-d5. **42...Kg7 43.Qd3 Qb7 44.e4 Qc6** Garry Kasparov: '?' **45.h3 Qc7!**

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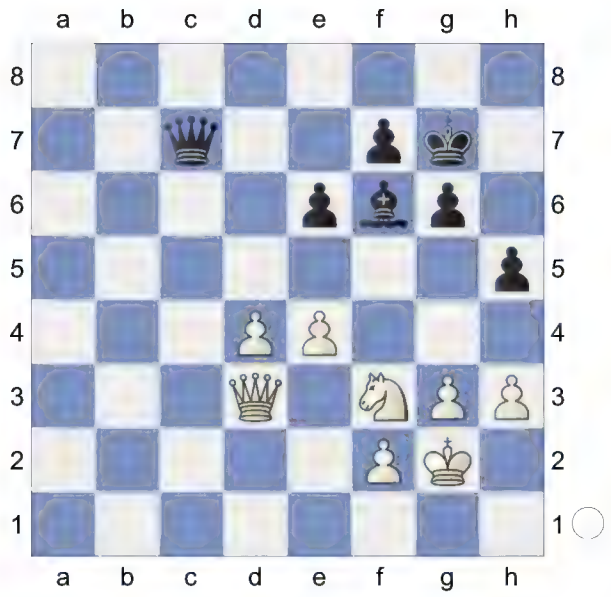


Bogo takes control over the a3-square.

46.d5! White gets ready to ram his own passer through. Somehow, Capa keeps a stern watch over his opponent's deeply passed a-pawn, like a cold stepfather, who treats his new son with fairness but never warmth.

46...exd5? The losing move. Black wants to hold on to everything, but keep in mind, everything is expensive. His move is too slow. The losing move. Black wants to hold on to everything, but keep in mind, everything is expensive. His move is too slow. Garry Kasparov: 'Another mistake,' **47.exd5 Qc3 48.Qxc3** The knight pair's aperture of influence grows at an alarming rate, with the devastating threat of a check on c6, followed by d6-d7 and promote. It is now clear that White is completely winning. But when Capa initiated this entire queening race on his 41st move it looked to any sane person that Black was the one who was faster.

QUESTION: How did Capablanca know that Black's surging, passed a-pawn was more of a gesture than an actual menace?

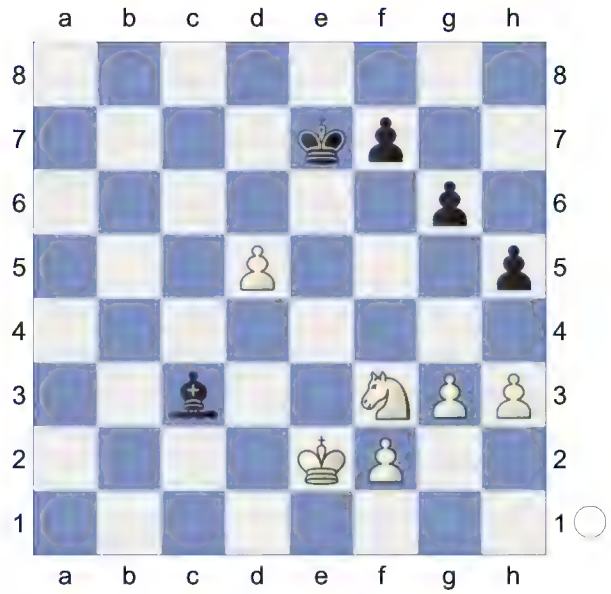
ANSWER: I don't have a clue. Capa just knew though his wordless, logic-defying intuition, which infallibly pushed him toward the correct path. This is why we study his games. We also desire access to this elusive power of chess omniscience. If not in this life then, maybe if we are lucky, the next!

[48.Qd1 Qa1 49.Qe2 Qb2 50.Qe4!!]

48...Bxc3 A forehead-smacking moment for Bogoljubow who must have realized at this point that he was dead lost. Black's rook, whose blood suddenly turns to milk, makes a hasty apology and leaves to cover c6. Suddenly all the energy evaporates from Black's pieces, which performed so creditably in days past. KB-KN **49.Kf1** Did I mention that White had a secondary threat of a knight check on e6?

49...Kf6

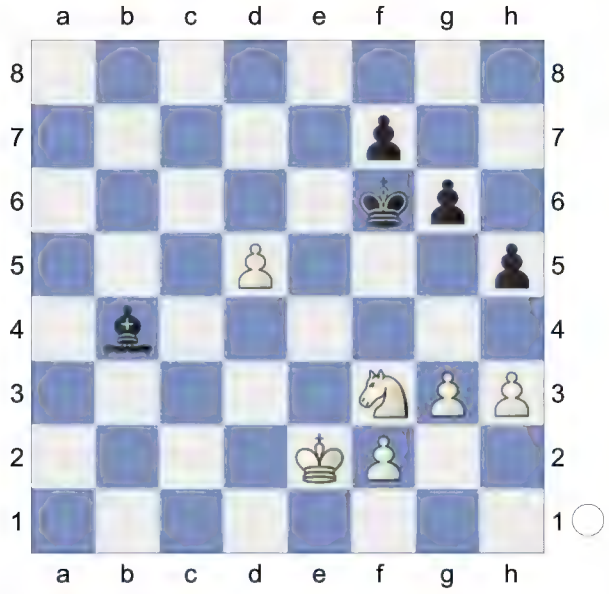
[49...Kf8 1.03/26 49...Kg7-f6 0.57 50.Ke2! Ke7



etc. but not 51.Kd3! Ba5 52.Ne5 Threatens to win with Ne5-c6+. Be1! with the threat of Re7 mate; however, White wins only by the study-like

53.Ke3 Bc3 54.Nc4]

50.Ke2 Bb4



51.Nd4 Bc5

[51...Ke5? 4.91/25 51...Bb4-d6 0.74 52.Nc6+]

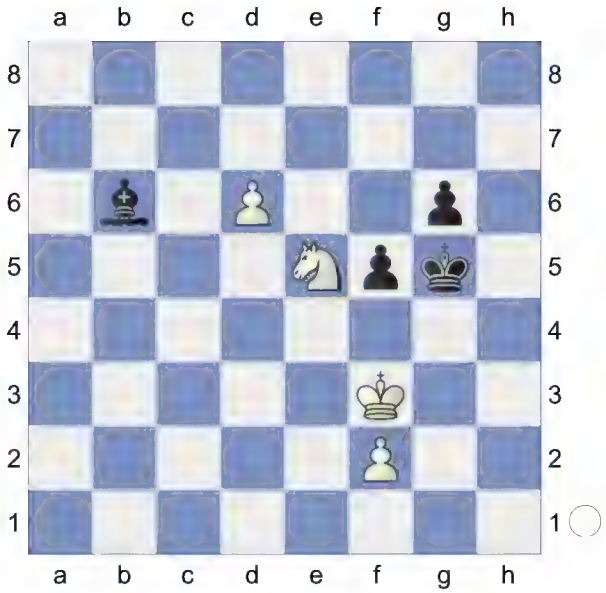
52.Nc6 Black's king emerges from the business end of the meat grinder in the line Black's king emerges from the business end of the meat grinder in the line Garry Kasparov: 'After' **52...Kf5 53.Kf3** Garry Kasparov: 'White wins with' **53...Kf6! 54.g4** 0.37/27

[54.Kg2± 0.77/26]

54...hxg4+± Garry Kasparov: '.' **55.hxg4 Kg5?** 3.12/26

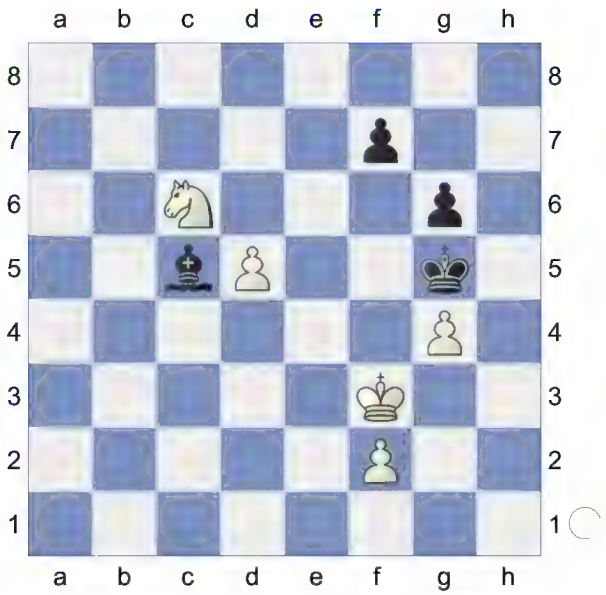
[55...Bb6! 56.Ke2 Bc7 Inhibits f2-f4. 57.Ke3 Kg5 58.Ke4 . White still has some work to do in order to win: f5+ *(58...Kxg4!!* 3.38/27 58...f7-f5+ 0.31 (a very difficult, study-like move!) *59.Ne5+ Kg5 60.d6 f5+* or *61.Kf3 Bb6*

(Diagram)



62.d7! Kf6! 63.Nc6) 59.gxf5 gxf5+ 60.Kd3! Kf4]

[55...Bb6!± 0.43/30]



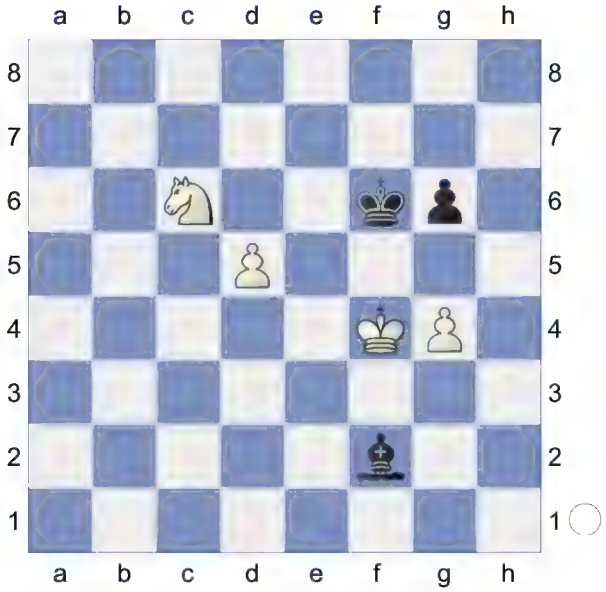
, mating in a few moves. Black cannot hold the game after this. If **56.Ne5+- Bd4?** 4.04/25

[56...f5? 10.16/26 56...Bc5-a3 2.19 57.d6 Black can try 57...fxg4+!? (instead of 48...Ke7) 58.Kg2!]

[56...Ba3 2.12/33 57.d6 *(57.Nxf7+ Kf6±)* 57...Kf6]

57.Nxf7+ Kf6 and the pawn queens with

check. He has to cough up his precious passer by stalling White's d-pawn with He has to cough up his precious passer by stalling White's d-pawn with Garry Kasparov: 'but' **58.Nd8** Garry Kasparov: 'would also not have saved Black –'
58...Bb6 , although Black is the one fighting for the draw.
[58...Ke5 59.Nc6+ Kxd5 60.Nxd4 Kxd4 61.Kf4]
59.Nc6 Bc5 . Capa suggested **60.Kf4!** g4-g5+ is the strong threat. **60...Bxf2**



61.g5+ Kf7 62.Ne5+ Ke7
[62...Kg7! 63.d6 Bb6 . Thus 44... Nb1! would have prolonged the game, whereas now it ends quickly. 64.Nc6? Kf7 therefore there would seem to be only one way to win – 65.d7!]
63.Nxg6+ Kd6 'with good chances to draw.' . Tartakower added **64.Ke4! Bg3 65.Nf4 Ke7!**

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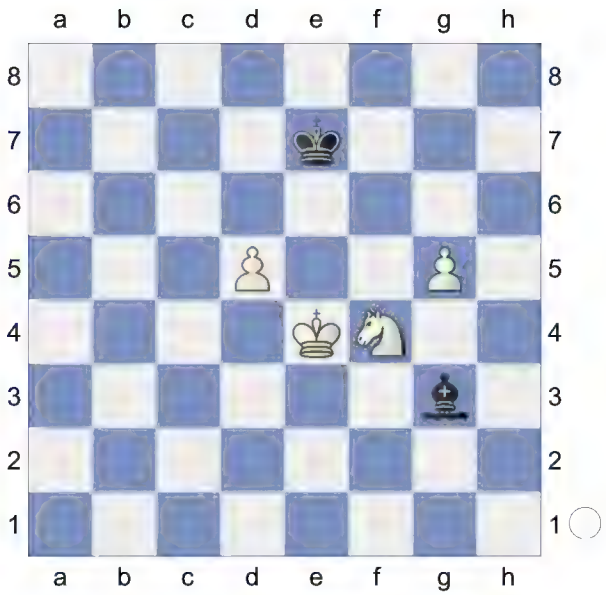
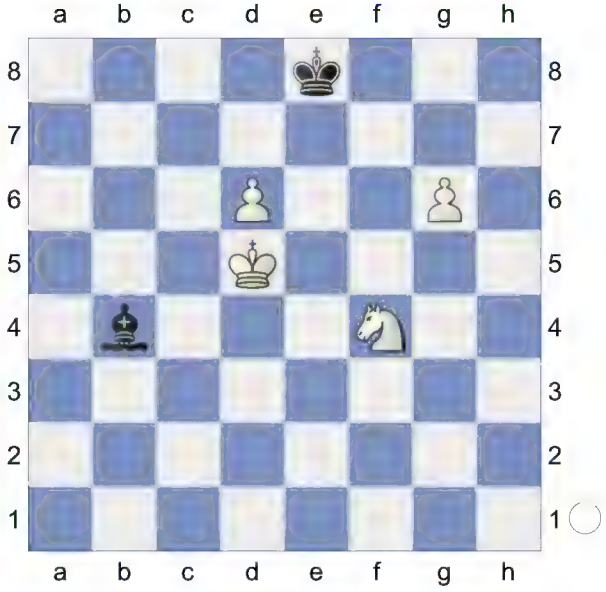


66.Ke5 Be1 67.d6+ Kd7 But what next? . If **68.g6** White wants to mate with Nf4-e6. , Black is saved by **68...Bb4**
69.Kd5
[69.g7? 0.01/21 69.Ke5-e4 #13 Bc3+ 70.Kd5 Bxg7]
69...Ke8



70.d7+!

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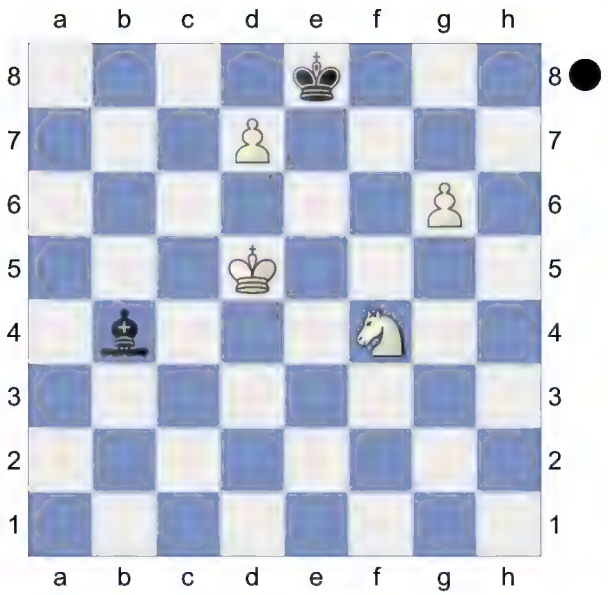

Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
1-0

223 **D52**
□ **Andersen,S**
■ **Gonzalez,K**
33 Las Palmas 2016
[Andrew Martin]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6
[Another route to the Cambridge Springs might be 2...e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 , when White must avoid the first of Black's traps: 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nxd5?? Nxd5! 7.Bxd8 Bb4+ 8.Qd2 Bxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Kxd8 and Black wins a piece.]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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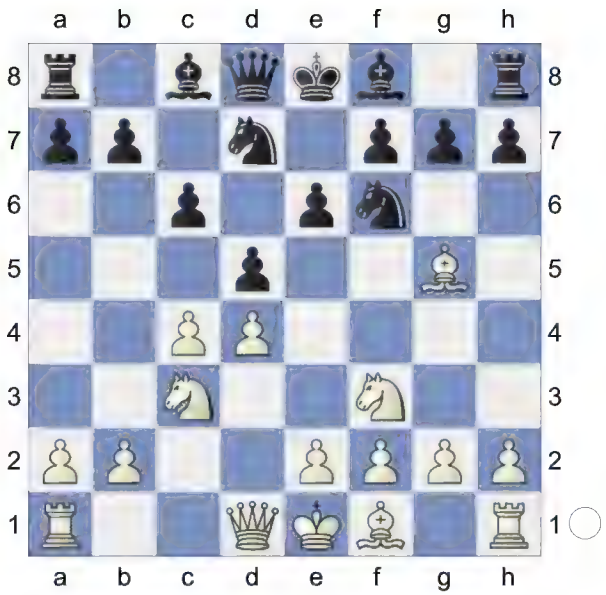


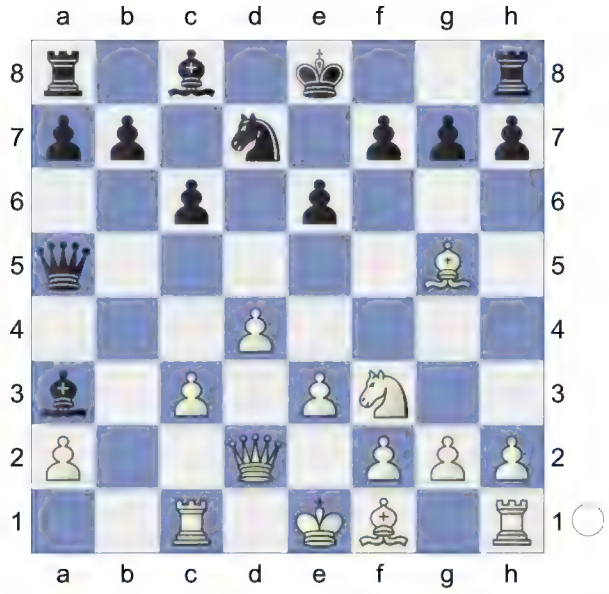
6.e3 Qa5 This is the Cambridge Springs Variation, a line which is so effective that many White players decide to avoid it by playing an early cxd5. Black's play is tricky, setting up ideas of ...Bb4 and ...Ne4, but also solid. Even if White negotiates the opening traps there is no guarantee that he can get any advantage in the main lines.
7.cxd5
[There are two other recognized main lines:
7.Nd2 is perhaps most reliable, avoiding tricks, but Black is perfectly okay after Bb4! *(also possible are 7...dxc4! 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7;* and *7...Ne4 8.Ndxe4 dxe4 9.Bh4)* 8.Qc2 *(8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2* Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 8...0-0 9.Be2 c5 , *(*or even *9...e5 .)*]
[Meanwhile 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.Bd3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 0-0 is also fine for Black.]
7...Nxd5N

[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 Nxc3

[A very good alternative is 9...h6 10.Bh4 c5! which frees up Black's game and leaves the bishop on h4 looking out of play. The game E. Bacrot-R.Ponomariov, Beijing 2014, continued 11.Bc4 N7b6 12.Bb5+ -0.14/23 *(⌓12.Bxd5 0.23/20 Nxd5 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3)* 12...Bd7= 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.0-0 cxd4 15.Qxd4 Nc3xd5 is the strong threat. Bxc3 16.bxc3 0-0 (Black has effortlessly achieved a good position) 17.c4 N5f6 18.Rfd1 Rac8 19.e4 e5 20.Qb2 Rc7 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Nxe5 Re8 23.Nf3 Nxe4 24.Rd5 Qa4 25.Qb3 Qc6 Threatens to win with ... Qc6xd5. 26.Rd4 Rce7 27.h3 Nc5 28.Qc3 Re4 29.Rcd1 b6 30.Rd6 -0.93/24 *(30.Qc2= -0.28/21)* 30...Qa4∓ 31.R6d2 Qxc4 32.Qa1 Re2 33.Rd4? -2.74/24 *(33.Nd4∓ -1.04/20 Rxd2 34.Rxd2)* 33...Qxa2 0-1.]

10.bxc3 Ba3



11.Rb1 b6! Preparing ...Ba6, a nice, easy way to get the queenside development going.

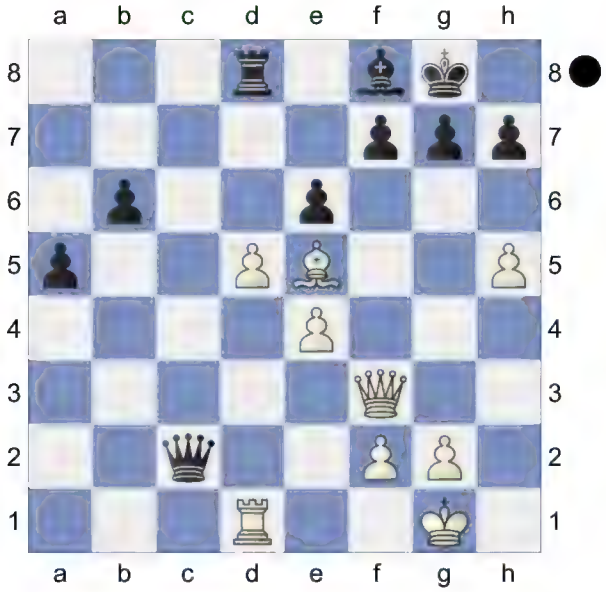
. White has an edge. **12.Bd3 Ba6 13.0-0 0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.Bh4** White can often get stuck for a plan in a position like this as it is hard to get the centre pawns moving forward. Meanwhile, Black looks for the right moment to free himself with ...c6-c5!.

[A perfect example of this type of drifting was seen in R.Wukits-D.Rogic, Austria 2014: 15.Rfe1 Rac8 16.Re3 Bf8 17.Bf4 -0.45/20 *(17.Bc2= -0.08/19)* 17...c5!∓

A) 18.d5 exd5 19.Bxa6 -0.94/23 *(19.exd5∓ -0.42/22 Bxd3 20.Qxd3)* 19...Qxa6∓ 20.exd5 Rxe3 21.Bxe3 Nf6 22.Rd1 -1.32/24 *(⌓22.Bg5 -0.88/22)* 22...Rd8 leaves the advanced pawn on d5 rather weak;

B) 18.Bxa6 Qxa6 19.Ne5 -0.84/24 *(19.h3∓ -0.44/19)* 19...cxd4 20.cxd4 Red8 21.Rd1 -1.07/24 *(21.Rd3∓ -0.66/20)* 21...Qa4∓

Hoping for ...Rc8-c2. 22.Rd3 (it has been clear for a while that White does not really have any idea what to do and now Black cashes in) Rc2 23.Qe3 Rxa2 aiming for ... Nd7-c5! 24.Qf3 -1.60/21 *(⌓24.h4* -1.16/23 *)* 24...Nxe5∓ 25.Bxe5 Ra1 26.d5 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Qc2 Prevents Be5-c7. 28.h4 a5 And now ...b6-b5 would win. 29.h5 -2.11/21 *(29.Rd3∓* -1.54/19 was worth a try. *exd5 30.exd5)*



29...h6!-+ 30.Bf4 -2.96/21 *(⌓30.Qg4* -2.10/20 *)* 30...exd5-+ 31.exd5 a4 32.Qg4? -4.23/20 *(32.d6* -2.08/19 might work better.*)* 32...a3 0-1.]

15...Bf8

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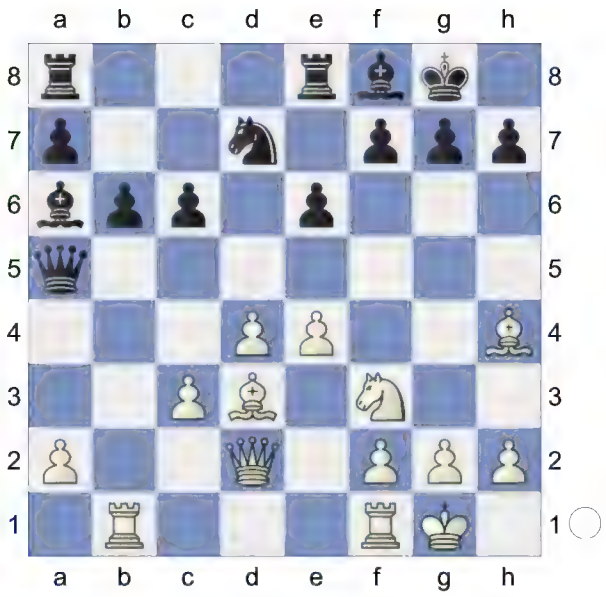
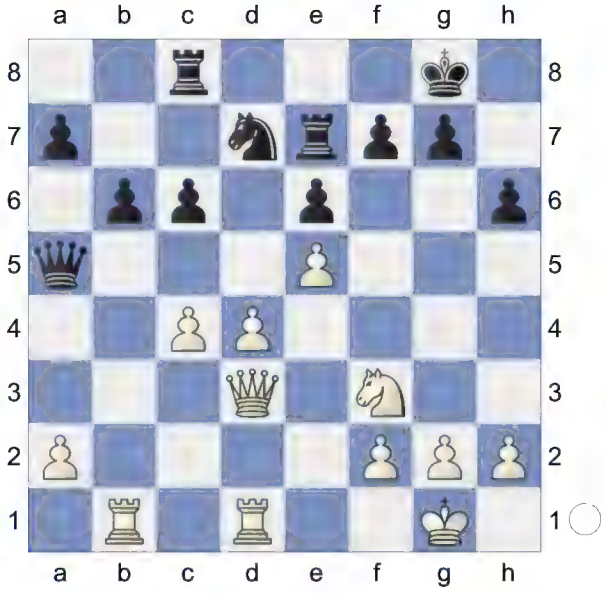


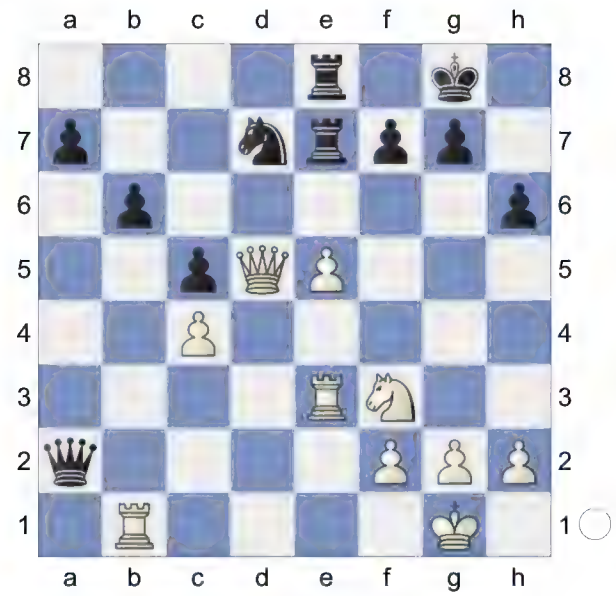
16.Rfd1 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rac8 18.e5 h6 19.c4 Be7 20.Bxe7 Rxe7



21.Rb3 Qa6 22.Rdb1 -0.51/20
[22.Ra3± 0.39/18 Qb7 23.Qe4]
22...c5!∓ Black strikes at precisely the right moment. **23.d5** -1.31/20
[23.Ra3∓ -0.63/21 Qb7 24.Qe2]
23...exd5∓
[23...Qxa2? is the wrong capture. 24.d6 *(24.Ra3 Qxa3 25.Qxa3 exd5+-)* 24...Ree8 25.Ra3+-]
24.Qxd5
[If 24.cxd5 -1.47/19 24.Qd3xd5 -1.09

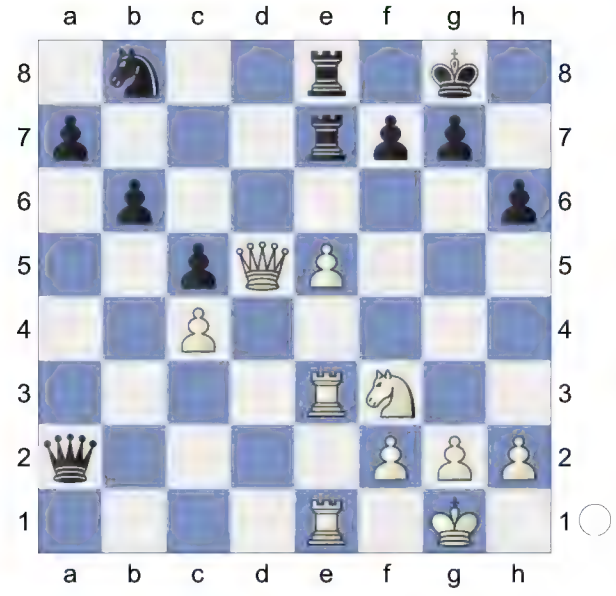
then Black replies Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Nxe5 .]

24...Rce8 25.Re3 Qxa2



26.Rbe1 Nb8? 0.67/26

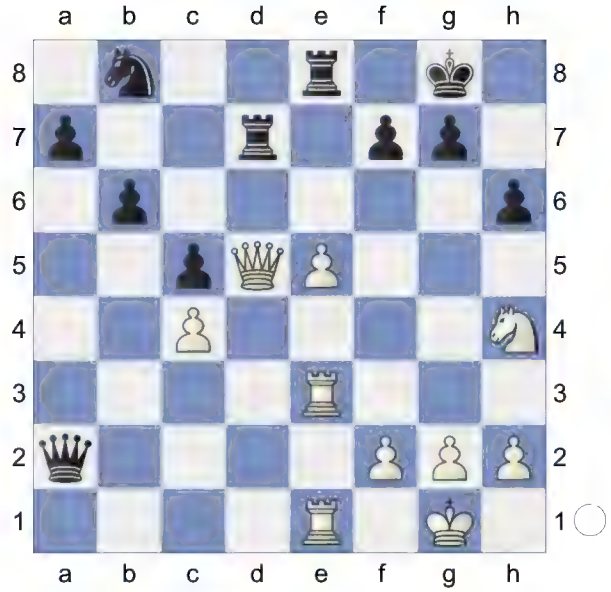
[Black should try 26...Nf8∓ -1.28/20 27.Qe4 Rd7]



27.Nh4 -0.74/21

[27.e6± 0.67/26 stays ahead. Rxe6 28.Rxe6 fxe6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Qxe6+ Kh7 *(30...Kh8 31.h4±)* 31.Qf5+ Kg8 32.Qc8+ *(32.Qe6+ Kh7±)* 32...Kh7 33.h4]

27...Rd7



I can recommend the Cambridge Springs. With a bit of prep, Black can turn this line into a winning weapon. Deflection.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)

0-1

224 **D52**

□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**

■ **Menchik,Vera**

Moscow 1935

[Cyrus Lakdawala]

Today, there are many female GMs. At the time this game was played, Vera Menchik was an anomaly: A woman who played at international level. Her male colleagues didn't all take kindly to her entry in what was traditionally an all-male sport. The story goes of Viennese master Albert Becker, who vehemently objected to Menchik's entry to the Karlsbad tournament of 1929. He

ridiculed her by declaring that any man who loses to her would be a lifetime member of the "Vera Menchik Club". Guess who the very first member was? You guessed it. The illustrious Becker learned the fine art of humility when he found himself in the unhappy role of Menchik's first victim in the tournament. Sadly, Menchik's life was cut short when she was killed in a V-1 rocket bombing raid in England during WWII.

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7

[4...dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Rd1 b4 11.Na4 Qb8 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Nxc5 Nxc5 14.Bc2 0-0 15.b3 a5 16.Bb2 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nfe4 18.Ne5 Rc8 19.Rac1 1-0 (38) Ernst,H (2719)-Gauger,W (2639) ch-Women Marsailles FRA 2001 (3.5)]

[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Bb2 Be6 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Na4 Qe7 15.Nd4 Rac8 16.Nc5 a5 17.Ndxe6 fxe6 18.Bh3 Nd8 19.Nd3 1-0 (63) Van Hoolandt,P (2037)-Leardini,M (1587) EU Small Countries ol 8th 2023 (2.4)]

5.Bg5 The King's Indian Sämisch was a rare guest in 1935.

5...c6

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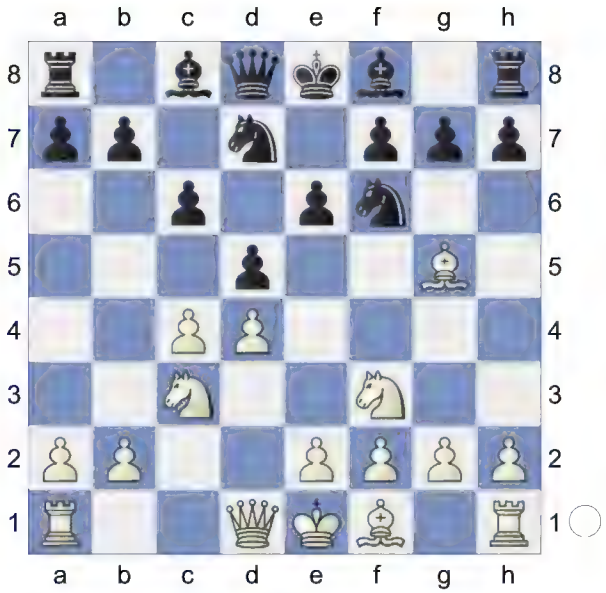


6.e3N

[6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 b5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.f4 g6 15.Ne2 Nc5 16.Bb1 0-0 17.Qd4 Rfc8 18.Rfd1 Rc7 19.b4 Na4 20.Rxc7 Qxc7 0-1 (27) Becker,A-Boros,S DSV in der CSR-ch13 Meisterklasse 1934 (5)]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4!? 8.Qc2 0-0?

As you may suspect, 1935 wasn't exactly halcyon days for KID theory! I haven't quite decided if curiosity is a vice or a virtue. It grows painfully obvious that Menchik was simply experimenting in the opening and didn't have a clue how to actually play it!

EXERCISE (planning): Black's last move is a strategic error. How do we punish it?

ANSWER: Cut off ...Nc6 and close the game.

9.Bh4!

[9.Be2]

9...c5

[9...e5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Ndxe4 dxe4 12.e6]

10.Nb3! An obvious move if played today. Capa discourages ...f7-f5 and annexes

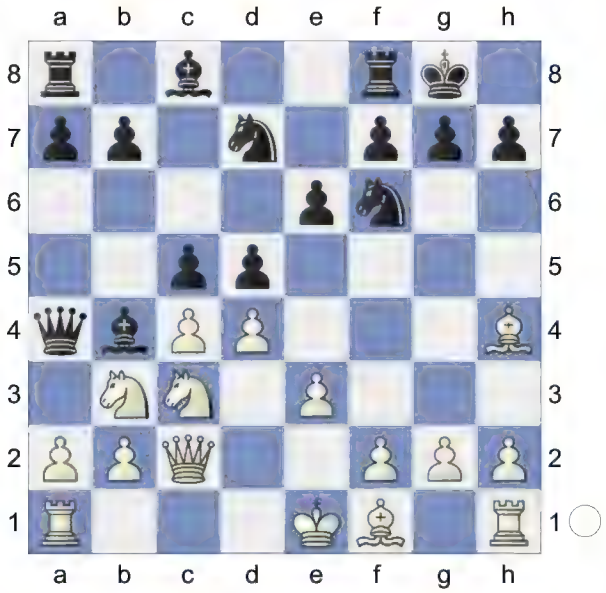
yet more territory. It looks as if White is a modern GM playing an amateur who bought books on the KID but didn't bother reading them! Every black piece looks misplaced.

Do any of you own Bronstein's tournament book of the Zürich 1953 Candidates tournament? Take a look at the King's Indians in that. Even the world's top players handled them horribly by modern comparison. For some reason, they took forever to play the key ...f7-f5 break. This game, played in 1935 tells a tale: Capa plays as if the year were 2012. His opponent plays the KID like someone would in well, 1935!

'with the idea' Ng3, Bd3 **10...Qa4**

[10...Qc7 11.Bg3]

[10...Qb6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 *(11...Nxc5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.cxd5)* 12.Nxc5]



? **11.Bxf6** QUESTION: What is wrong with taking the free pawn on h6? 'with the idea' 12.Bh6$18; 11.Bh6?? Qh4$19

[11.dxc5 Ne4 0.22/20 *(* Black should try *11...dxc4!∓* -0.36/22 *12.Bxc4 b5 13.cxb6 Bb7)*]

[11.cxd5 simplifies cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxc2 13.Nxc2 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nxd5 15.c4]

11...Nxf6 12.dxc5! That is the end of the ...f7-f5 break. Black is strategically lost since White has a free hand on both wings.

'+-'. The position is equal. **12...Ne4**

[12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 Qc6 14.0-0 Bc4-b5 would now be deadly. Bxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Qb6 18.Rad1 Qxb2 19.Rd4 Qb6 20.Rfd1]

13.cxd5

[13.Be2 is interesting. Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Nxc5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.0-0]

13...Bxc3+!? 'with the idea' 14... b5

14.bxc3 Nxc5 QUESTION: I don't get it. Could you explain?

ANSWER: You may be searching for meaning and secret encryption where there is none. Black doesn't have anything constructive to do and simply plays a very odd-looking waiting move. Sometimes an odd move remains just what it is, an odd move.

'with the idea' Kg8, Kf8, Ke7, Kd8

[14...exd5 15.Rd1 Be6 *(15...Nxc5 16.Rxd5)* 16.Rd4]

15.Rd1! 'with the idea' Kf2, Rhb1, b4$18

15...exd5

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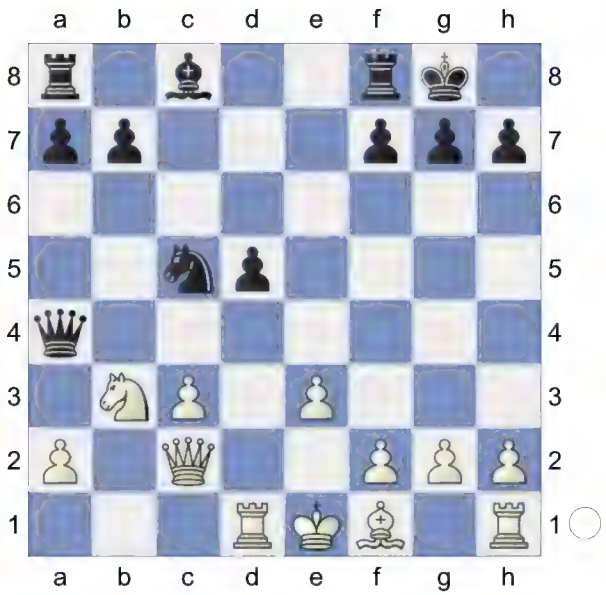

Frederick the Great once proclaimed: "He who defends everything, defends nothing." One wonders why she played ... Qa5 earlier. Day after dreary day, my rude dogs, Al and Kahless, bark frantically at our good natured mailman, Russ, as he delivers our mail. The moral: Even watchdogs, dutiful as they are, can overdo it! Black, now hiding under her bed and locked into a bunker mentality, perceives threats everywhere – just like my dogs!

16.Rxd5! Capa gains space on both wings.

16...Nxb3

[16...b6]

17.axb3 'with the idea' 18.bc bc 19. Qb7$18

[17.Qxb3 Qc6 18.c4 *(18.Bb5 Qg6∓)* 18...Be6=]

17...Qc6 18.Rd4 Capa is intent on going after Menchik's king. **18...Re8 19.Bd3** 'with the idea' g5, Nf5!? **19...Qxg2**

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Neil McDonald: 'Here Capablanca has a promising build-up on the kingside. The game continued:'ANSWER: Step 1: Close the queenside.

20.Bxh7+! QUESTION: Isn't closing the queenside a strategic error?

ANSWER: Capa's brilliant strategic decision is just the opposite. It becomes all but clear that the kingside is the canvas of Capa's desires. By closing the queenside he eradicates the possibility of sudden queenside distractions while he is attacking on the other wing.

! 'with the idea' 21.ba$18 **20...Kf8**

QUESTION: Why must Black comply?

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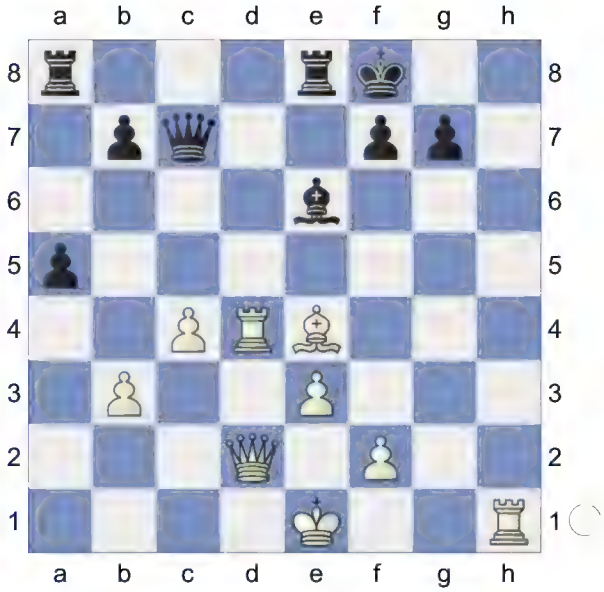
Neil McDonald: '?' Neil McDonald: 'With the queenside completely blocked, White can concentrate all his firepower on the kingside without the slightest fear of a Black counterattack on the other wing. Besides, the white king will be able to shelter on the queenside, where it won't get in the way of the manoeuvres of the other white pieces or become a potential target once lines are opened up on the kingside.' **21.Be4** QUESTION: Isn't White putzing around with his king?
ANSWER: When in total control, the longer road is often the better way to travel. Before commencing with the kingside attack, Capa brings his king over to the safety of the now closed queenside.
'with the idea' Qd2, Kc2, Kb3, Na4!, g5, f4, Nf5 $18 **21...Qh3** 1.21/20
White leaves nothing to chance now.
[Black should play 21...Qg5!± 0.64/21]
22.Qd2 0.83/20
[Better is 22.Rg1 1.21/20]
22...Be6 23.c4
[23.Bxb7 Rab8 24.Bc6 Rxb3=]
23...a5?! This gives White a contact point. She should do nothing and then continue with that plan. In that case, White would probably make preparations for the similar g4-g5 and then f3-f4, planning to pry open the f-file.
'with the idea' 24... g5 **24.Rg1!**
Neil McDonald: 'Capablanca prepares a violent breakthrough on the kingside.' !
[24.Bxb7 0.37/24 24.Rh1-g1 0.95 Rab8∞ Andruet - Todorcevic, Marseille, 1988 25.Bc6 Rxb3! 26.Qd1 Dodges Be6-g4]
[24.Bxb7 Rab8 25.Bc6 Rxb3∓]
24...Qxh2 25.Rh1 Qc7



26.Qb2! The appetizer before the feast. The pseudo sac marks the beginning preparations for the coming assault and the final moments of peace experienced by Black's king.
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Neil McDonald: '!!' Neil McDonald: 'This piece offer is part of a knight manoeuvre to h4. It is also consistent with our golden rule concerning strategic pawn advances, as after 26...gxf5 27 exf5 White would have a second pawn sitting on the fifth rank, adjacent to the g5-pawn. Black's king would then be quickly murdered by 28 f6 etc.'. White is more active. **26...Qc5** 1.85/21 Dodges Qb2-a3
[26...a4? #13/21 26...Ra8-c8 1.17 27.Qa3+ Kg8 28.Bh7+ Kh8 29.Bf5+ Kg8 30.Rdh4]
[26...Rac8± 1.27/21]

27.Bd5!+-
[27.Bxb7? Qb4+ 28.Kf1 Qxb7-+]
27...Ra6 EXERCISE (planning): Formulate a plan for White to make progress.
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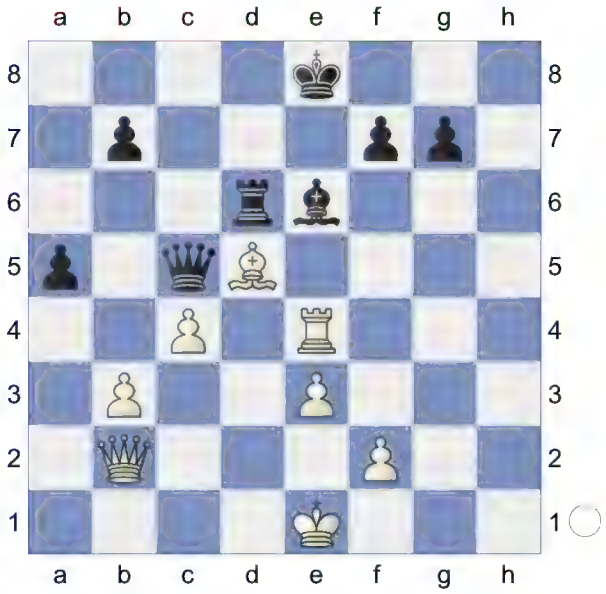
Neil McDonald: 'Now Capablanca plans to advance f3-f4 with his pieces on the most optimum squares.'
ANSWER: Prepare the f3-f4 break. The queen gently brushes f4 like a sweetheart's fingertips on her lover's face. Black tries desperately to hurry her king over to the queenside but the plan takes too much time.
28.Re4! 'with the idea' Rf1, f4$18. And now Rh1-h7 would win.
[28.Bxb7? Qb4+ 29.Rd2 Qxb7∓]
28...Rd6? 5.39/26
[28...Bxd5? #1/6 28...Kf8-g8 1.99 29.Rh8#]
[28...Rd6±]
[28...Kg8 2.06/25 is more resistant. 29.Rh5 Qe7]

Black was unaware that d6 needed help.
29.Rh7!
[ANSWER: I was afraid you were going to ask. You must analyze Black's logical response: 29.Rh8+?? 1.12/5 29.Rh1-h7 5.25 Ke7 wins a piece. Black had to try 30.Rxe8+ , come what may. Kxe8



31.Qxg7? 0.01/21 'with the idea' 12... f4, 13... c5 *(31.Re5!± 1.60/20)* 31...Qb4+]
[29.Bxb7? Qb4+ 30.Ke2 Qxb7-+]
[29.Rh8+ Ke7 30.Rh5 *(30.Qxg7?! Rxh8 31.Qxh8 Qb4+ 32.Ke2 Qxb3=)* 30...g6±]
29...Ke7 Each step the king takes proves more difficult than the last. The king was actually safer on g8.
[29...f6 30.Rh8+ gives Black a little air for her pawn.while 30...Kf7 is answered by 31.Rxe8]
[He can also play exclusively on the queenside by inducing the lock-up of the kingside first with 29...g6 30.Qg7+ Ke7 , and only then turn his attention to queenside infiltration.I have a feeling Menchik would have done much better sticking with the QGD. Maybe the time has arrived for the desperado 31.Qxf7+!? , enticing

White into a very favourable Benko Gambit – but please remember: The Benko had yet to be invented!]

30.Qxg7 Imbalance number one (space) gives rise to imbalance number two: an attack. The break arrives with crushing force, as Capa's moves radiate an aura of inevitable encroachment.

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Neil McDonald: '!' Neil McDonald: 'At last it is time for the breakthrough. Black must capture on f4 or else 31 f5 is crushing. --- We saw above that after 24 f4 the Women's World Champion could manoeuvre her knight to e5 via d7. By putting his own knight on h4, Capablanca has tied down the black knight to the defence of g6.' 'with the idea' 31.f5$18 **30...Kd8**

[30...Rf8 , when it is all blocked up - White has to keep some open lines. It would also be too soon for the pawn break 31.Bxe6 , as after Rxe6 the black knight gets to e5 via d7. Menchik should have tried 32.Rf4 keeping at least a semblance of queenside activity, when Qb4+ 33.Ke2!?]

(Diagram)

31.Bxe6

[31.Bxb7? is the wrong capture. Qb4+ 32.Ke2 Qxb7 33.Qg5+ Kc8 34.Qc5+ Qc6-+]

[Less strong is 31.Qg5+ Kc7+-]

31...fxe6 Black accrued many strategic crimes this game. The time has come for White to extract justice.

EXERCISE: (combination alert): Black's king/queen duo turn out to be clumsy dance partners and continually step on each other's big feet. White has a killing shot. Use the force, Luke: Do you see it?

ANSWER: The swarm of locusts feed through a wheat field.

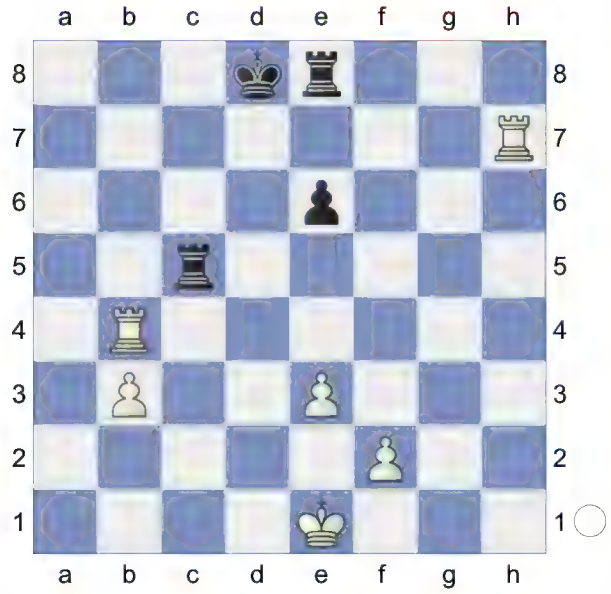
32.Qxb7 Threatening mate with Qb7-b8+.

[32.Re5 gives White a monstrous attack, as well as opening the e4-square for White's pieces. 'with the idea' 28.f6$18 Not 32...Qb4+?]

After After Neil McDonald: 'The queen is lost after' **32...Qb4+ 33.Qxb4 axb4** the hammer comes down on the walnut.

This game, which I almost tossed into the Attack chapter, shows just how far ahead strategically Capa was for his time. No wonder they all thought the

King's Indian was unsound for Black in those days. '+-' **34.c5** **Rc6** 6.70/26
[⌓34...Rd7 4.19/22]
35.Rxb4 is also crushing for White. aiming for Rb4-b8+. **35...Rxc5**



was better, keeping the knight where it was on e8. **36.Ra7?**

is even worse since.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

225 **D52**
□ **Romanovsky,Peter Arsenievich**
■ **Smyslov,Vassily V**
Leningrad (11) 1939
[R.Scherbakov]

An early exchange on f6 is the most radical way to avoid possible threats to the Bishop on g5 connected with ...Nf6-e4 but it seems to be too simple to hope for anything concrete. Black achieved the better chances easily although he did not manage to convert them to a full point due to the rather precise defence of his opponent.
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Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"
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(Diagram)

6.e3 Qa5 Scherbakov,Ruslan: '#'

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4 242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

7.Bxf6N Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Problems may really start to occur after some thoughtless moves like'

[Problems may really start to occur after some thoughtless moves like 7.Bd3 Ne4]

[7.Qc2 Ne4]

[7.Qb3 Ne4 followed by ...Bb4.]

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

7...Nxf6 8.Bd3 Bb4 Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'By means of'

[By means of 8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 Black can achieve a quite solid but slightly worse position, M.Yudovich - Ragozin, URS-ch Leningrad 1934. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Black can achieve a quite solid but slightly worse position, M.Yudovich - Ragozin, URS-ch Leningrad 1934.']

9.Qb3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 c5

[In the match Leningrad - Copenhagen, 1931 Black did not equalise after 10...Nd5 11.Rc1 0-0 12.0-0 Bxc3 0.58/20 *(12...Nxc3=* 0.18/18 should be considered. *13.bxc3 Bd6)* 13.bxc3± Nb6 14.Bd3 c5 15.Ne5± , the game continued with f6? 1.19/20 *(*Better is *15...Rb8±* 0.57/18 *)*

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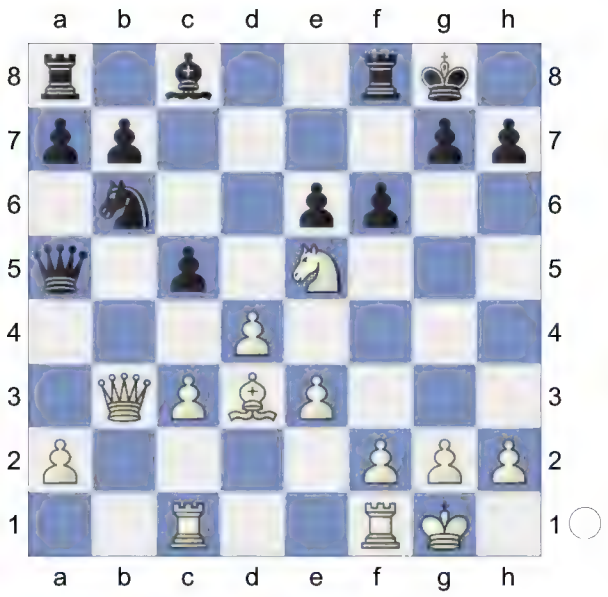

16.Qb1!± 0.01/22 and Black faced real problems. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and Black faced real problems.' *(16.Nc4!± 1.19/20 Nxc4 17.Bxc4)*]

[The game Capablanca - Ed.Lasker, New York 1924 continued with the natural possible 10...0-0 11.0-0 Bxc3 0.52/21 *(11...c5= 0.12/17)* 12.bxc3 *(12.Qxc3!?)* 12...b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Be2 0.26/20 *(14.Qb4± 0.63/20)* 14...c5!= 15.Nc4 Qa6 16.Qb2 Bd5! and White's initiative is slowing down: Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and White's initiative is slowing down:' 17.Ne5 Qc8 18.a4 Nd7 19.c4 Ne5xd7 would now be deadly. Be4 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.dxc5 bxc5= with equality.]

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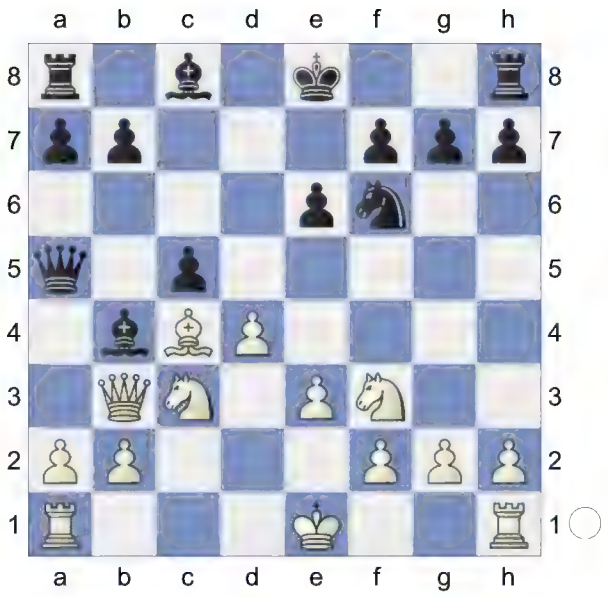


Black's main problem is his Bishop on c8 which has to be activated somehow. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The game Capablanca - Ed.Lasker, New York 1924 continued with the natural possible'

11.0-0

[11.a3 simplifies Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 0-0 14.0-0]

11...cxd4 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'After'

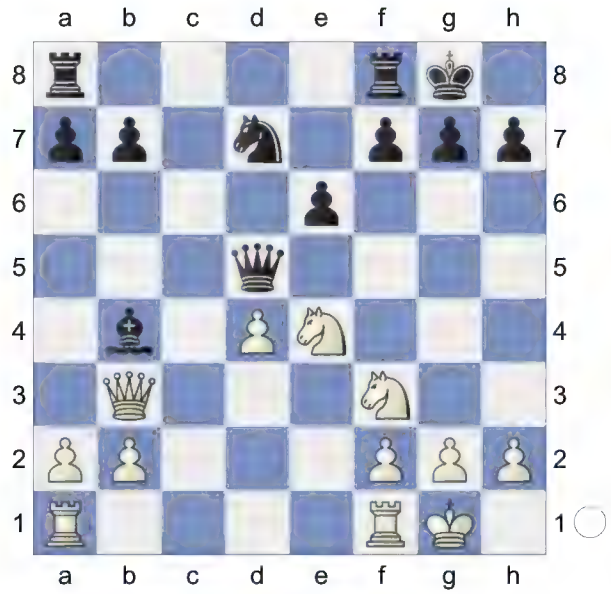
[After 11...0-0 12.Ne5 Bxc3 13.Qxc3!? Qxc3 14.bxc3± White has achieved a small advantage in the game M.Makarov - R.Scherbakov, Russia (ch-playoff) Rybinsk 1991. Scherbakov,Ruslan: '#White has achieved a small advantage in the game M.Makarov - R.Scherbakov, Russia (ch-playoff) Rybinsk 1991.']

12.Bb5+ Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'In the game Ornstein - Bagirov, Kirovakan 1978 White did not equalise after'

[In the game Ornstein - Bagirov, Kirovakan 1978 White did not equalise after 12.exd4 0-0 13.Bd3 Rd8 14.Rfe1 Bd7 15.Re5 Qb6 16.Na4 Bxa4 17.Qxa4 Re5-b5 is the strong threat. Bd6 18.Re2 Rac8

with a definite advantage for Black.]

12...Bd7 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7 14.exd4 0-0 15.Ne4 Qd5!?



16.Qxb4

[16.Qxd5 simplifies exd5 17.Ng3 g6 18.Rfc1]

16...Qxe4∓ Black has a small but lasting edge thanks to the isolated pawn on d4. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Black has a small but lasting edge thanks to the isolated pawn on d4.' **17.Rac1 Nb6 18.Rfe1 Qd5 19.Re5! Qd7** Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Of course not'

[Of course not 19...Qxa2?? 3.25/21 19...Qd5-d7 0.01 20.Ra5 Nd5? 5.28/20 because of the very painful *(20...Na4 3.21/22 21.Rxa4 Qd5)* 21.Qxf8+!]

[19...Qxa2? is the wrong capture. 20.Ra5+-]

20.Rec5 Nd5

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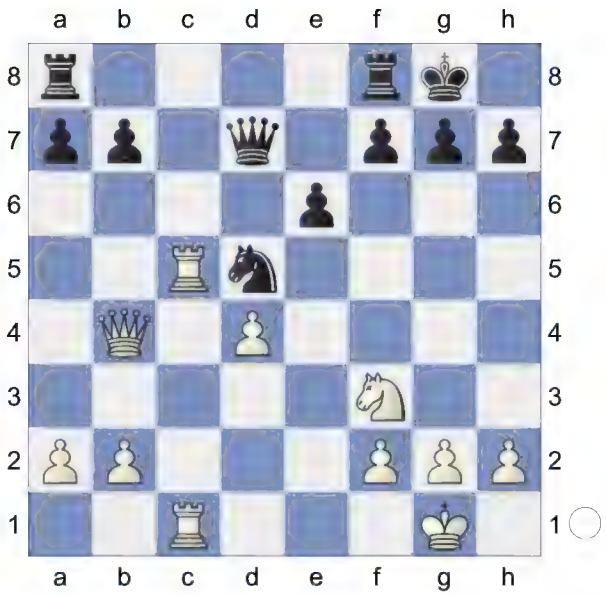
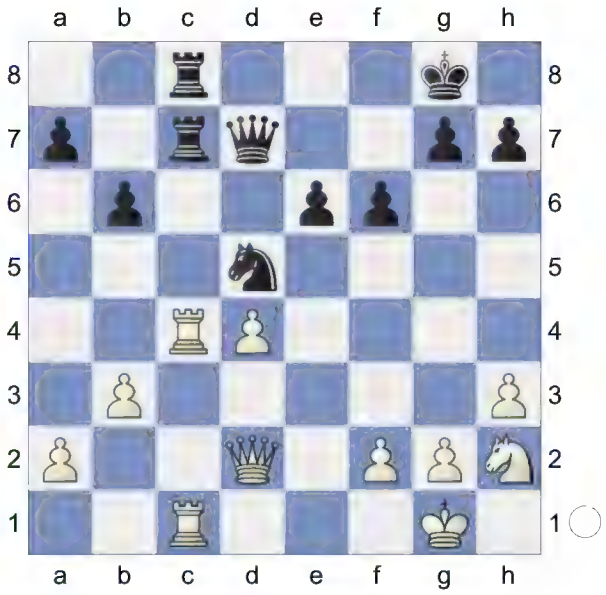


21.Qd2 Thanks to the possession of the c-file White seems to be solving his minor problems successfully. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Thanks to the possession of the c-file White seems to be solving his minor problems successfully.' **21...b6 22.R5c4 Rac8 23.b3**

[23.Ne5!? Qb7□ 24.Nc6=]

23...f6 24.h3 Rc7 25.Nh2 Rfc8



26.Nf1 Qd6 27.Ne3 Nf4 0.44/21

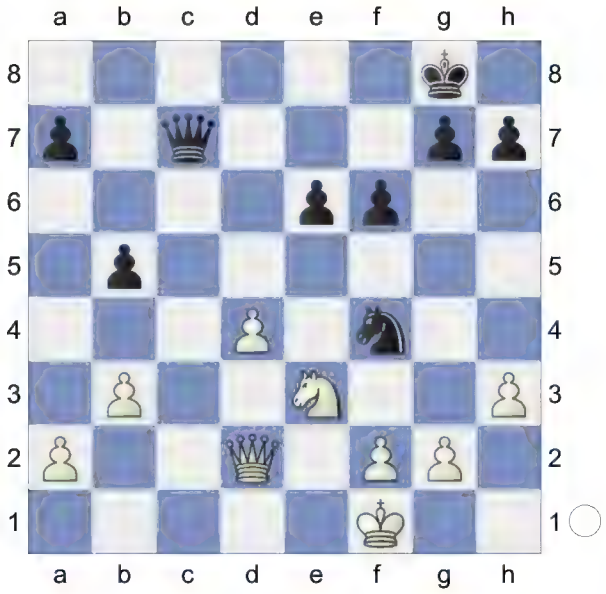
[27...h6= 0.07/18]

28.Kf1! 0.01/20 A useful move - the

King is a good defender. Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'A useful move - the King is a good defender.'

[28.d5± 0.44/21]

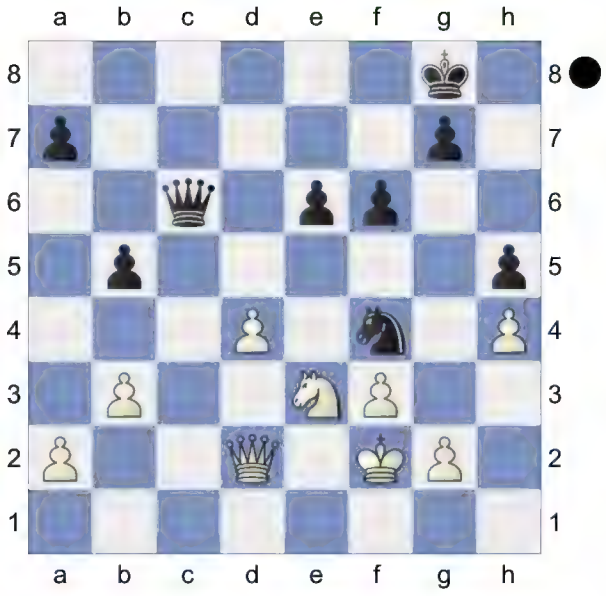
28...b5 29.Rxc7 Rxc7 30.Rxc7 Qxc7=



Endgame. KQN-KQN **31.h4** Intending g2-g3. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Intending g2-g3.' **31...Qc6 32.f3**

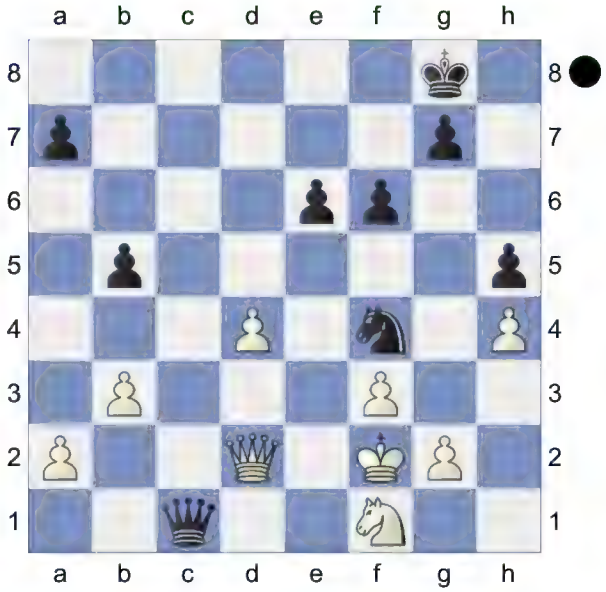
[32.Qc2 simplifies Qxc2 33.Nxc2 Nd5 34.a4]

32...h5 33.Kf2



Qc1! Decoy **34.Nf1**

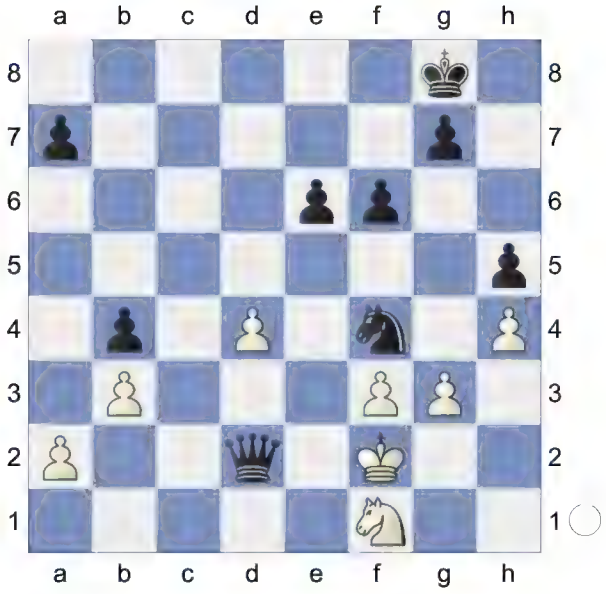
[In case of 34.Qc2?! Black had some active possibilities like Qh1 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'or' *(or 34...Qa1)*]



The most precise defence. Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'In case of' **34...b4!** Fixing the pawn on a2. **35.g3**

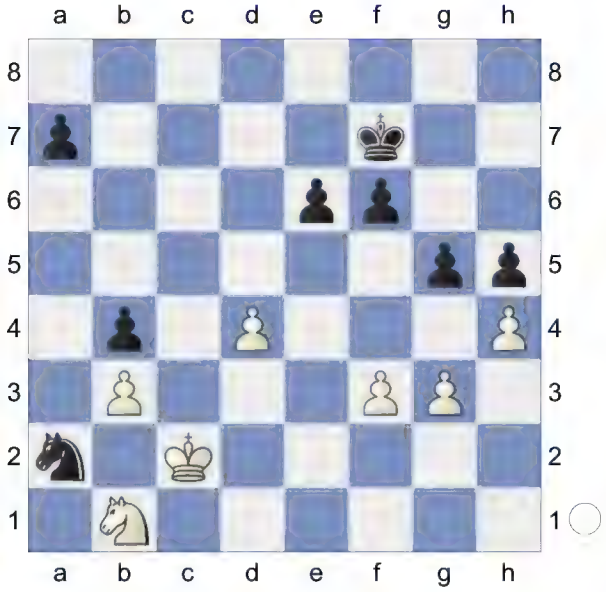
[35.Qxc1 Nd3+]

35...Qxd2+

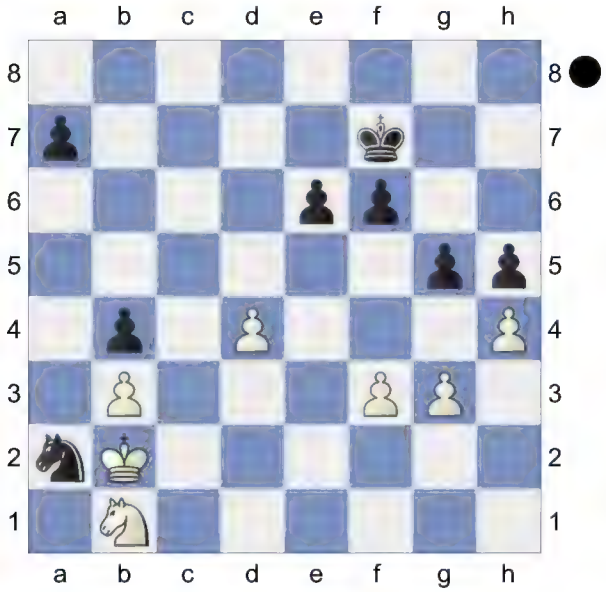


36.Nxd2∓ KN-KN **36...Nd3+ 37.Ke2 Nc1+ 38.Kd1 Nxa2** Black has won a pawn but after. aiming for ...Na2-c3+. **39.Nb1** the Knight is trapped and the King and pawn ending is drawn.

Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'the Knight is trapped and the King and pawn ending is drawn.' **39...g5** -0.01/24
[Black should play 39...Kf7∓ -0.51/24 40.Kc2 Ke7]
40.Kc2!= The position is equal. **40...Kf7**



41.Kb2



Nc3 42.Nxc3 bxc3+ 43.Kxc3

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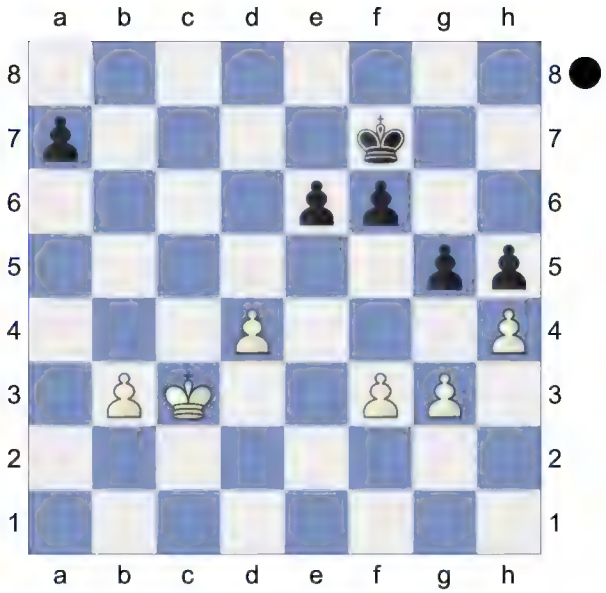

A draw was agreed.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

226 **D52**
□ **Alekhine,Alexander**
■ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
It Zürich (Switzerland) (8) 1934
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Skembris,Spyridon: 'Skembris,S: 'Inf 92/(440)" **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**

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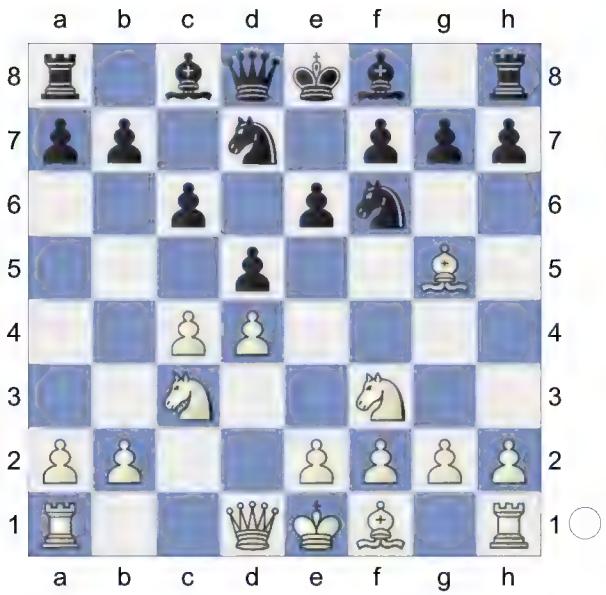
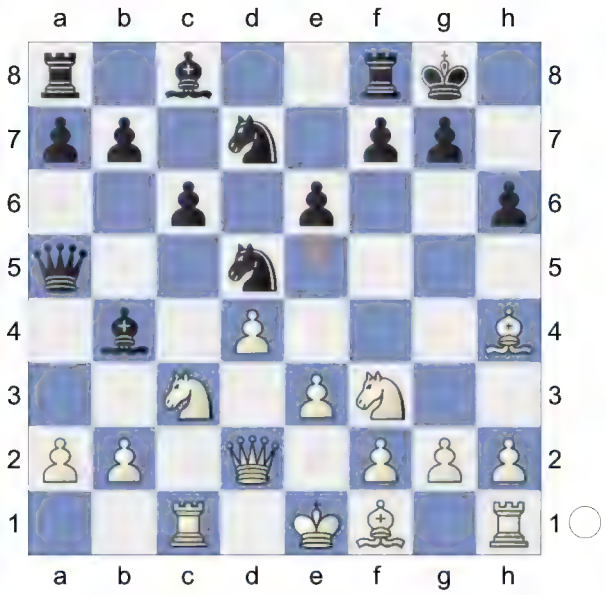


6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6 10.Bh4 0-0



11.Bc4N

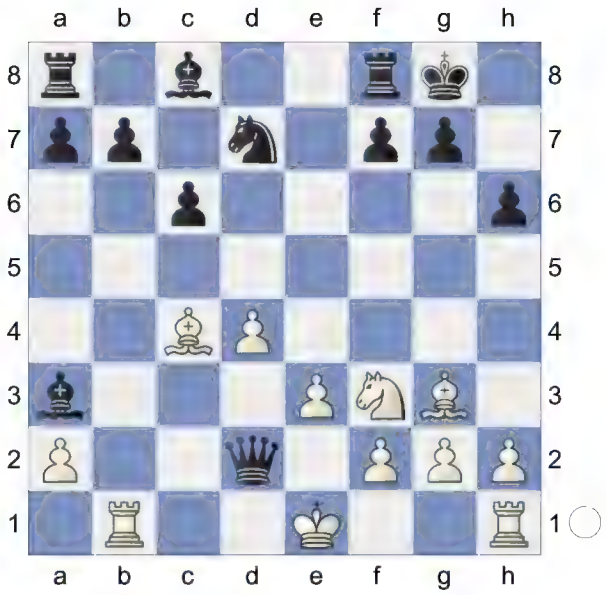
[11.Bd3

A) 11...e5 12.a3 *(12.0-0 Re8 13.Qc2 exd4 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Nxd4 Nb6 16.Rfd1 Qh5 17.Bg3 Bg4 18.f3 Bd7 19.Qf2 Be7 20.Bb1 g6 21.e4* 7.♗d3 ♕h5 8.00 71627-A22 Nxc6 Budapest 1984 *)* 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qxa3 14.0-0 Re8 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qc5 17.Kh1 Be6 18.e4 Nb6 19.f4 Bc4 20.Rf3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Kh7 12.Nb5 0-0 13.Bc2-Oltean,G T-10/93 9395 1993;

B) 11...b6 12.0-0 Ba6 13.e4 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nf4 15.Qe3 Ng6 16.Bg3 Rfe8 17.a3 Bf8 18.Nb1 Rac8 19.Nbd2 Qb5 20.Nc4 c5 21.Rfd1 Qa6 22.dxc5 Bxc5 23.Qe1 Ndf8 24.Qf1 b5 Halkias,S (2526)-Skembris,S (2446) (open) 92/(440) 2004]

11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 The position is equal. **13.Rb1 e5 14.Bg3 exd4 15.cxd4 Qxd2+**

[15...Qa4 with more complications. 16.Qd3 Nb6 17.Bb3 Qa5+]



16.Nxd2 Nb6 17.Bb3 Bf5 0.13/21

[17...Re8∓ -0.32/18]

18.e4= Rae8 19.f3 Bc8 20.Ke2 0.19/19

[20.0-0± 0.55/20]

20...Kh8

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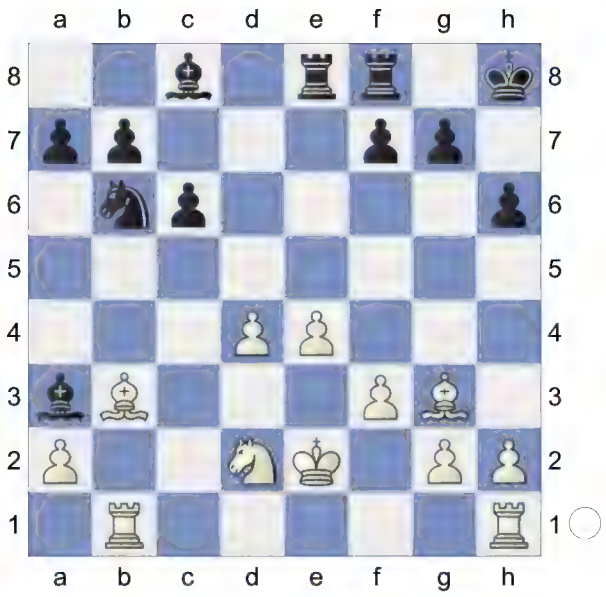
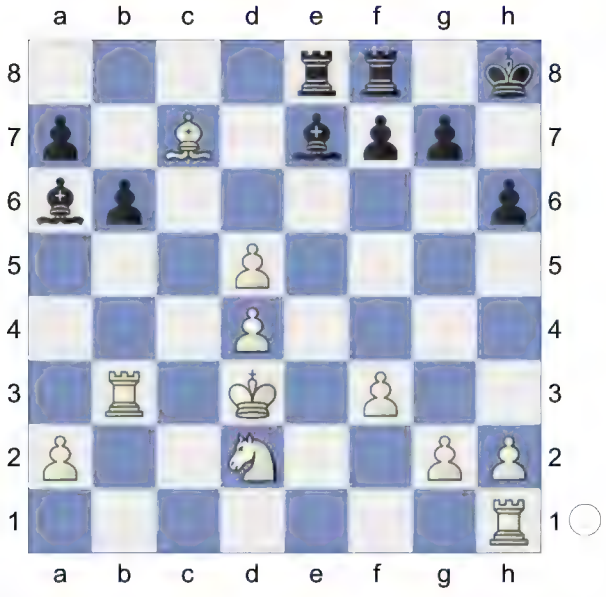
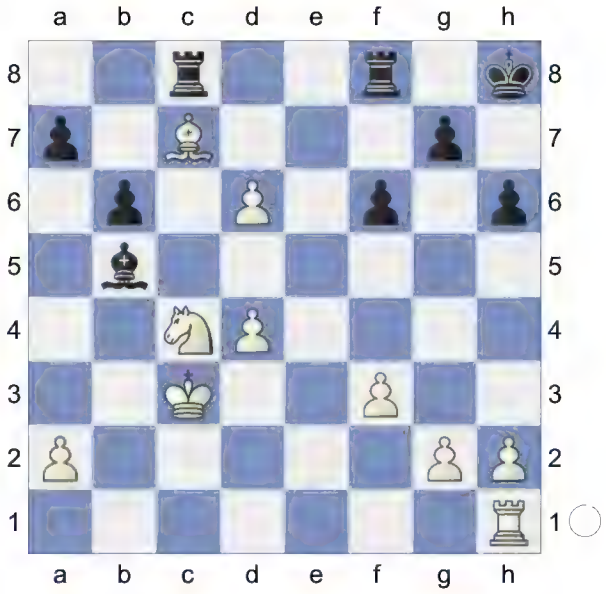


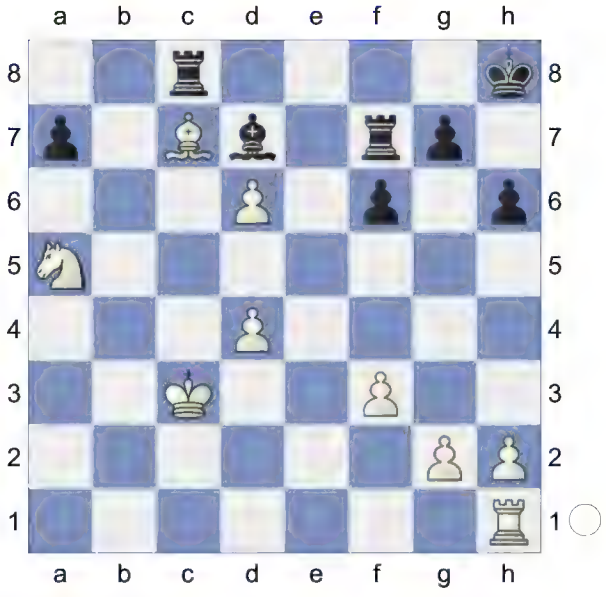
21.Bc7 Bc7xb6 is the strong threat.
21...Nd5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Kd3 -0.41/21
[23.Rb3= 0.00/20 Be7 24.e5]
23...b6 24.Rb3 Be7 -0.08/20
[24...dxe4+∓ -0.48/21 feels stronger. 25.Nxe4 Be7]
25.exd5 Black must now prevent d5-d6.
25...Ba6+



26.Kc2! Rc8 27.Rc3 Bb4 This pair of bishops is nice. **28.d6! Bxc3 29.Kxc3 Bb5** 0.70/22
[Black should play 29...Rfd8= -0.10/20 30.Kb2 Rd7]
30.Nc4 aiming for Kc3-b4.
[30.a4!? Bc6 *(30...Bxa4 31.Ra1±)* 31.Nc4=]
30...f6

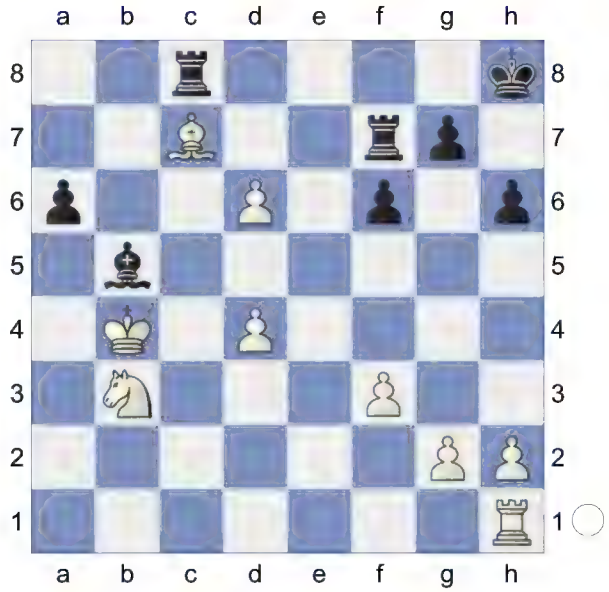


31.a4! Bd7 32.a5 bxa5 33.Nxa5 Rf7 1.14/23
[33...Rfe8± 0.62/20]



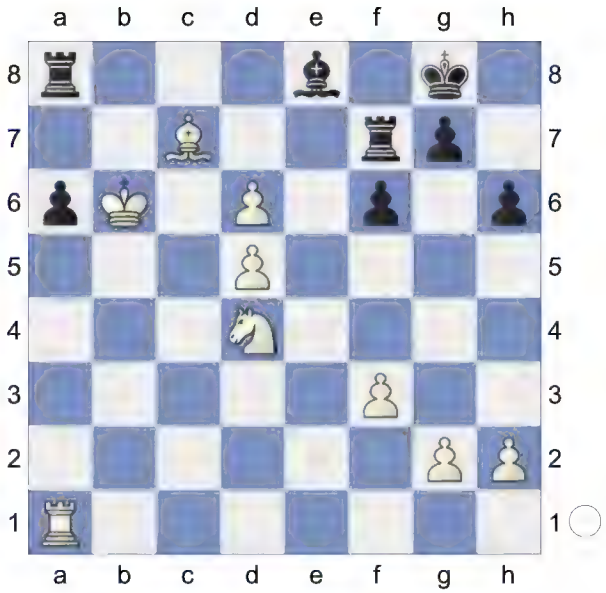
34.Nb3 0.54/21
[34.Re1!± 1.14/23]
34...Bb5 1.22/23
[34...Be6± 0.54/21]

35.Kb4± White has strong compensation. **35...a6**

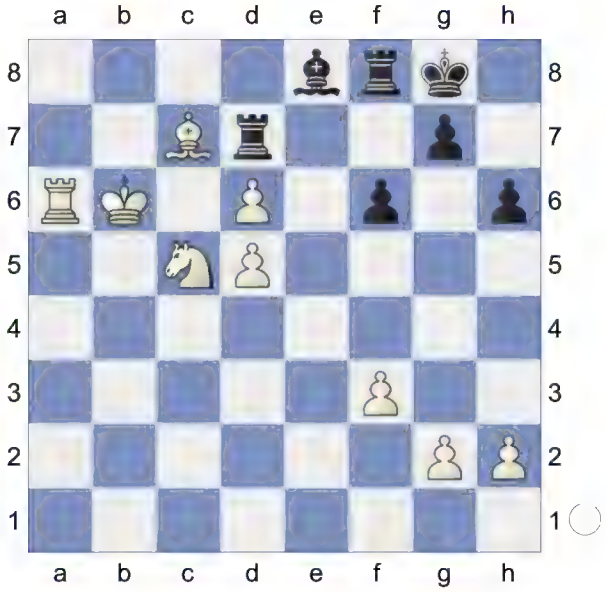


36.d5 Kg8 1.94/20
[36...Re8± 1.03/22]
37.Nd4 1.28/23
[37.Re1+- 1.94/20]
37...Be8 2.57/23 Loses the game.
[37...Bd7± 1.28/23 is a better defense.]
38.Ra1 1.49/21
[38.Re1+- 2.57/23]
38...Ra8 2.34/22
[38...Bd7± 1.49/21]
39.Ka5+- Rd7? 4.89/23
[39...Bb5 2.41/22 was called for. 40.Kb6 Bd7]
40.Kb6 Rf7 6.64/24
[⌓40...a5 4.21/23 41.Kb7 *(41.Rxa5 Rxa5 42.Kxa5 Bg6+-)* 41...Rad8]

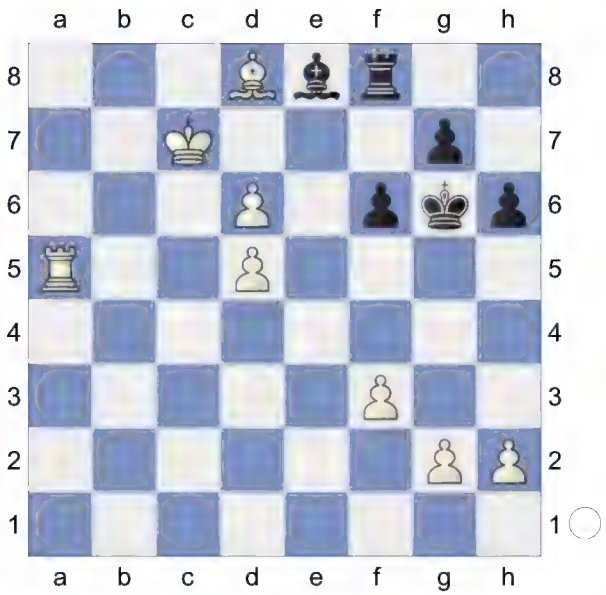
(Diagram)



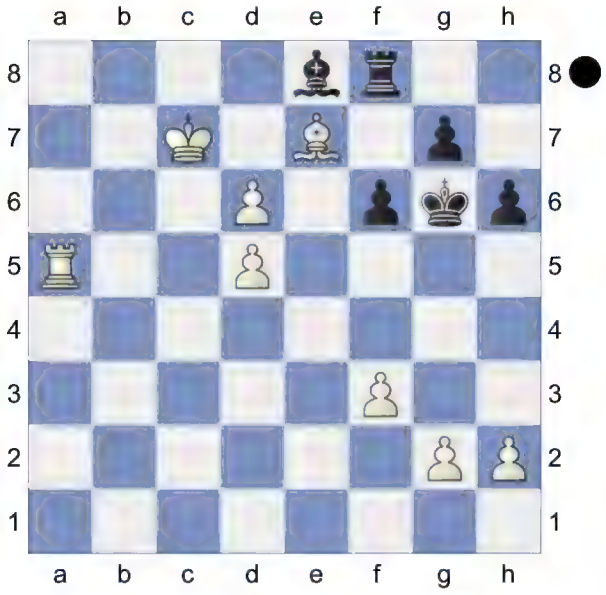
41.Kb7 Rd8 42.Rxa6 Rdd7 43.Kb6 Threatens to win with Ra6-a8. **43...Rf8 44.Ne6 Bf7 45.Nc5 Be8**



46.Ra8? 3.28/22
[46.Nxd7 8.52/23 Bxd7 47.Bd8 Clearance]
46...Kf7 9.85/21
[46...Rdf7 3.28/22 47.Rxe8 Remove Defender *(47.Rd8 f5+-)* 47...Rxe8]
47.Nxd7 White is clearly winning.
47...Bxd7 48.Bd8 Kg6 49.Kc7 Bb5 50.Ra5 Be8



51.Be7



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227 **D52**

□ **Alekhine,Alexander**

■ **Rubinstein,Akiba**

Den Haag International (9) 04.11.1921

[Alekhine,Alexander]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

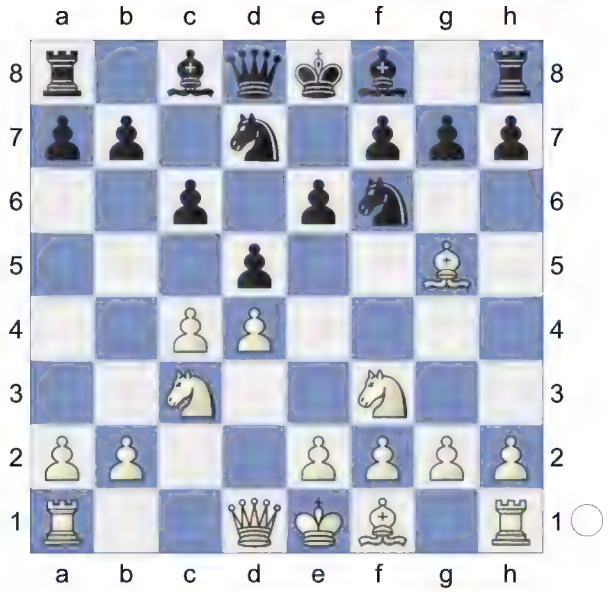
Donev,Ivo Hristov: 'Short,N: 'Inf 73/508"

ABGELEHNTES DAMENGAMBIT

s.a. ChessBase: "Alekhine All Games"

433 mit ausführlichen Partiebeispielen

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5

[7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Rc1 Ne4 9.Ncxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 Qxa2 11.Be2 Qa5 12.0-0 Bxd2 13.Ra1 Qb4 14.Qc2 Quickstarter: Slav-Cambridge Springs: 7...Bb4 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

7...Nxd5N

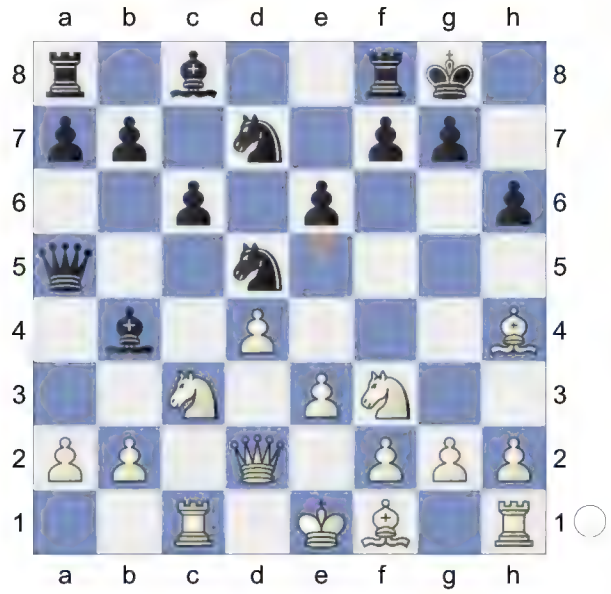
[7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7

Kxf7 22.Qb3+ 1-0 (43) Short,N (2660)-Andersson,U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9) Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 37.Qh7+ (43) Part 4 Chapter 5-Game 7 Part 4 Chapter 5 Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Pink,J (2660)-Sharapov,E (2635) 10/215 Sombor 1970 (9)]

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 h6

[9...N5b6]

10.Bh4 0-0



11.Bc4

[11.Bd3 mit analogen Varianten. Besser war wahrscheinlich 11...e5 , wonach Schwarz nicht unter Mattdrohung auf g7 stehen würde, aber die weiße Partie wäre jedenfalls schon besser. 12.0-0 exd4 13.exd4 Re8 14.Bb1 Nf8 15.Bg3 Be6 16.Qd3 Rad8 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nf6+ *(18.Ne5!?)* 18...Nxf6 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Bxf5 Ne6 21.Rfd1]

11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 Ba3 The position is equal. **13.Rb1** Eine gar nicht gewöhnliche Stellung nach so wenigen Zügen in einem Damengambit.

Von den 13 ersten Zügen hat Weiß 3 Züge mit dem c-Bauern, 3 Züge mit dem h-Bauern und 4 Züge mit dem Läufer gemacht, wonach er eine Stellung erlangt hat, die wenn nicht gewonnen, so doch dem Gewinn nahe ist.

Gerade in Zusammenhang mit der originellen Eröffnung dieser Partie ist sehr viel von der neuen" hypermodernen" Technik, der "neoromantischen Schule" und ähnlichem gesprochen worden. In Wirklichkeit ist aber alles viel einfacher. Schwarz hatte in der Eröffnung einige exzentrische Züge gemacht (4. ... a6, 5. ... Se7, 6. ... Se7-g6) , die ihm schließlich eine gute Partie gegeben hätten, wenn der Gegner auf sie nicht reagiert hätte (z.B. wenn er 7. e3 statt 7. Le3 oder 9. g3 statt 9. h4 gespielt hätte) und ich habe gar nicht freiwillig, sondern nur den Not gehorchend, meinen Bauern vorgeschoben, bloß um zu verhindern, dass Schwarz das Übergewicht im Zentrum erlangt.

Aber in der Regel entsprechen solche Experimente in der Eröffnung weder meinem Temperament, noch meinem Stil, wie der Leser dieses Buches sich leicht überzeugen kann.

13...e5 14.Bg3 exd4

[14...e4 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5]

[14...b5 15.Bb3 usw. mit Qualitätsgewinn. Und wenn 15...Bb7 0.99/19 dann *(15...Nf6=* 0.01/20 *16.0-0 Ne4)*]

15.cxd4 Qxd2+

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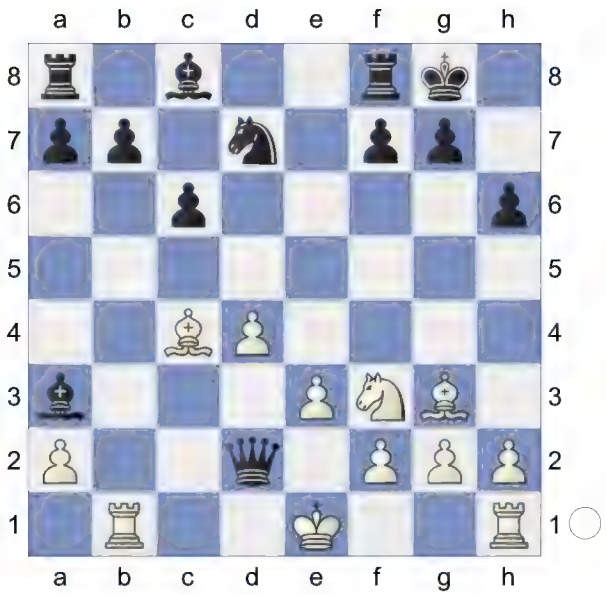


Schwarz denkt nur an die Möglichkeit eines sofortigen Angriffs von Weiß auf dem Königsflügel (durch Sg5 oder Se5 in Verbindung mit Df3) und beschließt, dem einen Gegenangriff auf dem Damenflügel entgegenzusetzen. In diesem Falle wäre der Vorbereitungszug Tac8 dem Schwarzen sehr nützlich. Aber Weiß ist in der Wahl seines Planes keineswegs beschränkt, da der Gegner im Grunde einstweilen noch nicht droht (besser wäre für Schwarz 15. ... Sa5 in Verbindung mit 16. ...Sa5-c4, was Weiß gezwungen hätte, einige Schutzmaßnahmen zu treffen).

16.Nxd2 Leitet einen Angriff auch auf dem Damenflügel ein, - was Schwarz zwingt, diesen zu blockieren, - und bringt den Springer ohne Zeitverlust auf einen wichtigen Punkt.

16...Nb6 17.Bb3 Bf5 0.14/20

[Schwarz kann den Springer nicht schlagen, z.B. 17...Nd5 18.Bc4 -0.74/19 *(18.Bxd5∓ -0.36/18* might be stronger. *cxd5 19.Rb3)*]

[17...Nd5∓ -0.31/21 18.Bd1 a5]

18.e4= Verhindert b3.

18...Rae8 19.f3 Bc8 Zu spät!

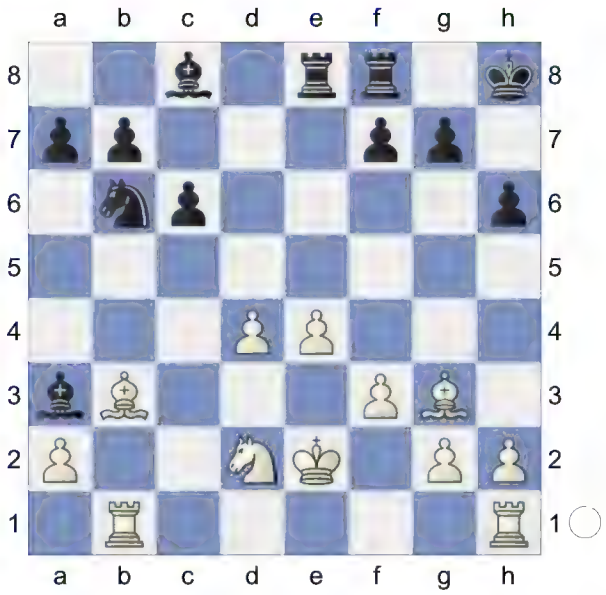
20.Ke2 0.08/18 Auf diese Weise verwandelt Weiß seinen Positionsvorteil in materiellen Übergewicht.

[20.Bb8 0.07/20 20.0-0 0.43 Bh3 0.95/21 *(20...Nd7!=* 0.07/20 *21.Bf4 b5)* 21.Bxa7± Nc8 22.Bb8 Bxg2 und gewinnt.und nicht 23.Rg1 Bh3 24.Be5 g5 mit Verteidigungsmöglichkeit 25.f4! erzwang ebenfalls Qualitätsgewinn wegen der Doppeldrohung 24. Sxd6 und 24. Le5 usw. oder 23. Lg7 mit Sf6+ mit Beibehaltung des Angriffs.]

[20.0-0± 0.45/20]

20...Kh8 0.44/18

[20...Nd5= 0.08/18]



Dieser Zug ist nicht besser als die untersuchten. Er gibt dem Gegner die Möglichkeit, zwischen zwei guten Fortsetzungen zu wählen. Es kam indes so, dass Weiß sich zu der weniger entscheidenden entschloss. **21.Bc7** next Bc7xb6 is good for White. **21...Nd5 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Kd3** -0.45/19

[23.Kf2= 0.08/18]

23...b6∓ Dank seines ausgezeichneten Positionsgefühls entscheidet sich

Rubinstein zu einem Qualitätsopfer, welches ihm einige Rettungsschancen verspricht.

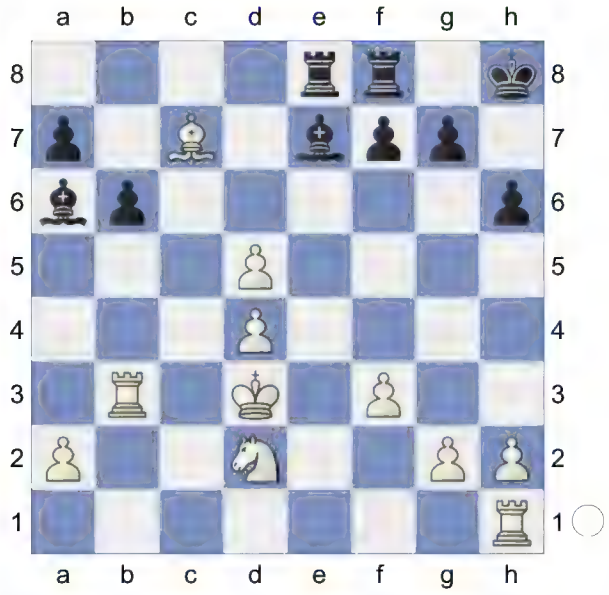
24.Rb3 Be7 -0.03/20

[24...dxe4+∓ -0.53/22 25.Nxe4 Be7]

25.exd5= Threatening Rh1-e1.

[25.g3? -1.97/21 25.e4xd5 -0.10]

25...Ba6+



26.Kc2! verhindert a6-a5 und damit die Konsolidierung der schwarzen Bauernstellung.

26...Rc8 27.Rc3 Bb4 This pair of bishops is nice. **28.d6!** Provoziert das Vorrücken des c-Bauern, um die Lage auf dem Damenflügel zu klären.

28...Bxc3 29.Kxc3 Bb5 0.68/22

[29...Rxc7+ 30.dxc7 Rc8 31.d5 And now d5-d6 would win. Rxc7+ 32.Kd4 und gewinnt. Rc2]

[29...Rfd8= -0.16/22 30.Kb2 Rd7]

30.Nc4 Strongly threatening Kc3-b4.

30...f6

[30...Rxc7! so 31.dxc7 und die schwarze Stellung ist viel schlechter Rc8 32.Kb4]

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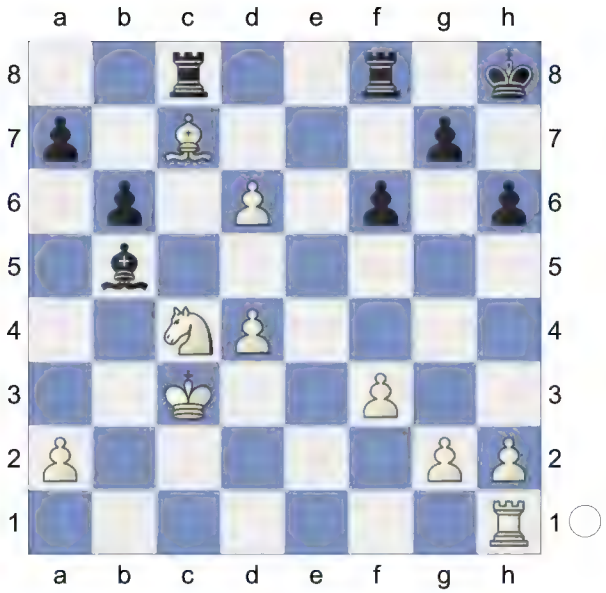
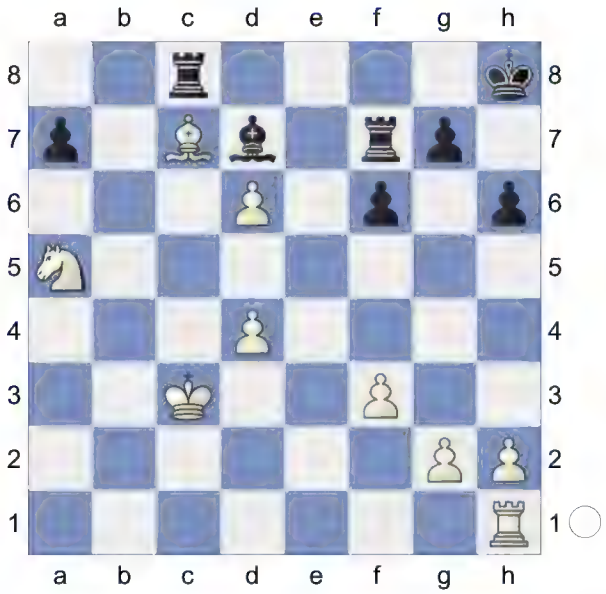


31.a4! Bd7

[Auf 31...Bxa4 1.06/21 31...Bb5-d7 0.68 hätte Weiß 32.Ra1 in Verbindung mit 34. Thd1 usw. gespielt.Falls 32...b5 33.Nb2]

32.a5! bxa5 33.Nxa5 Rf7 1.26/21

[33...Rxc7+± 0.55/20 34.dxc7 Rc8]



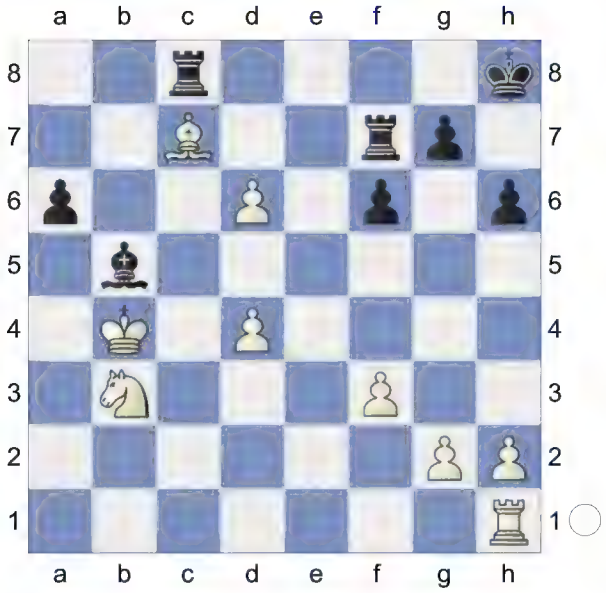
Black is now going downhill. **34.Nb3** 0.70/21

[34.Re1!± 1.26/21]

34...Bb5 1.17/21

[34...Be6± 0.70/21]

35.Kb4± White has strong compensation. **35...a6** 1.67/23
[35...Bc6± 1.09/22]



36.d5+- Kg8
[36...Rcxc7 37.dxc7 und Weiß gewinnt. Und nicht 37...Rxc7 wegen 38.Nc5 mit Gewinn des Bauern h6 und guten Remischancen.]
37.Nd4 Be8 2.37/22
[37...Bd7± 1.59/21]
38.Ra1 Ra8 2.42/23 Der Damentausch ist durch die Drohung 39. Dh8 usw. erzwungen.
[38...Bd7± 1.57/21 was worth a try.]
39.Ka5 Rd7? 4.29/24
[39...Bb5 2.37/21 40.Kb6 Bd7]
40.Kb6 White is clearly winning. **40...Rf7** 7.13/23
[⌓40...a5 4.27/22 41.Kb7 *(41.Rxa5 Rxa5 42.Kxa5 Bg6+-)* 41...Rad8]

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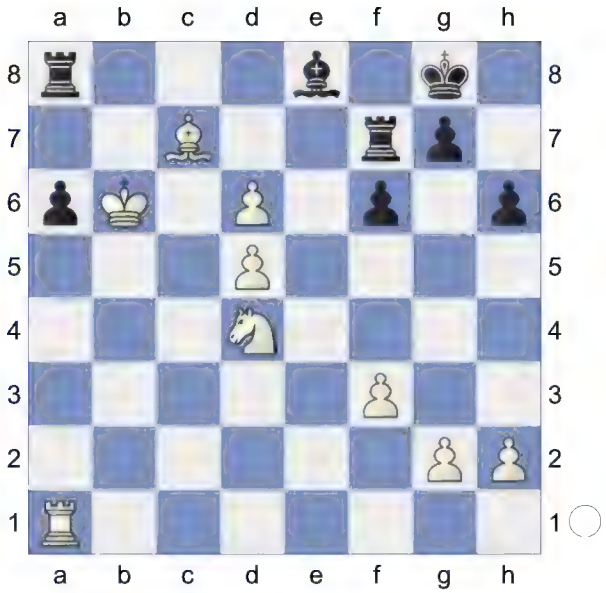
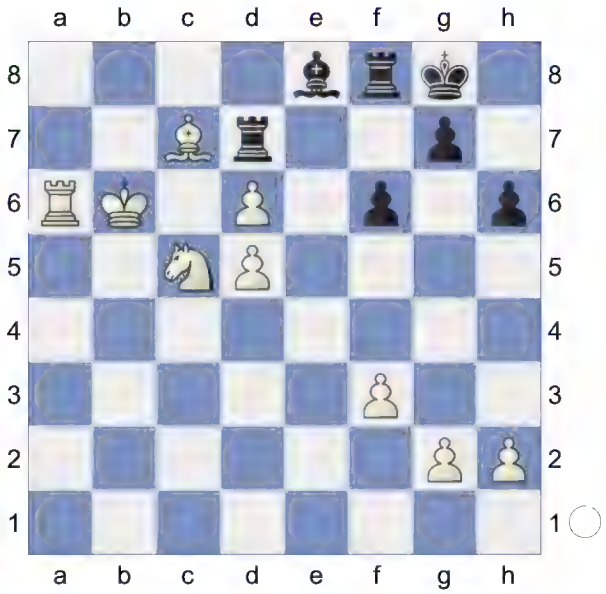


41.Kb7 Rd8 42.Rxa6 Bildet einen Freibauern, was die Sache in wenigen Zügen entscheidet.
Der Versuch des Schwarzen, auf dem Königsflügel Chancen zu erlangen, zieht seinen König nur noch in ein Mattnetz.
42...Rdd7 43.Kb6 Rf8 44.Ne6 Bf7 45.Nc5 Unterstützt das Vorgehen des Bauern.
45...Be8



46.Ra8 Kf7
[falls 46...Rdf7 47.Rxe8 Rxe8 48.d7]

47.Nxd7 Bxd7 48.Bd8 aiming for Kb6-c7. **48...Kg6 49.Kc7 Bb5 50.Ra5** SCHWARZ GIBT AUF.
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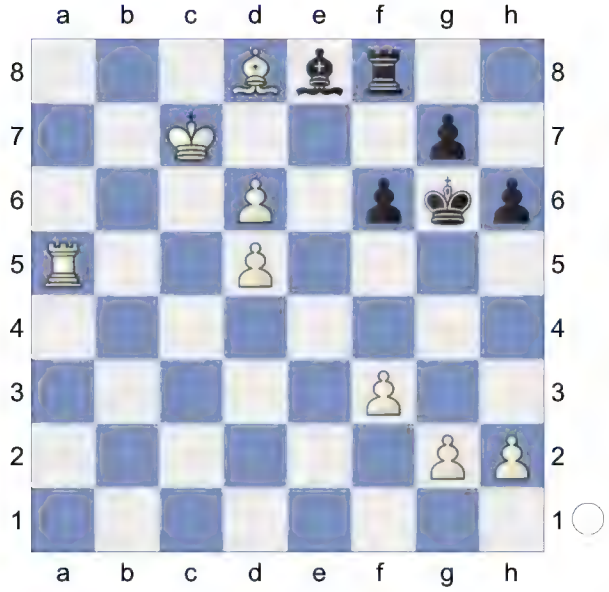
MDB 15: 29844 Falls **50...Be8**



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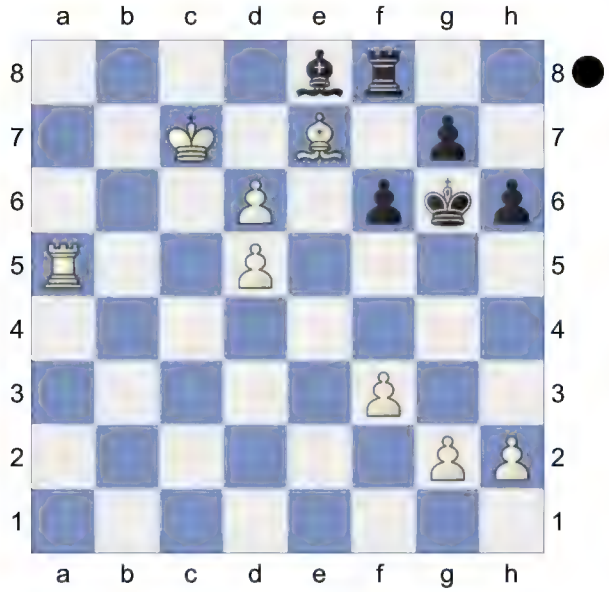

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228 **D52**
□ **Buj,Pablo**
■ **Boll,Peter Albertus**
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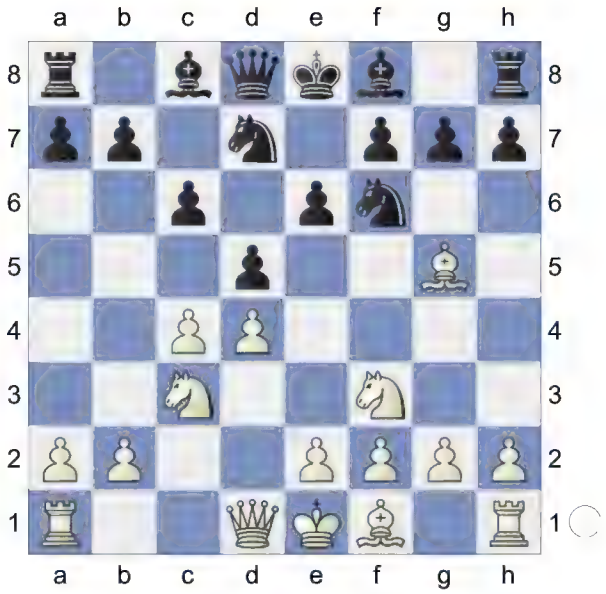
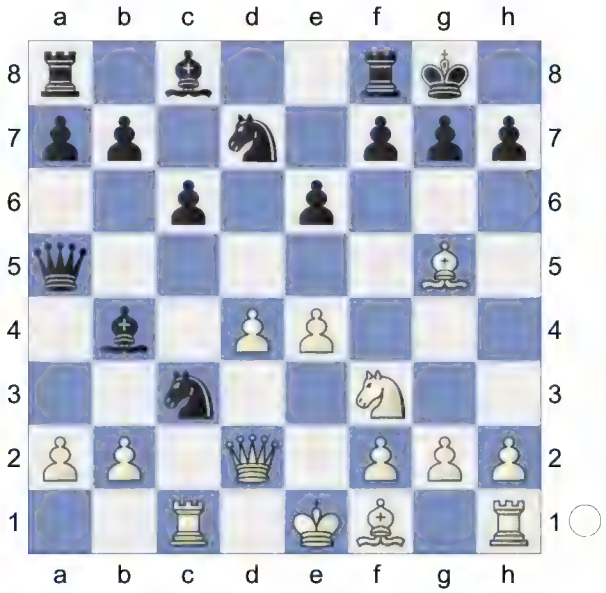
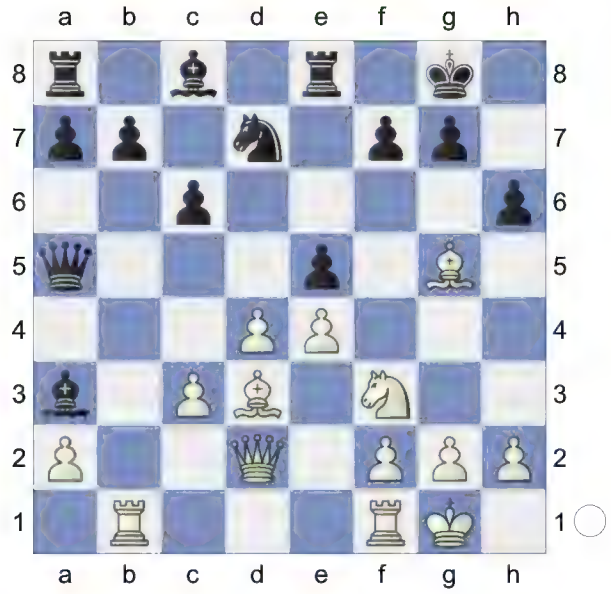
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



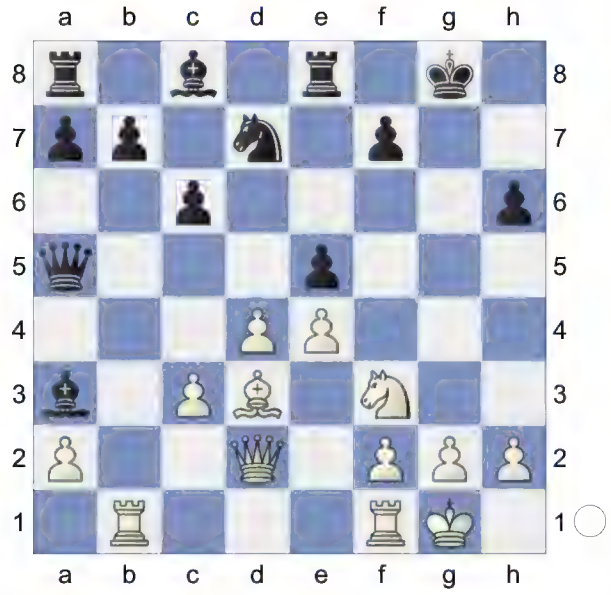
6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Rc1 0-0 10.e4 Nxc3



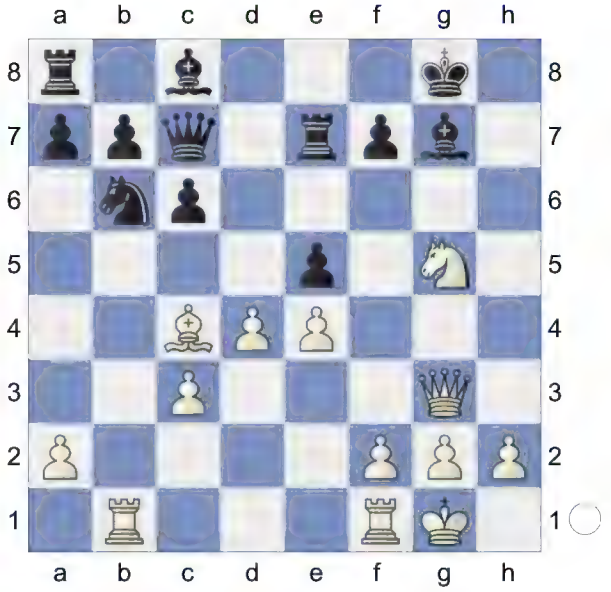
11.bxc3 Ba3 12.Rb1 The position is equal. **12...e5 13.Bd3 Re8 14.0-0 h6N**
[14...b5 simplifies 15.Qc2 a6 16.Bd2 Bd6]



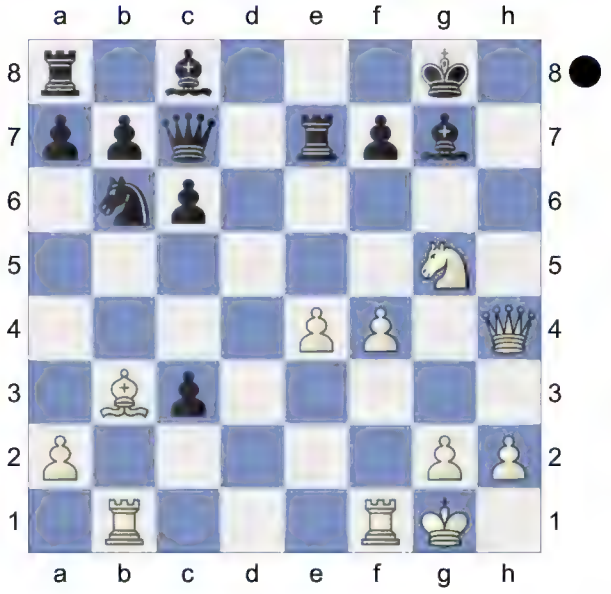
15.Bxh6 -0.33/18 **gxh6∓**



16.Qxh6 Strongly threatening Bd3-c4. **16...Bf8 17.Qg5+** -0.66/22
[17.Qh4= -0.17/20 Bg7 18.Ng5]
17...Bg7 18.Bc4 Qg5-g6 is the strong threat. **18...Qc7**
[18...Qxc3? 19.Rfc1 Qa3 20.Qg6+-]
19.Qg3 -0.67/21
[19.Qh4 -0.31/19 might be stronger. b5 20.Bb3]
19...Re7 20.Ng5 -0.92/20
[20.Bd3∓ -0.48/18 deserves consideration.]
20...Nb6∓

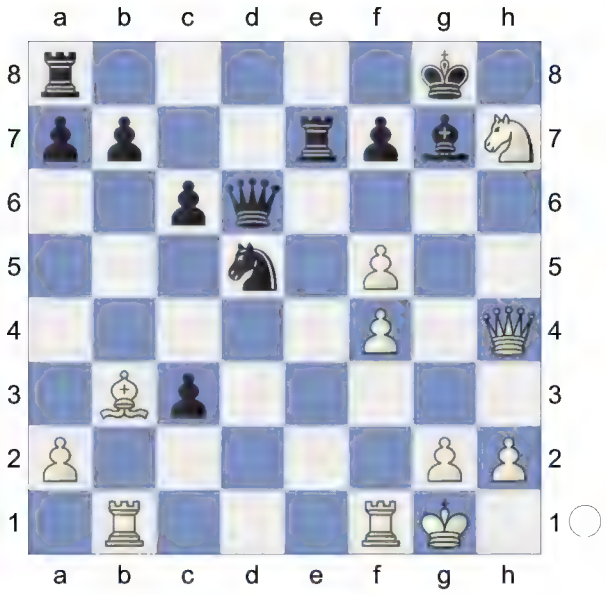


21.Bb3 exd4 22.f4 dxc3 Threatens to win with ...c6-c5. **23.Qh4!**



Bf5 -0.01/21 **24.exf5=** Ng5-h7 would now be deadly. **24...Nd5 25.Nh7 Qd6**

(Diagram)



26.Bxd5 Remove Defender **26...cxd5** **27.f6** Chess con chili. **27...Re6** **28.Qg5** -0.95/20

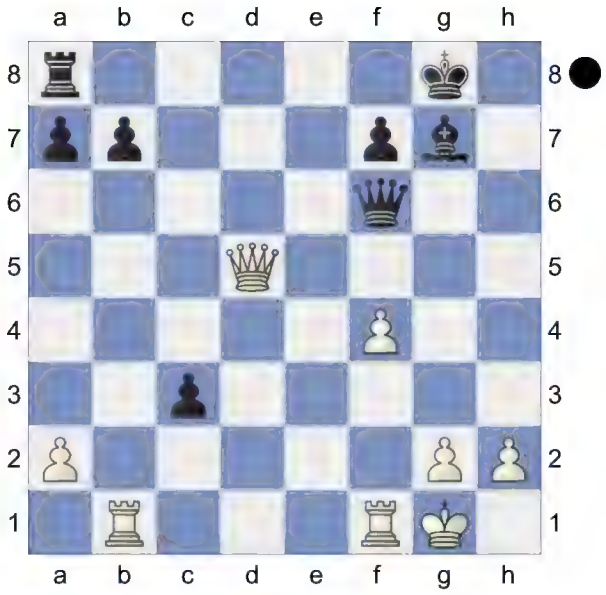
[28.fxg7 Rh6 29.Qe1 Qc5+ *(29...Kxh7 30.Qxc3 b6 31.Rbd1±)* 30.Qf2 Qxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Rxh7 *(31...Kxh7 32.Rxb7 Kxg7 33.Rc7=)* 32.Rxb7 Rc8∓ *(32...Kxg7 33.Rc7=; 32...Rxg7 33.Rc1=; 32...Rxh2 33.Rc7=)*]

[28.Rxb7± 0.35/21 stays ahead. Rxf6 *(28...Bxf6 29.Nxf6+ Rxf6 30.Qg3+ Rg6 31.Qxc3=)* 29.Nxf6+ Bxf6 30.Qg4+ Bg7 31.Qf5]

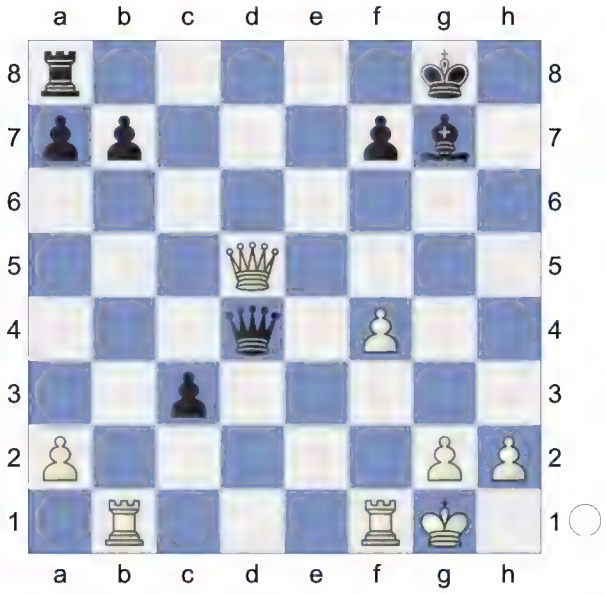
28...Rxf6!∓ **29.Nxf6+** **Qxf6** **30.Qxd5** -0.92/23

[30.Rxb7∓ -0.45/21 was preferrable. Qxg5 31.fxg5]

(Diagram)



30...Qd4+!



31.Qxd4 **Bxd4+** Endgame. KRR-KRB **32.Kh1** **Be3** -0.20/23

[32...Rc8∓ -0.79/23 And now ...c3-c2 would win. 33.Rbc1 *(33.Rxb7 c2∓)* 33...c2]

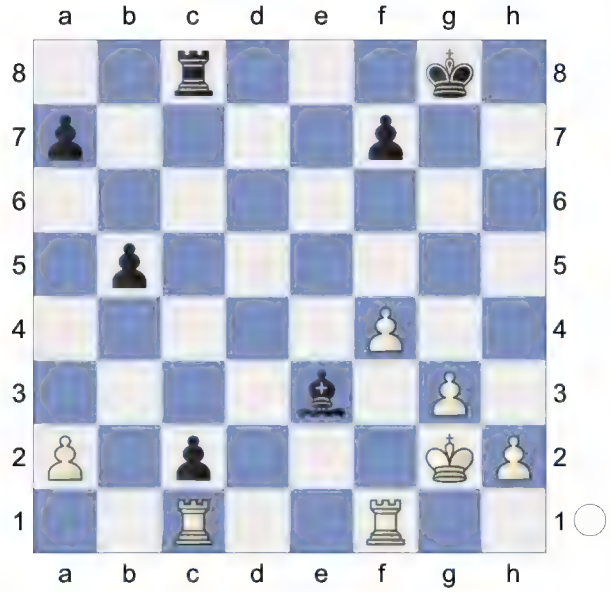
33.g3!=

[33.Rxb7? is the wrong capture. Rc8 34.g3 c2-+]

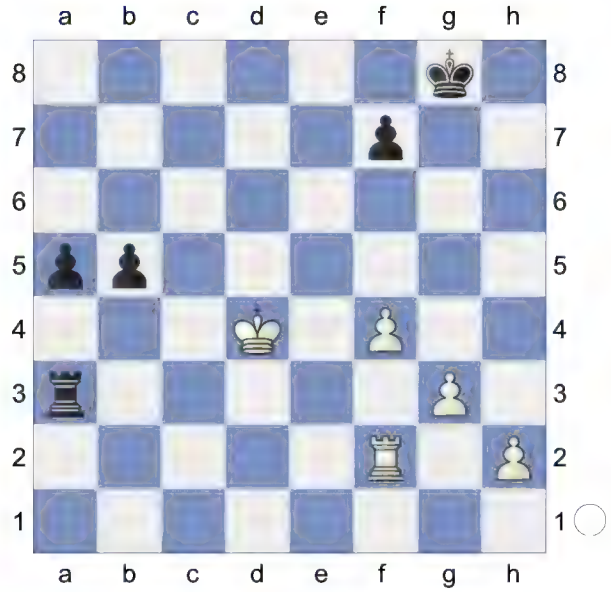
33...Rc8 aiming for ...c3-c2. **34.Kg2!**

[34.Rxb7 c2 35.Kg2 c1Q *(35...c1R? 36.Rxc1 Rxc1 37.h4-+)* 36.Rxc1 Rxc1 37.Rb8+ Kg7-+]

34...c2 35.Rbc1 b5

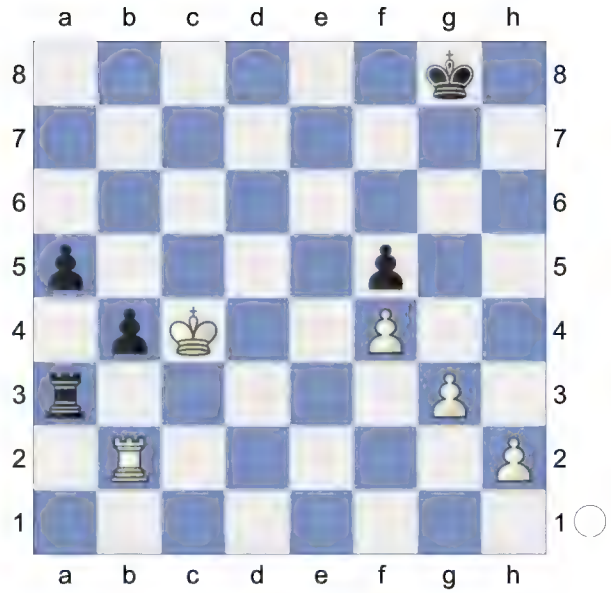


36.Kf3! Rc3
[Much worse is 36...Bxc1 37.Rxc1 Rc3+ 38.Ke2±]
37.Rxc2 Deflection **37...Rxc2 38.Kxe3 Rxa2** KR-KR **39.Rf2 Ra3+** Black is slightly better. **40.Kd4 a5**



41.Rb2 Dodges Ra3-b3 **41...b4 42.Kc4 f5** -0.01/25
[Black should try 42...Kg7∓ -0.52/25]

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

229 **D52**
□ **Lepikhov,Aleksey Georgievich**
■ **Chalupa,Premysl**
ICCF-Cup6/7 sf corr 1990
[Kitty Kat]

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D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

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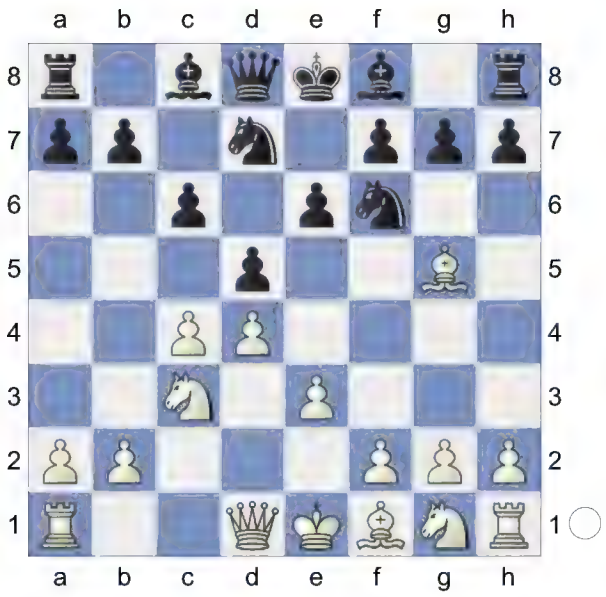
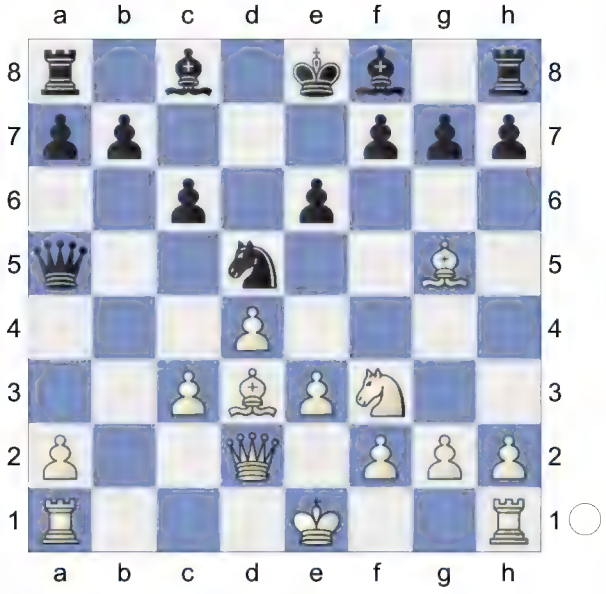


6.Nf3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd5

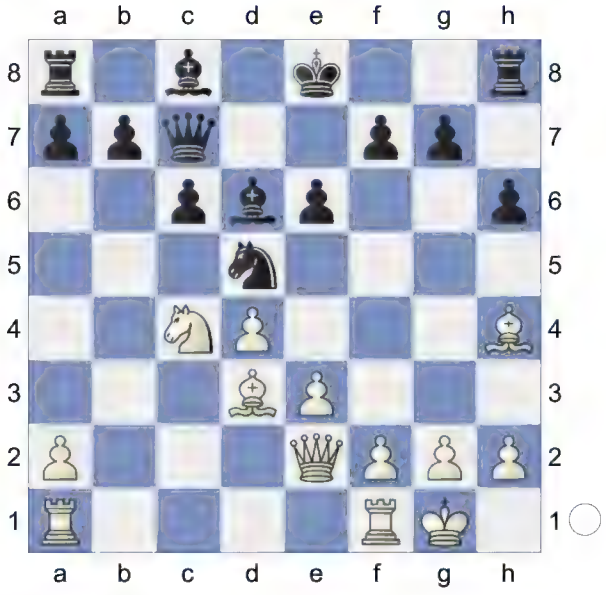


11.0-0 Qxc3 12.Qe2 h6N N

[12...Be7]

[12...Bd6 13.Nd2 Qa5 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Qh5 *(15.e4 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bf4 17.Bh4 Nb6 18.Qg4 g5 19.Bxg5 Bxg5 20.Qxg5 Qe7 21.Qg7* D 52/02-N,N 2003*)* 15...Be7 *(15...h6 16.f4 Be7 17.Ne5 Rf8 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qe2 Rg8 20.e4 Nb6 21.Rab1 Bd7 22.a4 f6 23.Nf3 Rb8 24.a5 Nc8 25.Qc2 Nd6 26.e5 Nb5 27.d5 f5 28.dxe6 Bxe6 29.Bxf5 Bxf5 30.Qxf5* 1-0 (49) Eriksson,A-5,B 27/574 England 1978*)* 16.f4 Nf6 17.Qf3 Bd7 18.Ne5 Rf8 19.Rab1 h6 20.Bh4 Nd5 21.Bg3 0-0-0 22.e4 Nb4 23.f5 Qb6 24.Bf2 Qa5 25.Be2 exf5 26.Nc4 Qa4 27.Bg3 Be6 1-0 (59) Nightingale,D-7. ♘b3 53/571 Belgrad 1991]

13.Bh4 Bd6 Inhibits Nf3-e5. **14.Nd2** Nd2-c4 would now be deadly. **14...Qa5 15.Nc4 Qc7**



White is slightly better. **16.Nxd6+ Qxd6 17.Rac1⩲** [Δ ♗b1, ♕c2 ⇗ b1-h7 →] **17...0-0 18.Bb1** White has compensation. **18...g6?!** 1.03/19

[18...Qa3± 0.41/17]

19.Bg3↑ Black is under strong pressure.

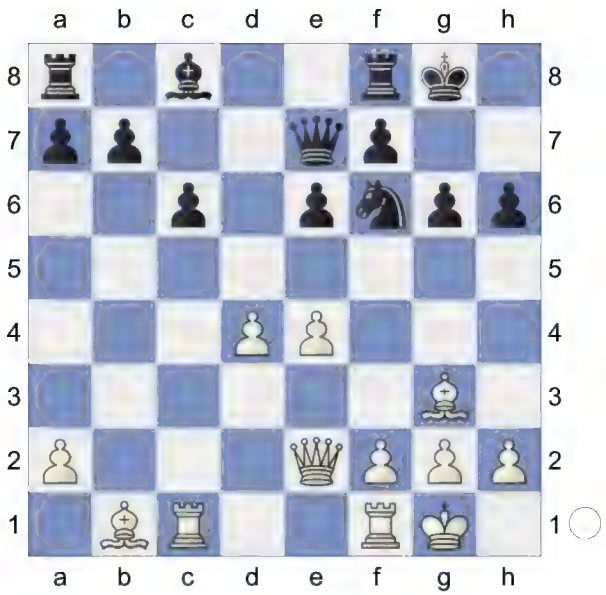
[19.e4 0.38/22 19.Bh4-g3 0.96 Nf4]

[19.Rfd1 f5!? 1.03/18 *(19...Kh7± 0.50/18)*]

19...Qe7

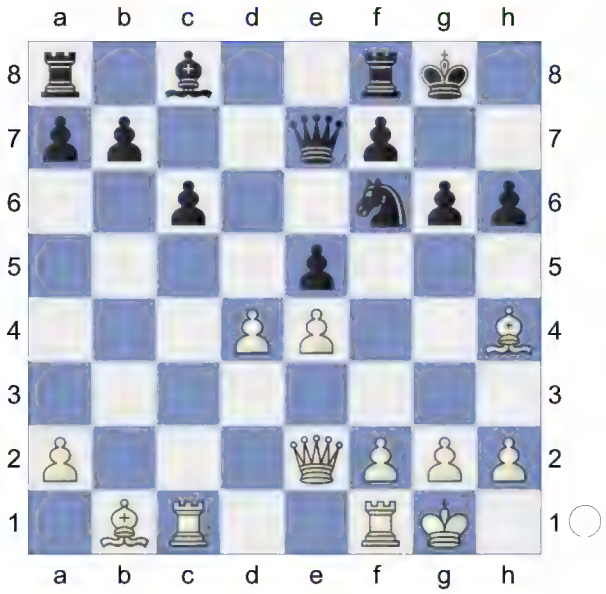
[19...Qa3 20.Qd2 (xc3, h6). Strongly threatening e3-e4. f5 2.14/20 *(20...Nf6± 0.96/19 21.e4 Kh7)* 21.e4+- f4 3.21/21 *(⌓21...Nf6 2.29/21 22.Qxh6 Kf7)* 22.exd5±]

20.e4 Nf6



21.Bh4! And now e4-e5 would win. White is more active. **21...g5**

[21...e5 1.85/20 21...g6-g5 1.28



22.f4! exf4

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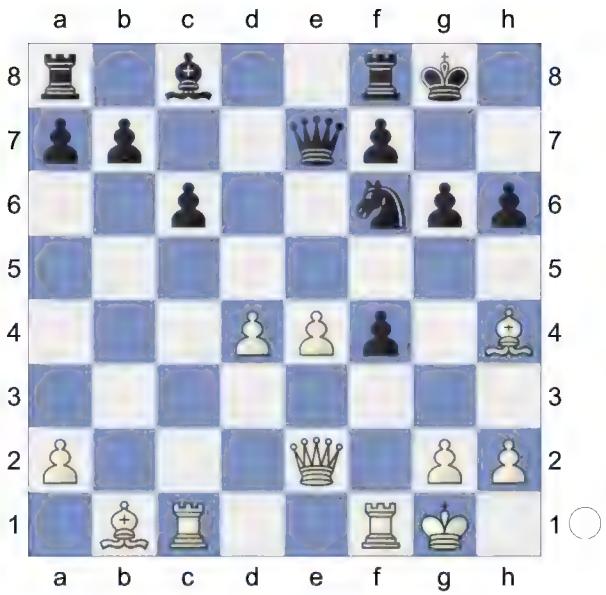


23.e5! g5 24.Qd3 Threatens to win with Rf1xf4! gxh4 25.Rxf4±]

22.Bg3 Rd8? 3.13/22

[22...Bd7 2.41/22 22...Nf6-e8 1.45 23.f4± *(23.Qd3!? 0.85/19 23.f2-f4 2.05 Δ e5)*]

[22...Ne8± 1.49/22 keeps fighting. 23.f4 f6]

23.f4!+- Nh7

[23...Rxd4 4.19/19 23...e6-e5 2.89 24.fxg5 hxg5 25.Be5+-]

24.e5

[Much less strong is 24.fxg5 e5 25.Qh5 *(25.gxh6 Rxd4 26.Qh5 Rd6+-; 25.Bxe5 hxg5 26.Qe3 Qe6±)* 25...hxg5 26.Bxe5 f6+-]

24...f5? 6.83/18

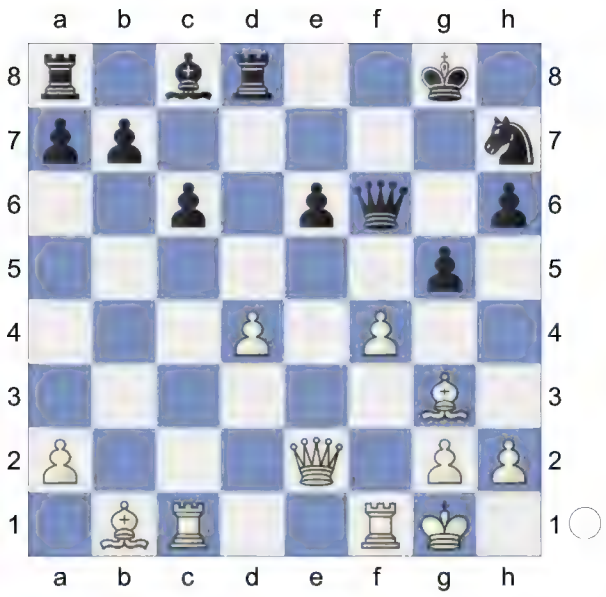
[24...Rxd4 25.fxg5 hxg5 11.44/24 *(25...Nxg5 26.Rf6+-; ⌓25...Bd7* 4.15/22 *26.gxh6 Qf8)* 26.Qh5+- Nf8 27.Rf6+-]

[24...g4 3.94/19 25.Qxg4+ Kh8]

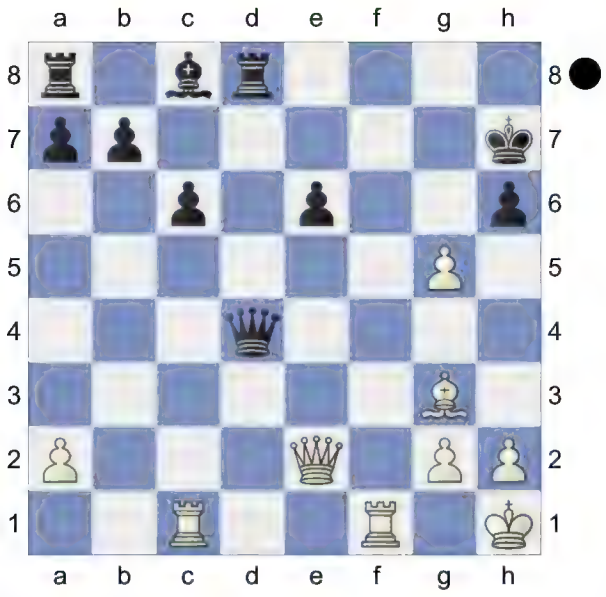
25.exf6 White is clearly winning.

25...Qxf6

(Diagram)



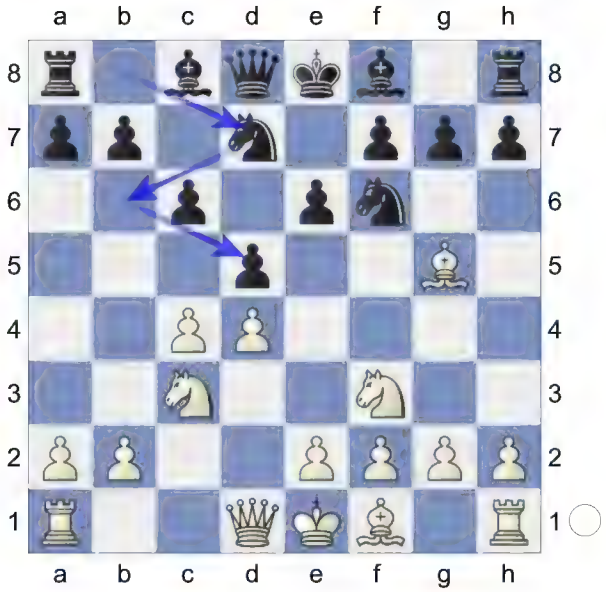
26.Bxh7+ Remove Defender **26...Kxh7**
27.fxg5 Qxd4+
[27...Qxg5 28.Rf7+ Kg8 29.Rcf1 Qg6 30.Be5+-]
28.Kh1
[28.Kh1 Intending Qe2-h5 and mate. Rd5 29.Qh5 Rxg5 30.Rf7+ Kg8 31.Qxh6+- Lepichov]



Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01
(flawless) /Black=0.61
1-0

230 **D52**
□ **Battistini,Rubens**
■ **Simonini,Manlio**
ITA corr Italy 1991
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7



6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qd2 N7b6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3
[10.Qxc3? Bb4 11.0-0 Bxc3-+]
10...Nd5

(Diagram)

11.0-0 h6N

[11...Qxc3 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.Nd2 Qa5 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Qh5 *(15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Bh4 b6 17.Bg3 Qd7 18.e4 Ne7 19.Rfd1 Bb7 20.a4 0-0 21.Bc4 Kh8 22.h4 Rad8 23.Bb3 Ng8 24.a5 Qe7 25.f3 Rd7 26.Qb2 Rfd8 27.Bc2 b5 28.a6 Ba8 29.Qc3 Nf6* 1-0 (62) Grinev,V (2493)-6. ♘f3 ♕f5 7. ♕d1 c5_5272 (2356) 54/606 Seattle 1992 *)* 15...Be7 16.f4 Nf6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Rac1 Qe7 19.Rb1 g6 20.Qa5 0-0 21.Nb6 Qd8 22.Qa4 axb6 23.Qxa8 Bxd4 24.exd4 Qxd4+ 25.Kh1 Qxd3 26.Rbd1 ½-½ (51) 8. ♕e2 ♗b4 9.0-0-0-8. ♕xc4/ 10. ♗f4 ♘d5/ 13.,. (ch) 70/275 Great Britain 1997]

12.Bh4 Bd6 0.95/19

[Black should try 12...Qxc3± 0.42/19 13.Qe2 Nb6]

13.c4± Qxd2 14.Nxd2 Ne7 15.c5 Bb8

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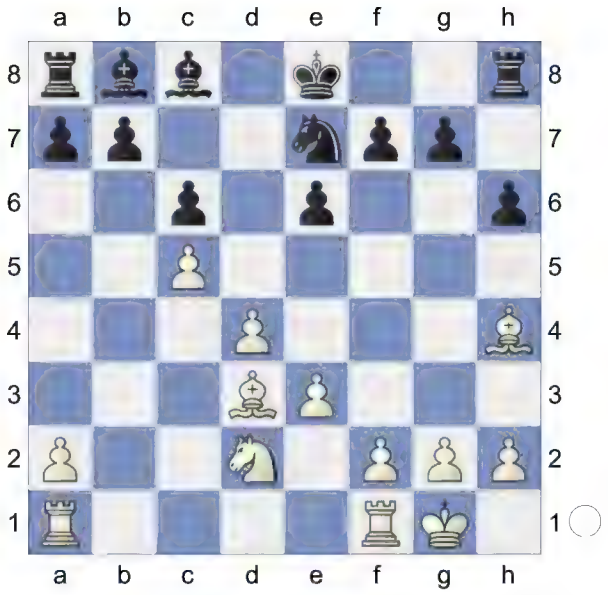


16.Bg3 0-0 17.Bxb8 Rxb8 18.Nc4 Bd7 1.74/22

[18...b6± 0.65/20]

19.Rab1 1.26/21

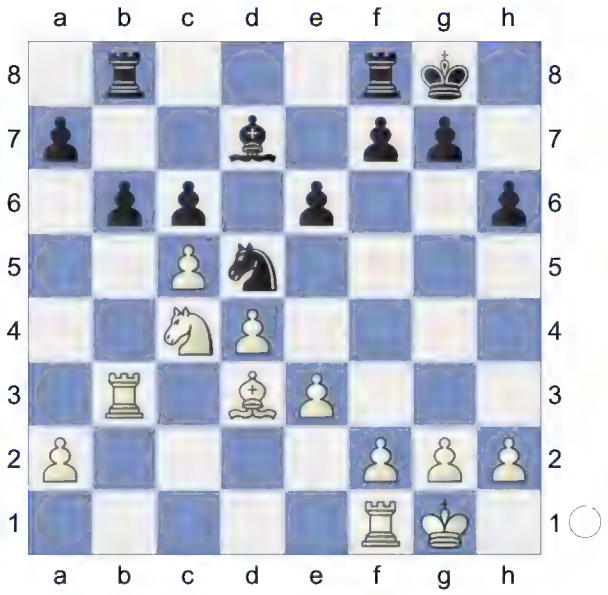
[19.Rfb1+- 1.74/22]

19...Nd5 20.Rb3 0.75/22

[⌓20.Rfc1 1.11/19]

20...b6 1.13/19

[⌓20...b5 0.75/22]



21.Rfb1 b5 22.Ne5 Be8 23.a4

White has more active pieces. **23...f6**

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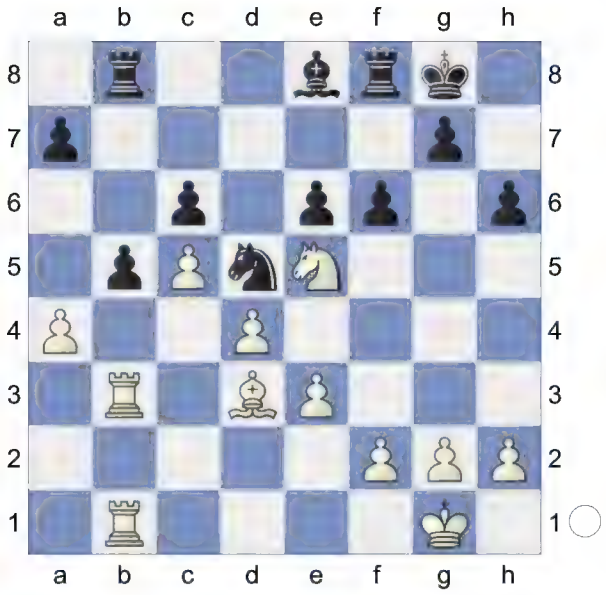
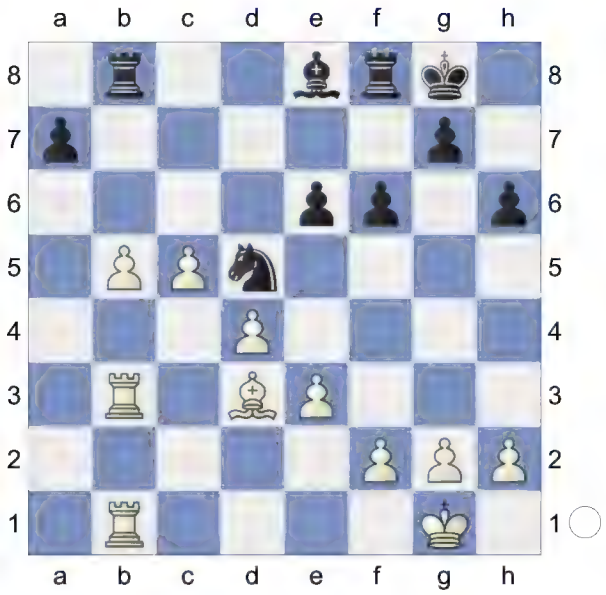


24.Nxc6 Remove Defender **24...Bxc6**
25.axb5 Be8



26.Ra3 White has compensation.
26...Rf7
[26...Nc7 27.c6 *(27.Rxa7 Bxb5 28.Bg6 Nd5∓)* 27...Nxb5 28.Rxb5 *(28.Bxb5 Bxc6 29.Bd3 Rxb1+ 30.Bxb1 Rc8±)* 28...Bxc6 29.Rc5±]
27.c6 Against Rf7-b7 **27...Nb6 28.Rba1 Nc8 29.f4 Re7 30.e4 Bg6**

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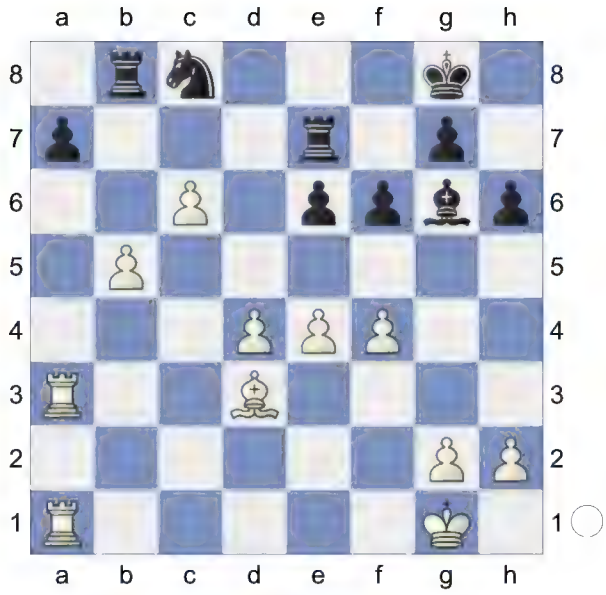
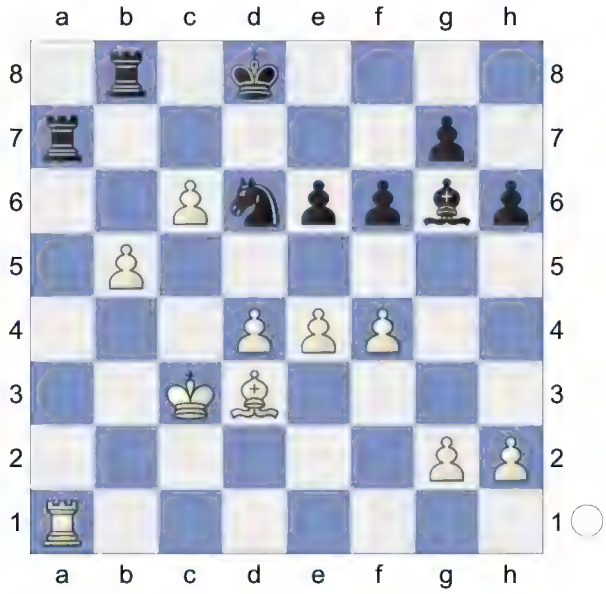
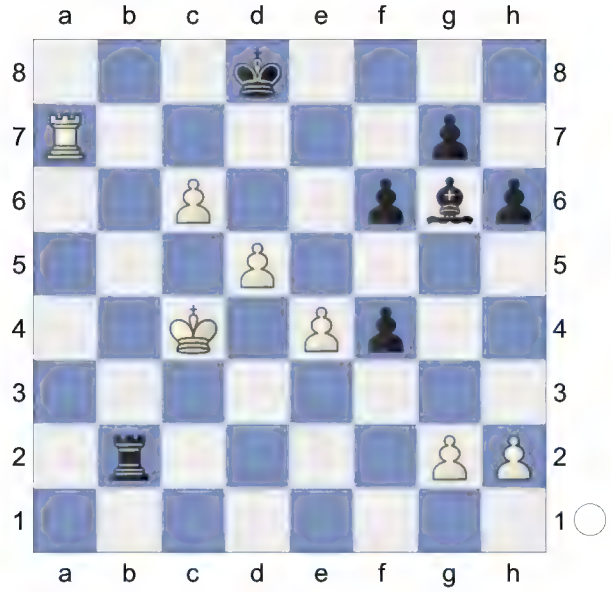


31.Kf2↑ Black is under pressure.
31...Kf8 32.Ke3 Ke8 33.Kd2 Kd8 34.Kc3 Nd6 35.Rxa7
[35.f5? exf5 36.e5 *(36.Rxa7 fxe4 37.Rxe7 Kxe7∓)* 36...fxe5-+ *(36...Nxb5+ 37.Bxb5 Rxb5 38.Rxa7∓)*]
35...Rxa7 0.46/19
[35...Nxb5+= 0.01/24 36.Bxb5 Rxa7 *(36...Rxb5?* perishes. *37.Ra8+ Kc7 38.R1a7+* Skewer *Kxc6 39.Rc8+ Kb6 40.Rxe7+-)* 37.Rxa7 Rxb5]



36.Rxa7± Nxb5+ 37.Bxb5 Rxb5=
KRB-KR **38.f5** Deflection **38...exf5**
39.d5 Threatens to win with Kc3-c4.
39...f4? 2.70/24
[39...fxe4± 0.50/22 40.Kc4 Rb2]
40.Kc4+-
[Inferior is 40.Rxg7 Bxe4 41.Kd4 Bxd5 42.Rd7+ Kc8 43.Rxd5 Rb2=]
40...Rb2



41.Kc5!
[41.Rxg7 Bxe4 42.Kd4 Bxg2 43.Rg8+ Ke7∓]
[Worse is 41.d6 Rc2+ 42.Kb5 Rb2+ 43.Kc4 Rc2+ 44.Kb5 Rb2+ 45.Kc5 Rc2+ 46.Kd5 Bxe4+ 47.Kxe4 Rxc6=]

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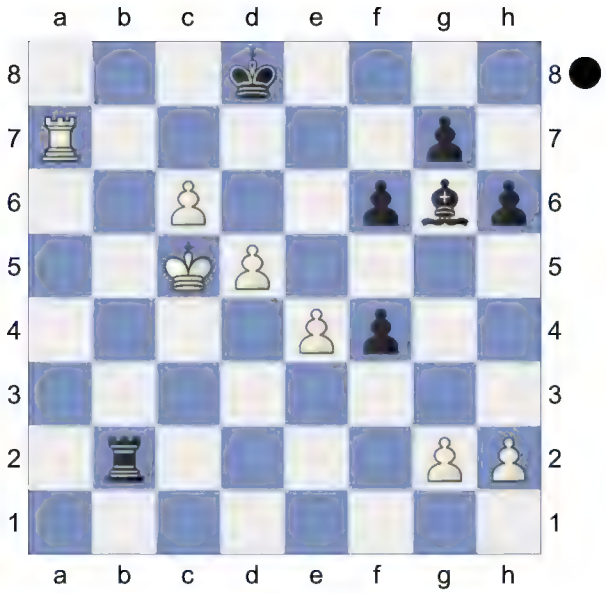

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.22 (precise)
1-0

231 **D52**
□ **Ekeberg,C**
■ **Taksrud,V**
48162 Oslo 2004
[Neil McDonald]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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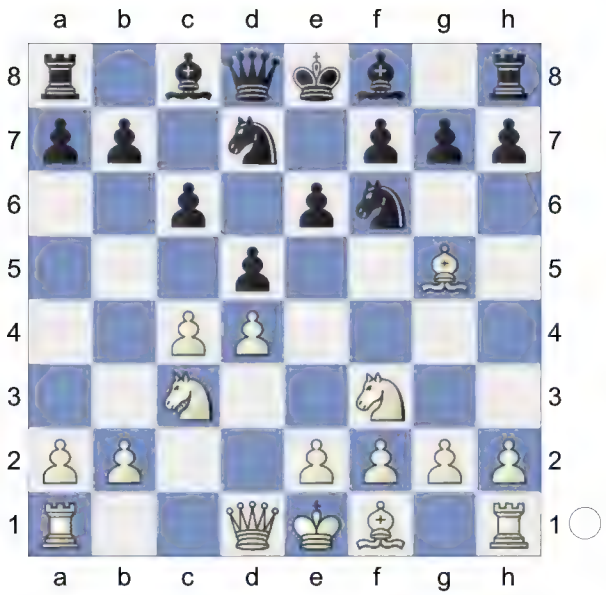
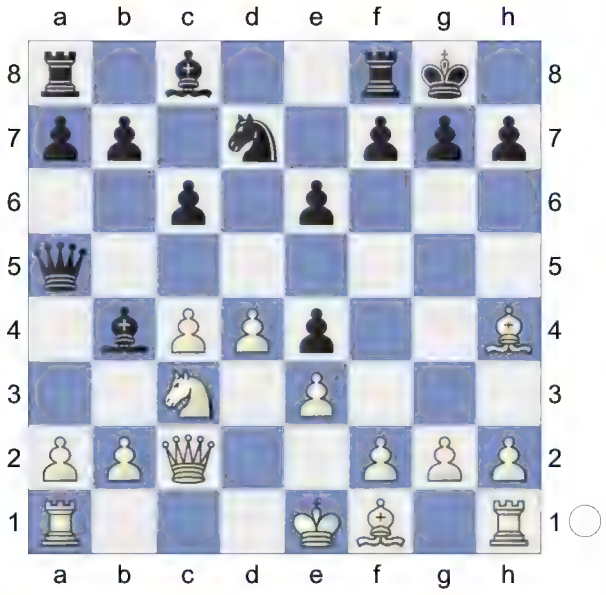


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 Ne4!? Anyway! Perhaps the theorists aren't very impressed with this move, but it does lead to active play for Black. **9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4** Drat, he saw it! **10...0-0**



11.Be2 Naturally, the e4-pawn is still immune as c3 would drop, but White plans to develop quietly and target the black centre later. **11...e5!** A standard freeing move, both here and in other variations of the Queen's Gambit Declined. Black won't be able to function properly in the middlegame unless he finds a way to bring the bishop on c8 and the rook on a8 into the game. **12.0-0 f5N** 1.12/21 Now Black has a clump of pawns in the centre that he can hope to push in the future.

[Black should try 12...exd4± 0.44/19 13.exd4 *(13.Nxe4 dxe3 14.fxe3 Qe5±)* 13...Bxc3 *(13...g5 14.Bg3 f5 15.f4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 g4 17.h3 h5 18.Bh4 Nb6 19.Rfb1 Rf7 20.a4 Be6 21.Rb4 Nc8 22.Rab1 Qc7 23.Qd2 b6 24.c5 Ne7 25.c4 bxc5 26.dxc5 Ng6 27.Bg5 Rd7 28.Qe3* ½-½ (47) Pafnutieff,V (2540)-2.g3 (2370) 51/327 Reggio Emilia 1991*)* 14.bxc3 *(14.Qxc3 Qxc3 15.bxc3 Nb6±)* 14...Re8]

13.Nb1? 0.38/18 A misguided attempt to trap the bishop on b4 with 14 c5.

[It was better to try to try 13.c5 immediately, when after exd4 14.exd4

A) not 14...Nf6 15.Nb1! 0.38/19 and this time the black bishop really is in big trouble due to 16 a3 etc *(15.f3± 0.95/19)*;

B) 14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nf6 White has the two bishops, but the e4- and f5-pawns maintain Black's dynamism.]

[13.Nxe4± 1.12/21 And now a2-a3! would win. fxe4 14.a3]

13...Bd6 0.82/21

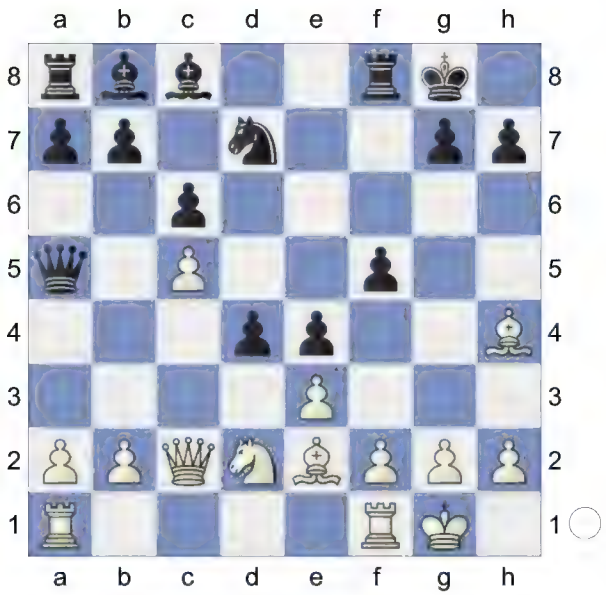
[13...exd4± 0.38/18 14.exd4 Nf6]

14.c5± Bb8 All that White has achieved with his knight retreat is to drive the black bishop to a better diagonal, where it supports e5 and can help the queen attack the h2-square. **15.Nd2** 0.18/19

[15.Be7± 0.60/20]

15...exd4=

(Diagram)



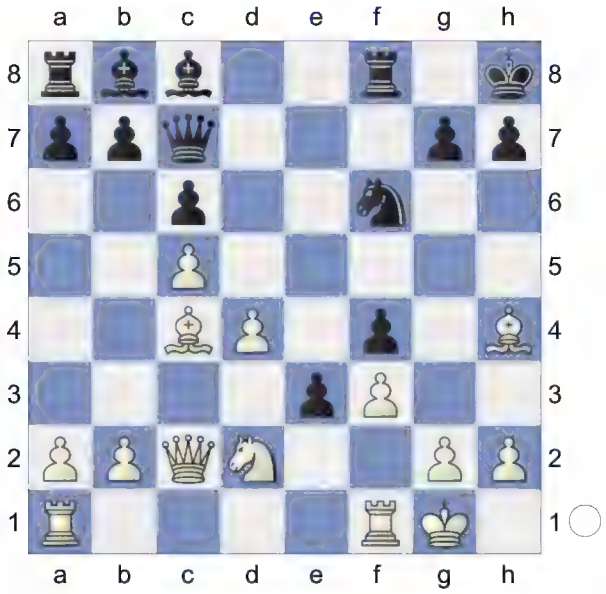
16.exd4 Nf6 17.f3 This turns out badly, but it's understandable that White would want to try to break up the impressive black pawns. **17...Qc7! 18.Bc4+ Kh8! 19.Bg3**

[19.g3 -1.14/20 19.Bh4-g3 -0.53 e3 20.Nb3 -1.65/19 *(20.Nb1∓ -1.19/19)* 20...f4 looks excellent for Black.]

19...f4 20.Bh4 -0.89/19

[20.fxe4!= -0.10/19 fxg3 21.e5]

20...e3∓



The oppressive protected passed pawn will prevent White from organizing counterplay to offset the coming attack on his kingside. **21.Bxf6?** This helps Black bring his rook into the attack,

[but 21.Nb3 -1.40/18 21.Nd2-e4 -0.84 Nd5 is also very unpleasant for White.]

21...Rxf6 22.Ne4 Bf5 -0.50/18

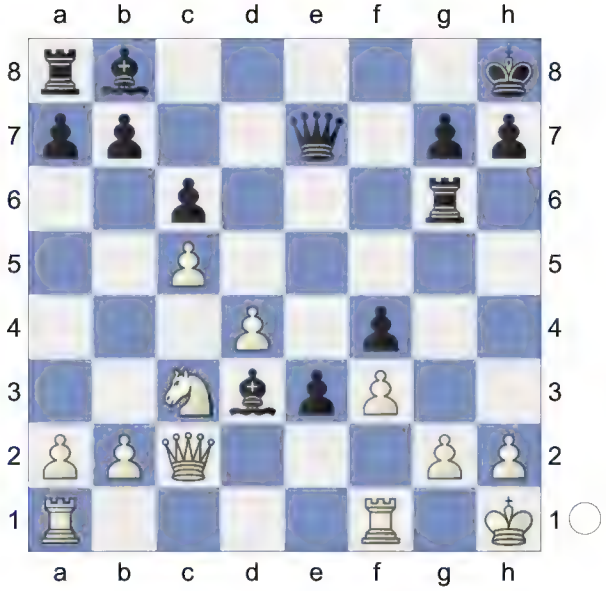
At last the light-squared bishop enters the game.

[22...Rg6∓ -0.90/20 23.Nd6 Be6 24.Bxe6 Rxe6]

23.Bd3 -0.88/19

[23.Qb3∓ -0.50/18 Rf8 24.Ng5]

23...Rg6 24.Kh1 Qe7 25.Nc3 Bxd3



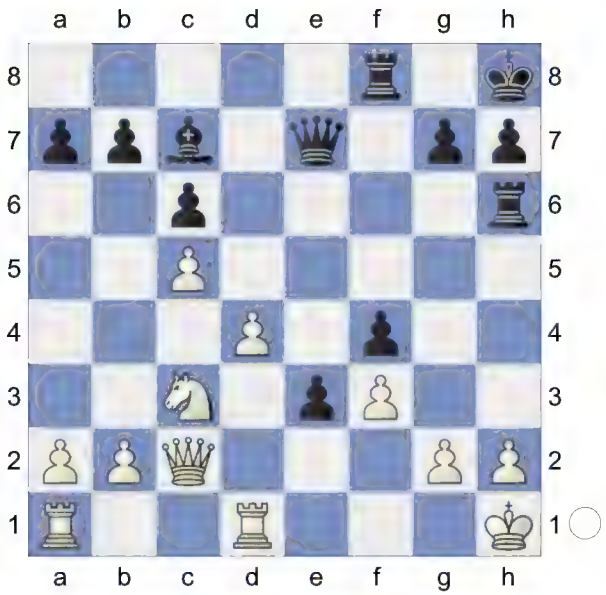
26.Qxd3 Bc7 27.Rfd1 Rf8 The arrival of the second rook on the kingside quickly makes the attack irresistible.

28.Qc2 -1.18/16

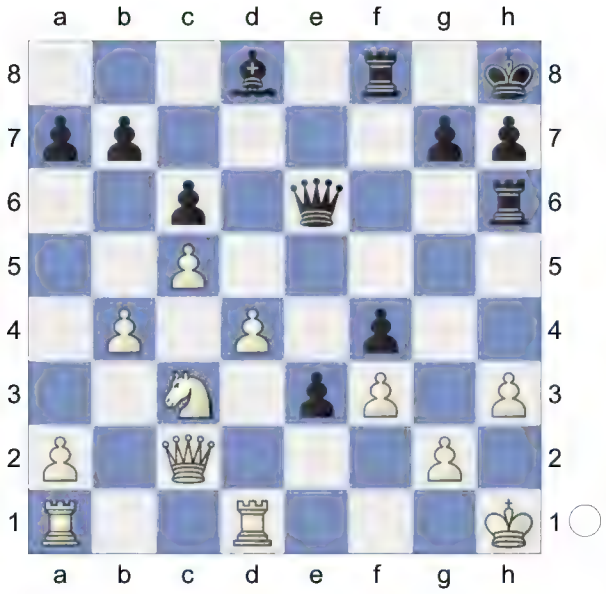
[⌓28.Rac1 -0.76/17]

28...Rh6→

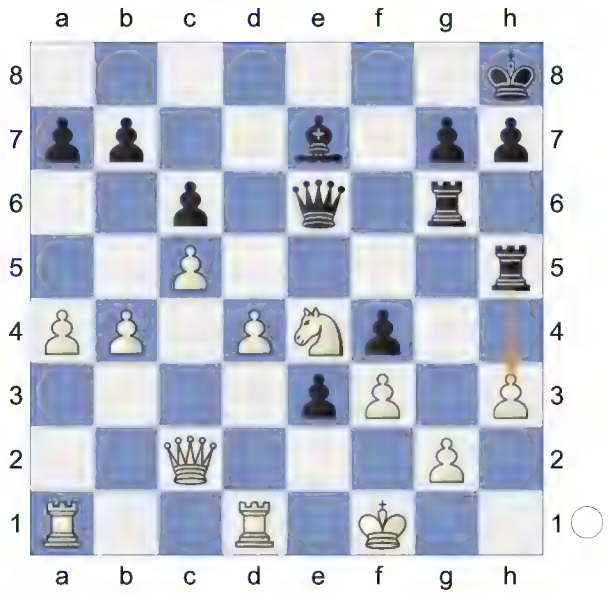
(Diagram)



...Qe7-h4 would now be deadly. Black goes for the king. **29.h3** -1.66/17
[29.Qe4∓ -1.02/18 Re6 30.Qd3]
29...Bd8 -0.95/17
[Black should play 29...g5-+ -1.66/17 Strongly threatening ...g5-g4! 30.d5 Qxc5]
30.b4 -1.53/18
[⌓30.Rd3 -0.95/17]
30...Qe6 -0.07/19
[30...Qd7∓ -1.53/18 Threatens to win with ...Rh6xh3+! 31.Qe4 Re8]



31.Kh2 -0.79/16
[31.d5= -0.07/19 remains equal. cxd5 32.Rxd5]
31...Bh4 32.Ne4 -0.97/15
[32.d5∓ -0.46/19 Qe5 33.d6]
32...Rf5 -0.59/17 Black has more active pieces.
[32...Re8∓ -0.97/15]
33.Kg1 -2.00/21 Now White is beyond hope.
[33.b5∓ -0.59/17]
33...Rg6-+ ...Rf5-h5 is the strong threat.
34.Kf1 Rh5 35.a4? -5.11/20
[35.b5 -1.88/21 is a better chance.]
35...Be7



Hoping for ...Rh5xh3! **36.Qc3**

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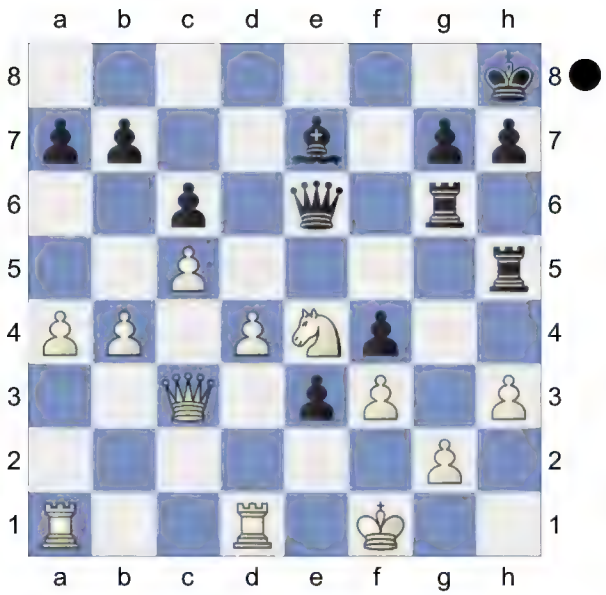
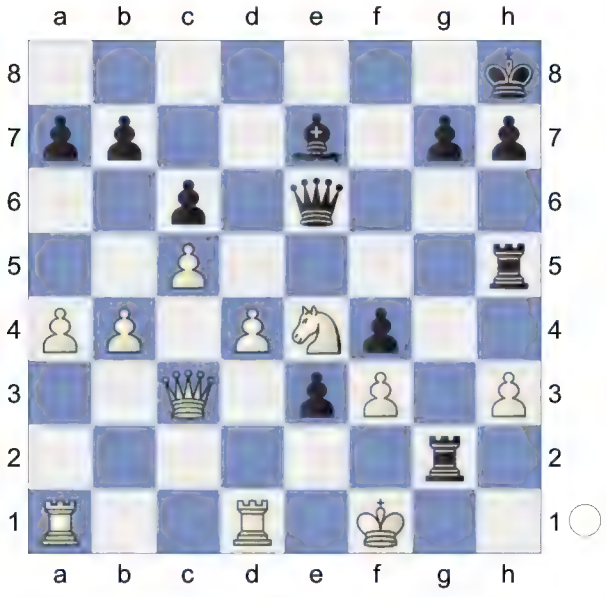


Rxg2!!



Remove Defender, Decoy.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.23 (precise)
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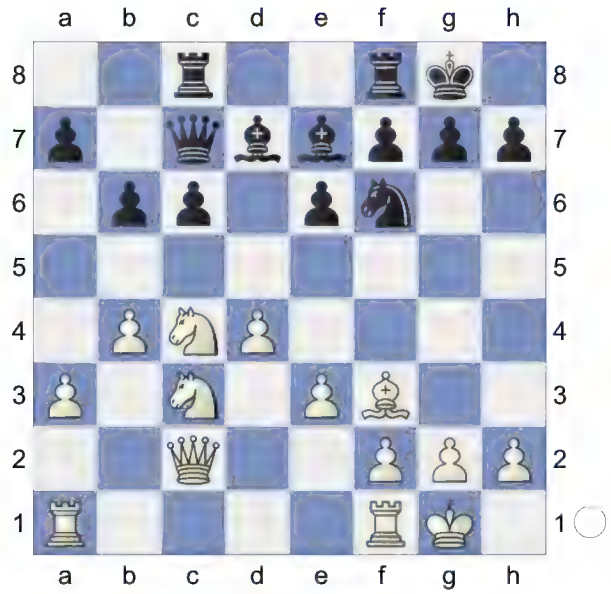
232 **D52**
□ **Capablanca,Jose Raul**
■ **Alekhine,Alexander**
125: World Ch. Match (11) 1927
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6

6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.Nxc4 Qc7

11.a3 Be7 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Bd7 14.b4 b6 White has an edge. **15.Bf3 Rac8**



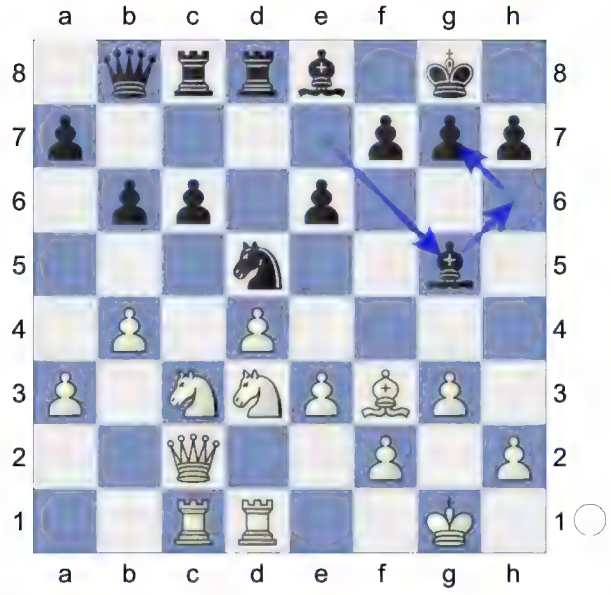
16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Rac1 Be8 18.g3 -0.10/18

[Better is 18.e4± 0.41/18]

18...Nd5 0.35/18

[18...g6= -0.10/18 was preferrable.]

19.Nb2 Qb8 20.Nd3 Bg5



21.Rb1 -0.01/18

[21.Qe2± 0.39/16 should be considered.]

21...Qb7

[21...Nxe3 is more complex. 22.fxe3 Bxe3+ 23.Nf2 Bxd4 24.Ne2 c5]

22.e4 -0.23/19

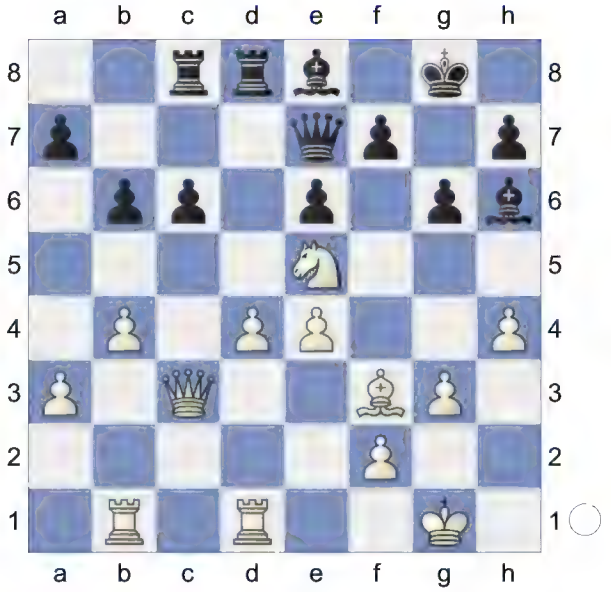
[22.Qc1± 0.32/16]

22...Nxc3= 23.Qxc3 Qe7 0.46/19

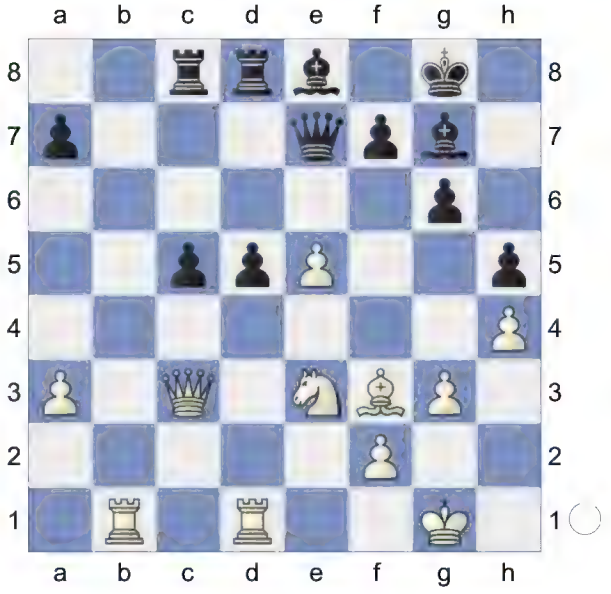
[23...c5!= -0.15/20 24.bxc5 Bc6]

24.h4± Bh6 25.Ne5 g6 0.50/22

[25...g5!= -0.01/21]



26.Ng4 Bg7 27.e5 h5 28.Ne3 c5 29.bxc5 bxc5 30.d5 exd5



31.Nxd5 Qe6 32.Nf6+ -0.49/23

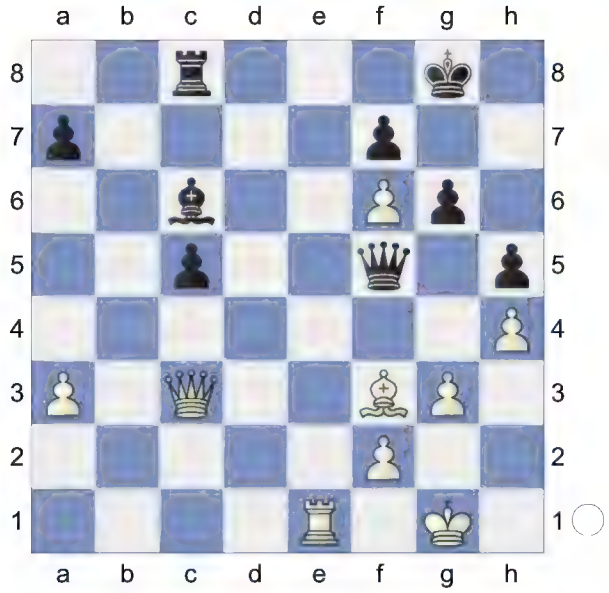
[32.Rb7!= 0.20/22 Rd7 *(32...Bxe5*

33.Qe3=) 33.Rxd7 Bxd7 34.Qa5]

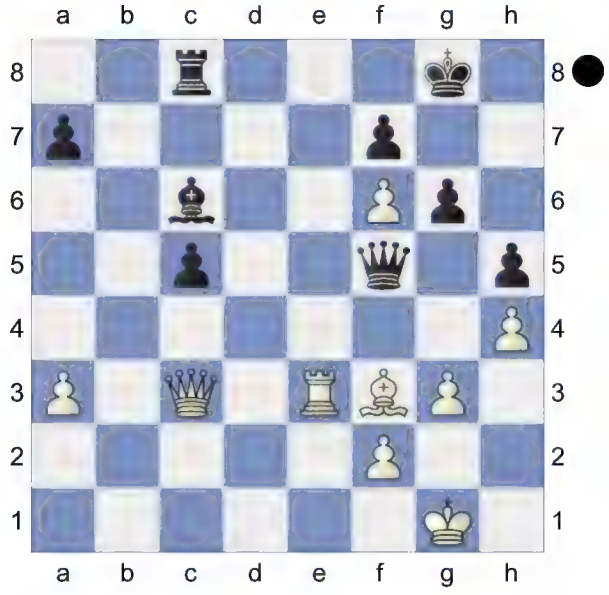
32...Bxf6∓ 33.exf6 Rxd1+ 34.Rxd1

[34.Bxd1 Bc6 35.Rc1 Qd5=]

34...Bc6 35.Re1 Qf5



36.Re3



c4! 37.a4

[37.Bxc6 Rxc6]

37...a5 -0.31/24

[⌓37...Bxa4 -0.68/23 38.Re7 Bc6 39.Qxc4 Qxf6 *(39...Qxf3 40.Qxf7+ Kh8 41.Qh7#)*]

38.Bg2 -1.04/24

[38.Bxc6∓ -0.31/24 Rxc6 39.Qd4]

38...Bxg2∓

[38...Bxa4 39.Re5 Qb1+ *(39...Qxf6? 40.Re8+ Bxe8 41.Qxf6+-)* 40.Bf1=]

39.Kxg2 Endgame. KQR-KQR

39...Qd5+ -0.30/25

[39...Qd7!∓ -0.98/26 40.Qxa5 Qc6+ 41.Kg1 c3 *(41...Qxf6 42.Qc3=)*]

40.Kh2= Qf5 -0.01/22

[40...Qc5∓ -0.54/26]

41.Rf3 -0.65/27

[41.Kg2= -0.01/22]

41...Qc5!∓ 42.Rf4 -0.88/24

[42.Re3∓ -0.38/25]

42...Kh7 -0.24/24

[42...Qc6!∓ -0.88/24 43.Qe3 Qd6 *(43...Qxa4 44.Rg4=; 43...c3? 44.Rc4+-)*]

43.Rd4= Qc6 -0.01/23

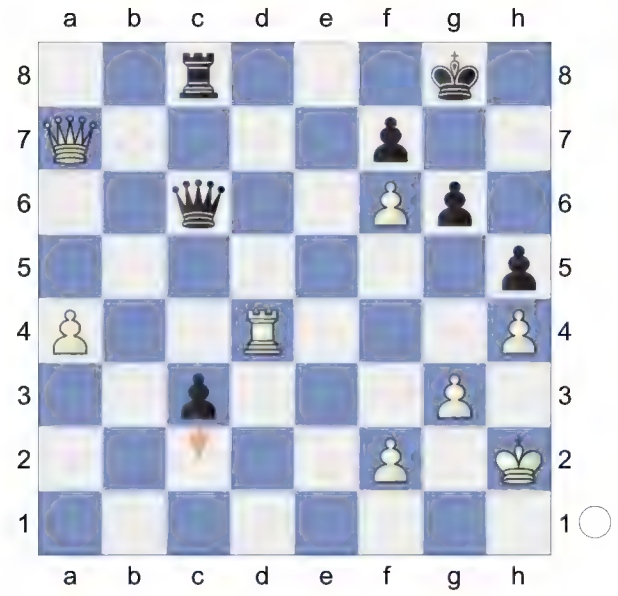
[43...Rc7∓ -0.49/23]

44.Qxa5 c3↑ Black has good play.

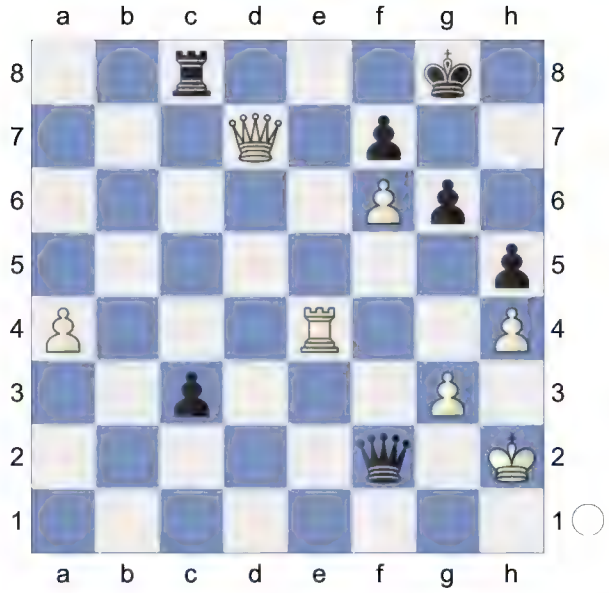
45.Qa7! Kg8

[45...Rc7!? 46.Qb8□ Qxf6 *(46...c2 47.Rd8=)* 47.Qxc7 Qxf2+ *(47...Qxd4 48.Qxf7+ Kh8 49.Qe8+ Kg7 50.Qe7+ Kg8 51.Qe8+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ Kg8 53.Qe2=)* 48.Kh3

Qxd4 49.Qxf7+ Qg7=]

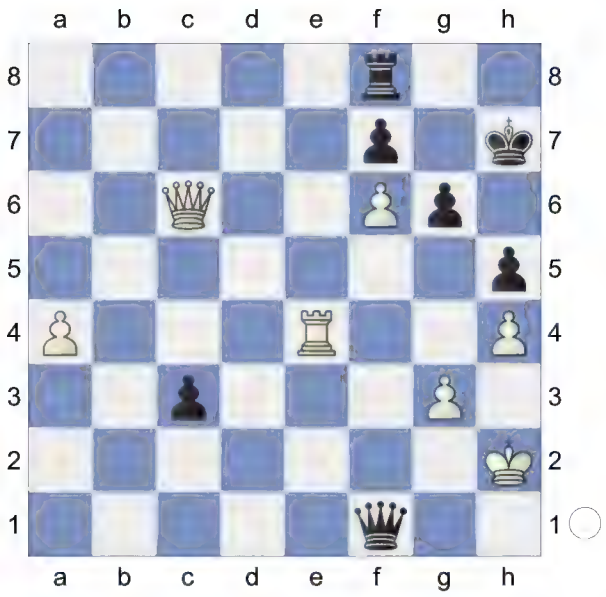


46.Qe7!
[46.Qd7 Qxd7 47.Rxd7 c2 48.g4 c1Q *(48...c1B? 49.g5-+)* 49.gxh5 Qf4+ 50.Kg2 Qg4+ *(50...Qxf6? 51.Rd3-+)* 51.Kh2 Qxd7 52.h6 Rc3 *(52...Qxa4 53.Kg3 Rc3+ 54.f3 Qe4 55.h7+ Kxh7 56.Kh3 Qxf3+ 57.Kh2 Qf2+ 58.Kh1 Rh3#)* 53.f3 Rc2+ *(53...Qxa4 54.h7+ Kxh7 55.Kg3 Qe4 56.Kh2 Qe2+ 57.Kh3 Rxf3+ 58.Kg4 Qg2#)* 54.Kg3 Qc7+ *(54...Qxa4 55.h7+ Kxh7 56.h5 g5 57.f4 Qxf4+ 58.Kh3 Qh4#)* 55.Kg4 Rg2+ 56.Kh3 Qh2#]
46...Qb6
[46...c2!? 47.Rd8+□ *(47.Rd7? Qxd7* Promotion *48.Qxd7 c1Q-+)* 47...Rxd8 48.Qxd8+ Kh7=]
47.Qd7 -3.26/27
[47.Rd7!= -0.01/32 and White is okay. Qxf2+ 48.Kh1]
47...Qc5!-+ 48.Re4 Qxf2+ 49.Kh3
Threatening mate with Re4-e8+.
49...Qf1+ -1.60/5
[49...Rf8-+ -3.62/31 50.Qc6 Qf3]
50.Kh2∓ White threatens Re4-e8+ and mate. **50...Qf2+?** 0.01/25
[Black should play 50...Rf8!-+ -3.27/31 51.Qc6 Qf2+ 52.Kh3 Qf3]

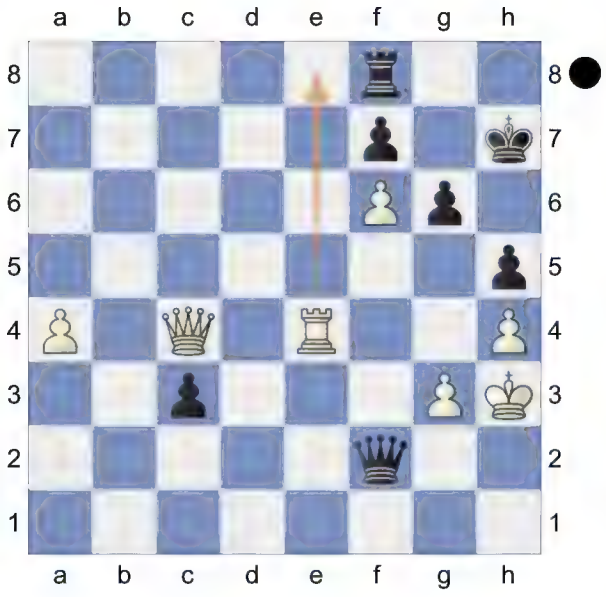


51.Kh3= Intending Re4-e8+ and mate.
51...Rf8 52.Qc6 Qf1+? -1.14/5
[52...Qf3-+ -3.32/29 is more deadly. 53.Kh2 Kh7]
53.Kh2∓ Qf2+? -0.01/25
[53...Qf3!-+ -2.34/28 54.a5 Kh7 *(54...Qf2+ 55.Kh3=)*]
54.Kh3= Qf1+? -0.01/5
[54...Qf3-+ -3.18/27 55.Kh2 Kh7]
55.Kh2 Kh7 -1.06/24
[55...Qf2+ 56.Kh3∓]
[55...Qf3!-+ -2.07/26 ...Kg8-h7 would now be deadly. 56.a5 Qf2+ 57.Kh3 Qf5+ 58.Kg2 Kh7 *(58...Qxa5 59.Re8∓)*]

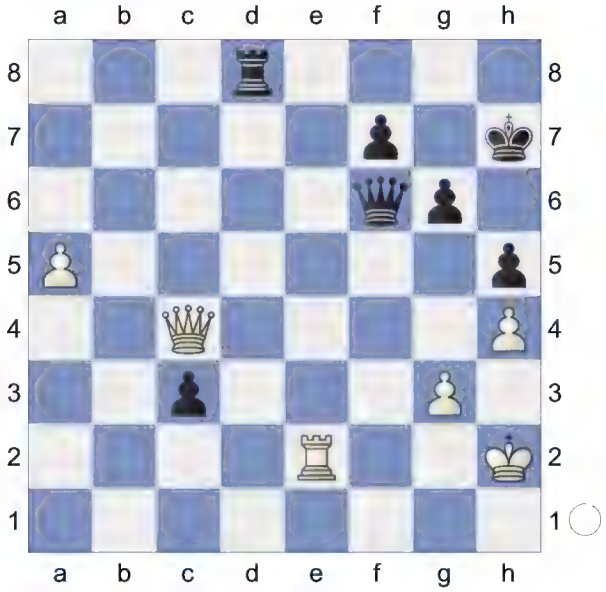
(Diagram)



56.Qc4? -3.52/23
[56.Re7∓ -1.06/24]
56...Qf2+-+
[56...Qxf6 57.Rf4 Qe5 58.Rf3=]
57.Kh3



Qg1!
[57...Qxf6 58.Rf4 Qe7 59.Qxc3=]
58.Re2 Qf1+ -0.92/22
[58...Kg8-+ -2.41/23 Strongly threatening ...Qg1-h1+. 59.Qxc3 Qh1+ 60.Rh2 Qe4 *(60...Qf1+ 61.Rg2=)*]
59.Kh2∓ Qxf6 -0.62/27
[Black should try 59...Kh6∓ -1.02/23 60.Qf4+ Qxf4 61.gxf4 Rd8]
60.a5? -15.48/27
[60.Rc2∓ -0.62/27]
60...Rd8 -5.35/27
[⌓60...Qf1 -15.48/27 61.Re4 Qf2+ 62.Kh3 Qf5+ 63.Kh2 Rc8 *(63...Qxa5 64.Re3∓)*]



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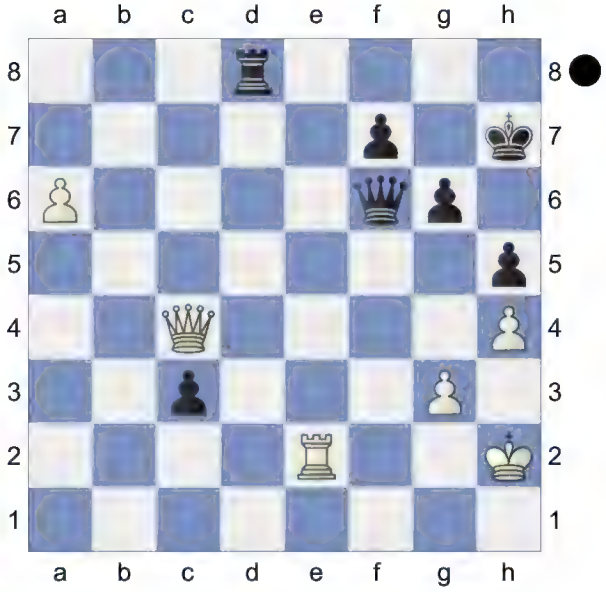
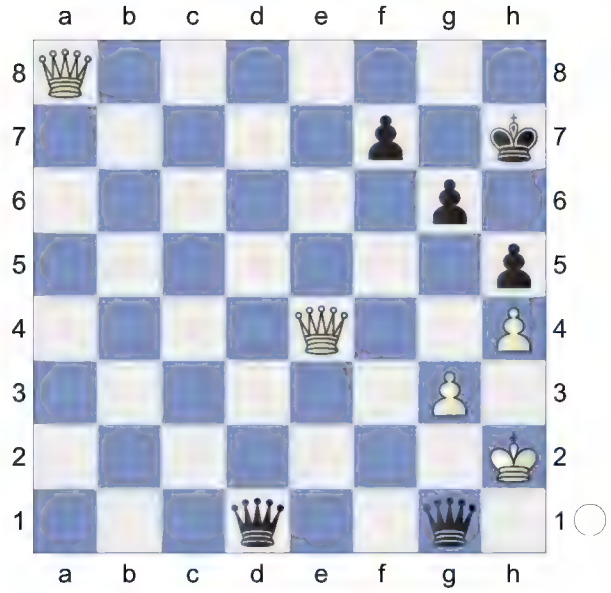


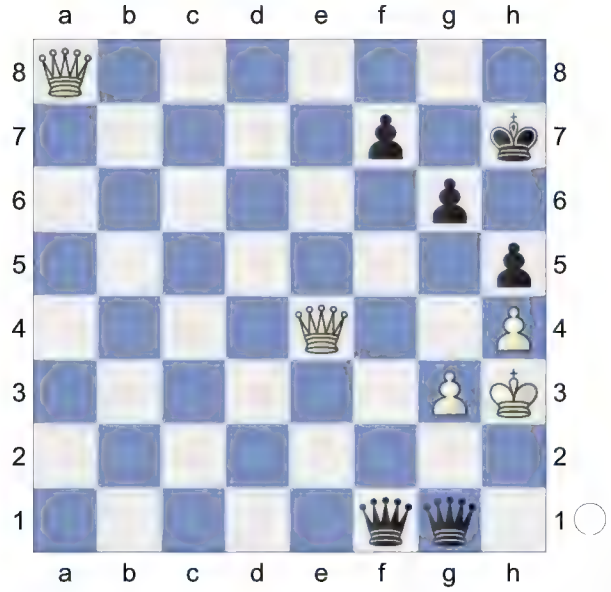
Qf1! 62.Qe4 Rd2
[62...Rd1 63.Qg2∓]
63.Rxd2 cxd2 64.a7 d1Q

(-> ...Qd1-d2+)
[64...d1B? too greedy. 65.a8Q (65.a8B Bg4∓) 65...Qf6 66.Qad5+-]

65.a8Q Qg1+



66.Kh3 Qdf1+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.59

0-1

233 **D52**

□ **Rubinstein,Akiba**

■ **Mieses,Jacques**

Match Rubinstein-Mieses +3-0=0 (1)

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6

[4...Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 h6 8.Bh4 c5 9.Nge2 c4 10.Bc2 Nc6 11.a3 Ba5 12.0-0 Quickstarter Queen'S Gambit-QGD 4th Move Sidelines: 4...B Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

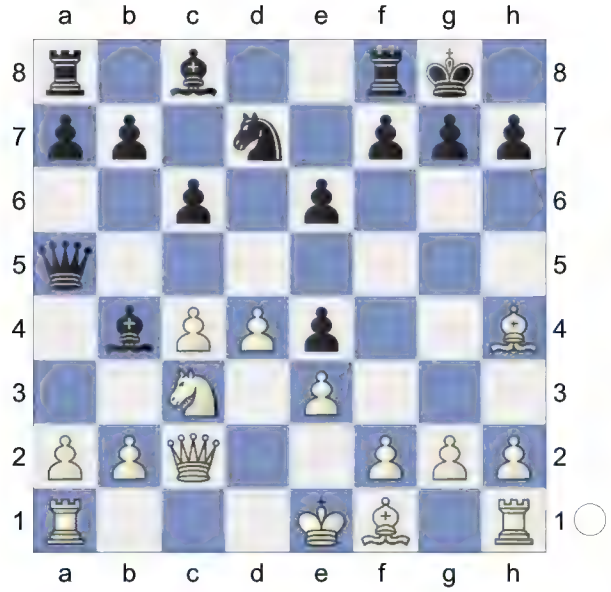
5.Nf3 Nbd7

6.e3N

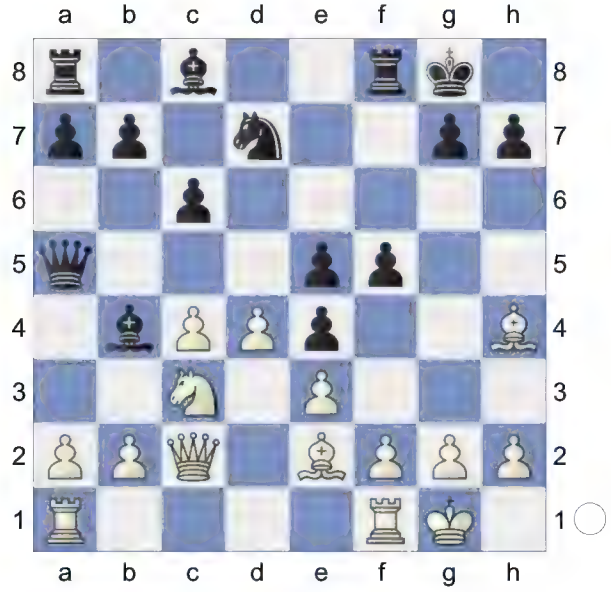
[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Be7 *(7...Bd6 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 21.Bf5 Ne4 22.Nxe4* F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4_5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986*)* 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0

12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 0-0



11.Be2 f5 12.0-0 e5



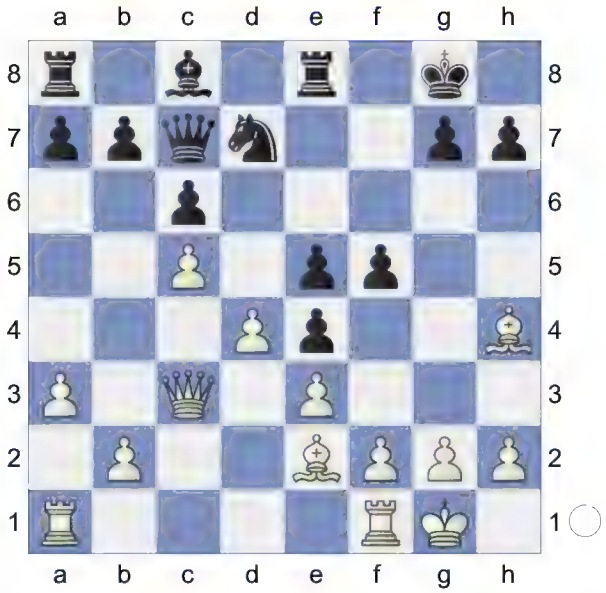
13.a3 0.63/19

[13.Nxe4!± 1.04/20 aiming for a2-a3! exd4 *(13...fxe4 14.a3±)* 14.a3 fxe4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.exd4 *(16.Qxe4 Nc5±)*]

13...Bxc3± 14.Qxc3 Qc7 1.07/20

[14...Qxc3± 0.62/19 15.bxc3 Nb6]

15.c5± Re8



Prevents Bh4-e7. White is better.

16.Rad1 exd4 17.Rxd4 Qe5? 3.37/21

[17...Nf8± 1.35/21 18.f3 exf3 19.Rxf3 Ng6]

18.Bg3 1.47/21

[18.Bc4++- 3.37/21 Kh8 19.Rfd1]

18...Qf6 19.Rfd1 Nf8 20.Qb3+

Black is weak on the dark squares

20...Kh8

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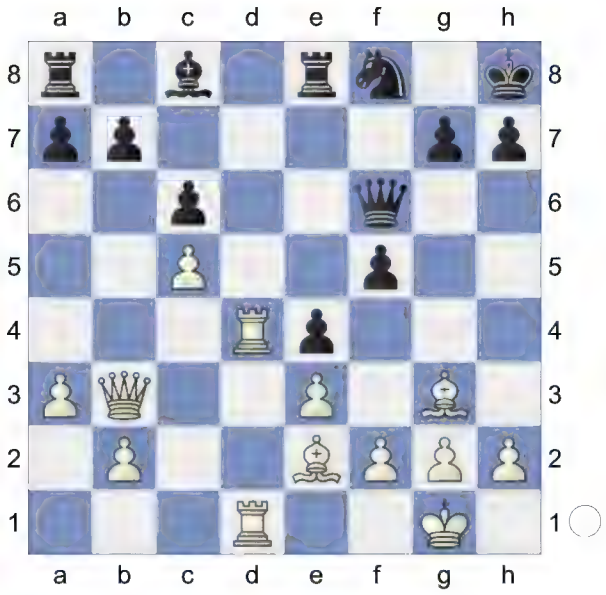
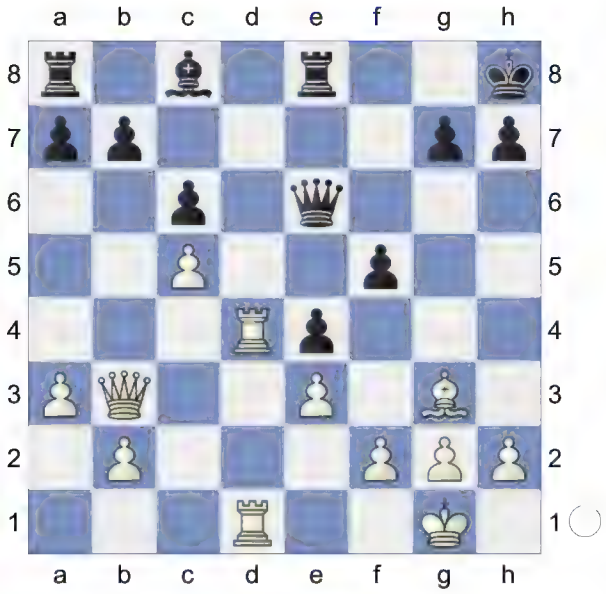
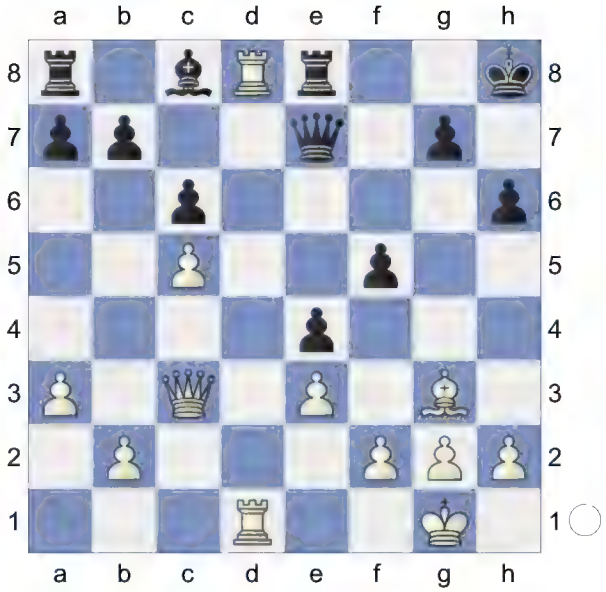


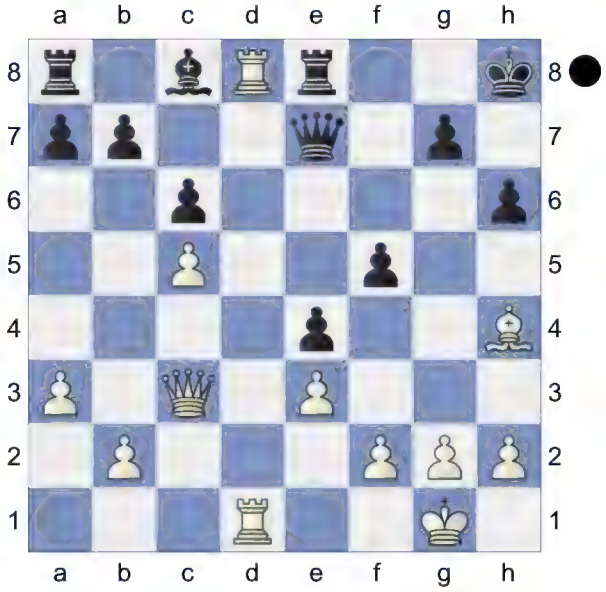
21.Bc4 White has more active pieces.
21...Ne6 2.33/22
[21...Qe7± 1.48/21 22.Bd6 Qf6]
22.Bxe6+- Qxe6



23.Rd8! Rd1-d6! is the strong threat.
23...h6 3.57/23
[⌓23...Rg8 2.19/21 24.Rxg8+ Qxg8 25.Qxg8+ Kxg8 26.Rd8+ Kf7]
24.Qc3 2.11/24
[⌓24.Rxe8+ 3.57/23 Qxe8 25.Bc7]
24...Qe7? 8.67/24
[24...Kh7 2.11/24 25.h3 Qf7 26.Rxe8 Qxe8]



25.Bh4!



Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.57
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234 **D52**
□ **Timman,Jan H**
■ **Seirawan,Yasser**
Arnhem/Amsterdam 36/521 1983
[Timman,Jan H]

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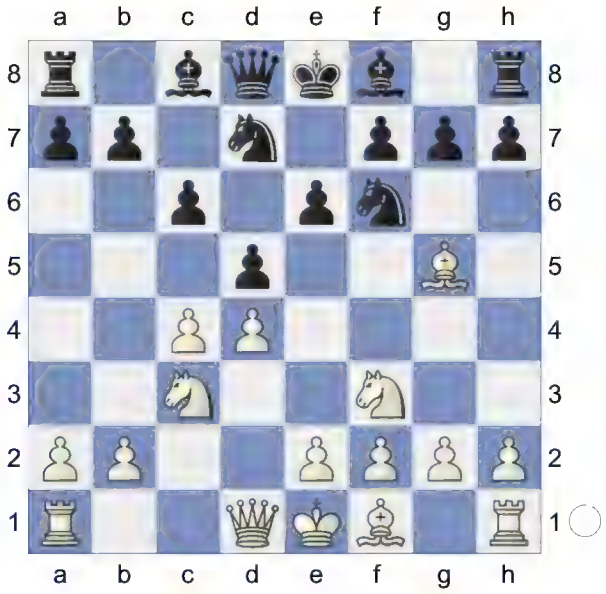
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5

[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]

5...c6



6.e3N

[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022 *)* 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4 5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]

6...Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.g3 R.Scherbakov: 'The idea of developing the Bishop to the long diagonal looks promising but it seems Black can successfully realize

his programmed advance ...c5 here.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'The simple' R. Scherbakov: 'The idea of developing the Bishop to the long diagonal looks promising but it seems Black can successfully realize his programmed advance ...c5 here.'

[The simple 10.Be2 is one of the alternatives. After Bd7!? White can prevent ... c6-c5 by Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'White can prevent ...c6-c5 by' *(10...c5* 0.65/19 10...Bf8-e7 0.11 is risky due to *11.Nb5↑* with a strong initiative *)*

A) after both 11.0-0 c5 0.54/20 *(11...Be7=* 0.12/17 *)* 12.Rc1 0.16/21 *(12.Ne5±* 0.54/20 *)* 12...cxd4!= 13.exd4 Bd6! Van der Sterren - Seirawan, Arnhem - Amsterdam 1983 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Van der Sterren - Seirawan, Arnhem - Amsterdam 1983'. Dodges Nc4-e5;

B) and 11.a3 c5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 Bd6! 14.g3 Bc6 15.Rc1 0-0 R.Simic - Cebalo, JUG-ch 1984 Black had no problems;

C) 11.Qb3!? Black should now switch to his typical plan: 11...Be7 *(11...c5 12.Nb5↑)* 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rac1 Rfd8

C1) the game Gabdrakhmanov - R. Scherbakov, RSFSR (1/2-ch) Tiumen 1987 continued with R. Scherbakov: 'the game Gabdrakhmanov - R. Scherbakov, RSFSR (1/2-ch) Tiumen 1987 continued with' 14.Bf3 Be8 15.Rfd1 Rab8 16.Ne5 Bf8 17.Nd3 Qe7 18.Na4 Nd7 19.Qc3 -0.11/23 *(19.Nac5!±* 0.38/21 *)* 19...g6 20.Be2 Bg7 21.f4 Nf6 Threatens to win with . . . N f 6 - d 5 . 22.Qc5 Qxc5 23.Naxc5 b6 24.Nb3 -0.43/21 *(24.Na6=* -0.05/24 should be considered. *Rbc8 25.Ndb4)* 24...a5 with a good ending for Black;

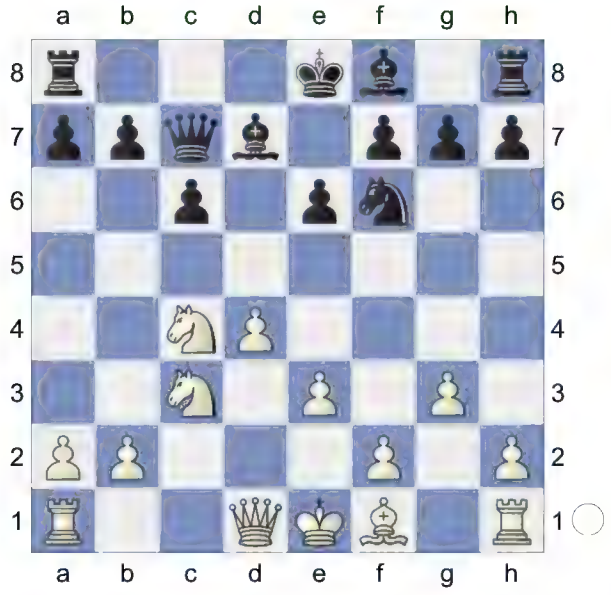
C2) 14.a3 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'the game Gabdrakhmanov - R. Scherbakov, RSFSR (1/2-ch) Tiumen 1987 continued with' 14...Be8 15.Bf3 (the best diagonal for the Bishop) Bf8 16.Qc2 Rab8 17.b4 Qe7 18.Rfd1 (intending e4-e5 then Ne4-d6) Nd5! 19.Ne2 *(19.Ne4)* 19...Nb6 (this pursuit is also quite typical - Black is seeking a Knight exchange) Scherbakov, Ruslan: '(this pursuit is also quite typical - Black is seeking a Knight exchange)' 20.Na5 *(20.Ne5 Nd7)* 20...e5 with good play for Black, Lalev - R.Scherbakov, Plovdiv 1990. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'with good play for Black, Lalev - R. Scherbakov, Plovdiv 1990.' *(20...g6!?* was also possible *)*]

10...Bd7

[If Black plays slowly then White's idea is justified, for example: R. Scherbakov: 'If Black plays slowly then White's idea is justified, for example:' 10...Be7 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 Rd8 13.Rc1 Bd7 14.a3 Be8 15.b4± with a typical small advantage, Capablanca - Michell, Hastings 1934 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'with a typical small advantage, Capablanca - Michell, Hastings 1934']

[here 10...c5 11.Nb5 *(11.Bg2* White wants to play Qd1-a4+. *cxd4 12.Qxd4 Bd7* Inhibits Nc3-b5. *13.0-0 Rc8 14.Nd2! Bc5 15.Qd3 0-0*

was fine for Black, O'Kelly - Stahlberg, Trencianske Teplice 1949 Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'was fine for Black, O'Kelly - Stahlberg, Trencianske Teplice 1949') 11...Qb8 is maybe not so bad for Black but there is no need to hurry with ...c6-c5 as after 10...Bd7 it follows anyway Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'is maybe not so bad for Black but there is no need to hurry with ...c6-c5 as after 10...Bd7 it follows anyway']



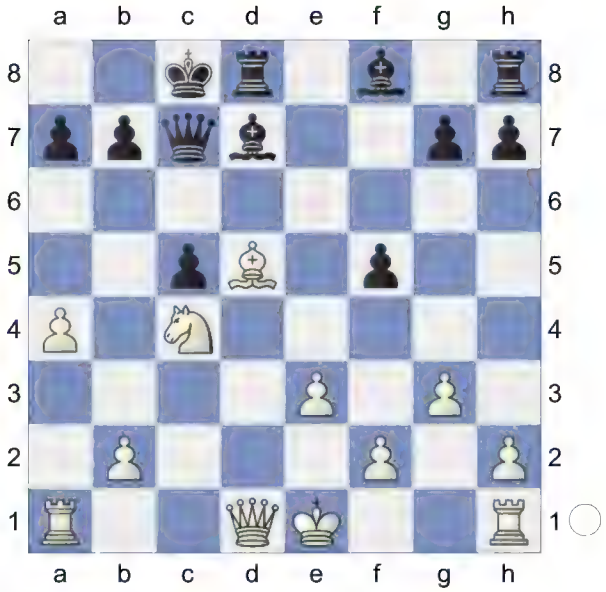
Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'here' **11.Bg2 c5** R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!' **12.d5** R.Scherbakov: 'Looks strong but is in fact harmless for Black.' **12...exd5** The position is equal. **13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5**

[14.Qxd5 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'can be parried by the simple' Rb8!∓ Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and after' *(*R.Scherbakov: 'but not' *14...Bc6?* 1.18/21 14...Ra8-b8 0.00 *15.Qe5+!+-* R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '!' *Qxe5 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Nxe5±)* 15.0-0-0 Be6 16.Nd6+! *(16.Qe4* Strongly threatening Bg2-h3. *Be7 17.Rd2 0-0∓)* 16...Bxd6 *(16...Ke7?* 7.49/24 16...Qc7xd6 -0.28 *17.Qe5!)* 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Ke7 19.Rhd1 b6 20.R6d3 Rhd8= Black has solved all his problems, Van der Sterren - Timman, Amsterdam 1994. Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'Black has solved all his problems, Van der Sterren - Timman, Amsterdam 1994.']

14...0-0-0! □□ R.Scherbakov: 'An excellent decision. I don't remember any other game where Black's King was castled to the queenside in the Cambridge-Springs but in this situation it feels quite comfortable there.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'An excellent decision. I don't remember any other game where Black's King was castled to the queenside in the Cambridge-Springs but in this situation it feels quite comfortable there.' **15.a4**

[15.Bxf7? loses. Bc6 16.Qg4+ Kb8-+]

15...f5



16.Qf3 Kb8 17.0-0 h5 18.Rfd1 Bc8 0.40/23

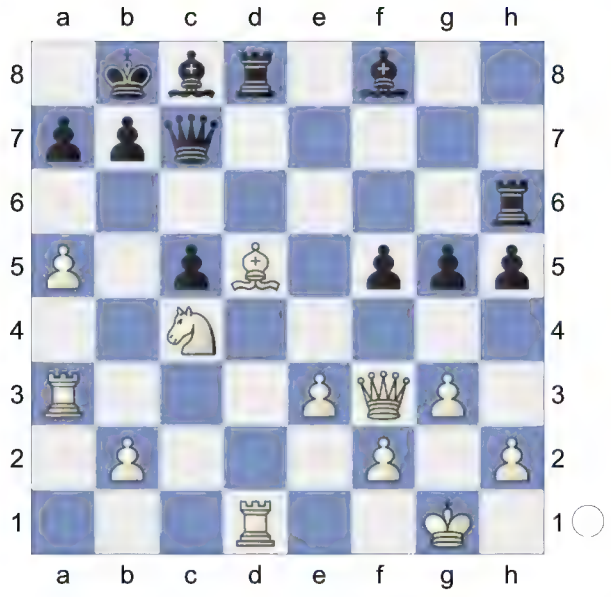
[18...g5= -0.01/20 feels stronger.]

19.a5?!± R.Scherbakov: 'There was

absolutely no need to put the pawn on a5 right now.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'According to Jan Timman it was more accurate to consolidate his pieces in the center by'

[R.Scherbakov: 'According to Jan Timman it was more accurate to consolidate his pieces in the center by' R.Scherbakov: 'According to Jan Timman it was more accurate to consolidate his pieces in the center by' 19.Rd2∞ -0.28/20 19.a4-a5 0.50 R.Scherbakov: 'followed by Rad1 with unclear play but of course Black is completely okay.' Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'followed by Rad1 with unclear play but of course Black is completely okay.']

19...g5 **20.Ra3** Hoping for a5-a6! **20...Rh6**



R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!' **21.Rdd3 h4 22.Rab3** R.Scherbakov: 'Completing the regrouping but now White just has nothing to do. The advanced a5-pawn also required some attention. Black has excellent play and can still improve his position.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Completing the regrouping but now White just has nothing to do. The advanced a5-pawn also required some attention. Black has excellent play and can still improve his position.' **22...g4?!** R.Scherbakov: 'A hasty move.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'By means of the slow'

[R.Scherbakov: 'By means of the slow' 22...Be7∓ R.Scherbakov: 'Black could have featured the advantages of his position.' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '#Black could have featured the advantages of his position.']

23.Qf4 hxg3 24.hxg3 R.Scherbakov: 'Now it seems almost impossible to break White's position.'

[24.Qxc7+ Kxc7 25.hxg3 Ra6]

24...Ra6

[24...Qxf4 simplifies 25.gxf4 Kc7 26.Rbc3 Be7]

25.Rb5 The board is on fire. **25...Qxf4**

26.gxf4 -0.36/23

[26.exf4= 0.01/22 Kc7 27.Ne3]

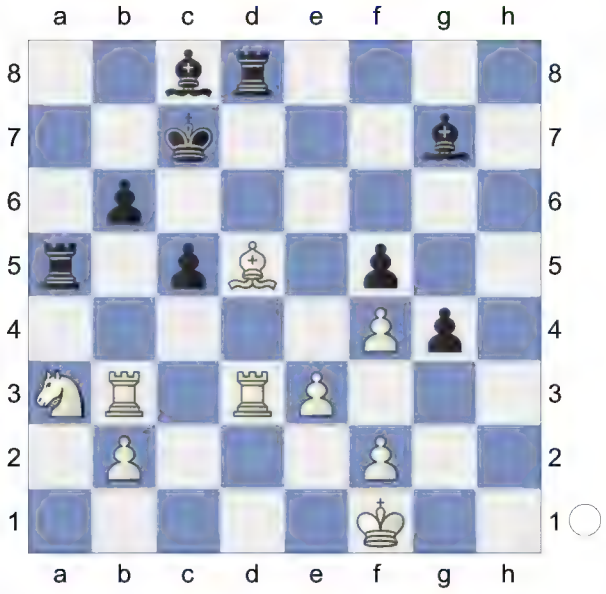
26...Kc7∓ 27.Rbb3 Bg7 -0.01/22

[27...b6∓ -0.38/20]

28.Kf1= b6 29.axb6+ axb6 30.Na3 -1.05/21 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '!'

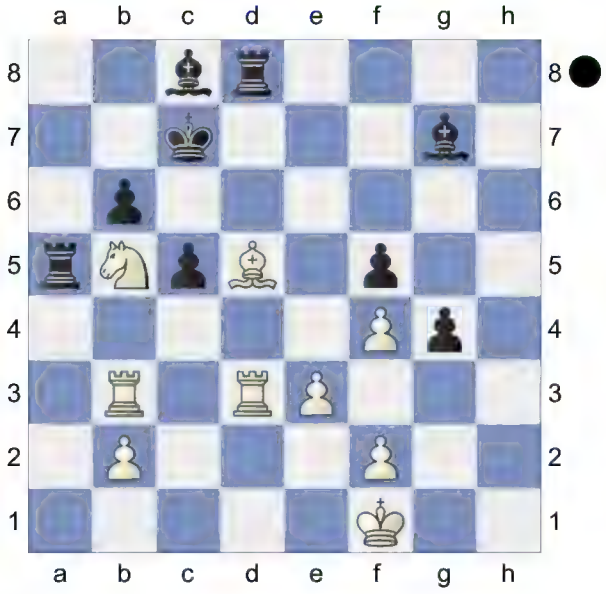
[30.Kg2= -0.14/21 remains equal.]

30...Ra5



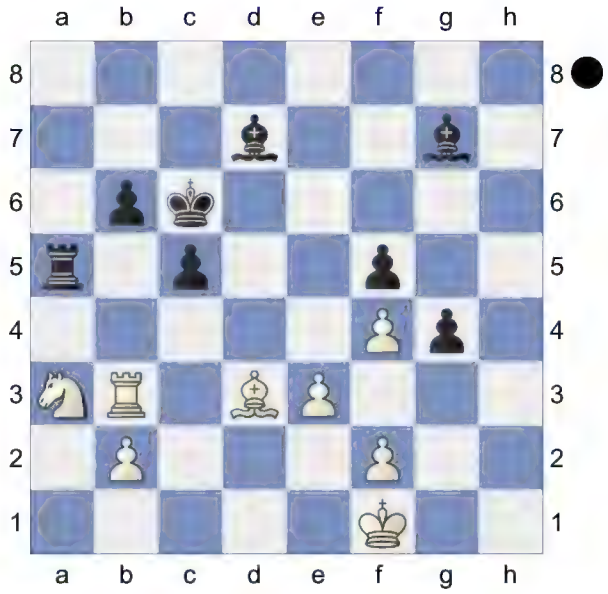
31.Bc4 R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' R. Scherbakov: 'Just in time.' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '!' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A tempting check'

[R.Scherbakov: 'A tempting check' 31.Nb5+? -5.85/23 31.Bd5-c4 -1.00

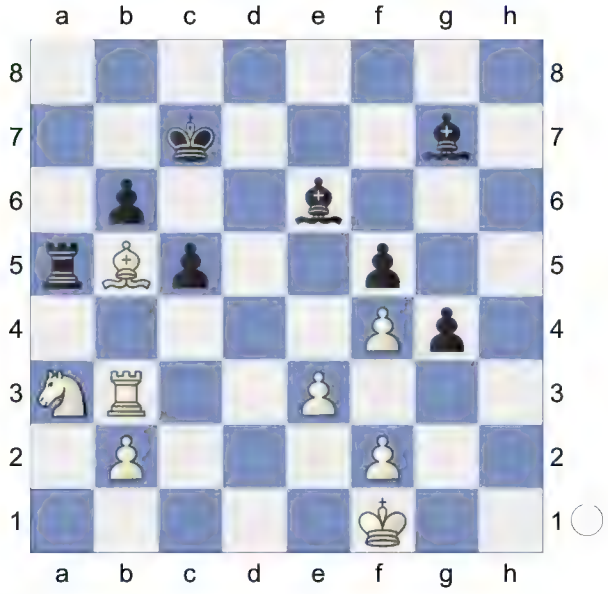


R.Scherbakov: '?' '?' R.Scherbakov: 'was actually losing by means of beautiful:' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '?' Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was actually losing by means of beautiful:' Rxb5! R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Scherbakov, Ruslan: '!' 32.Rxb5 Rxd5! 33.Rxd5 Ba6-+]

31...Rxd3 **32.Bxd3** **Bd7** ...Bd7-a4 would now be deadly. **33.Nb5+** **Kc6** **34.Na3**



R.Scherbakov: '!' '!' Scherbakov,Ruslan: '!' **34...Be6** **35.Bb5+** **Kc7**



36.Bc4 **Bc8** 0.01/20 A strong pair of Bishops.

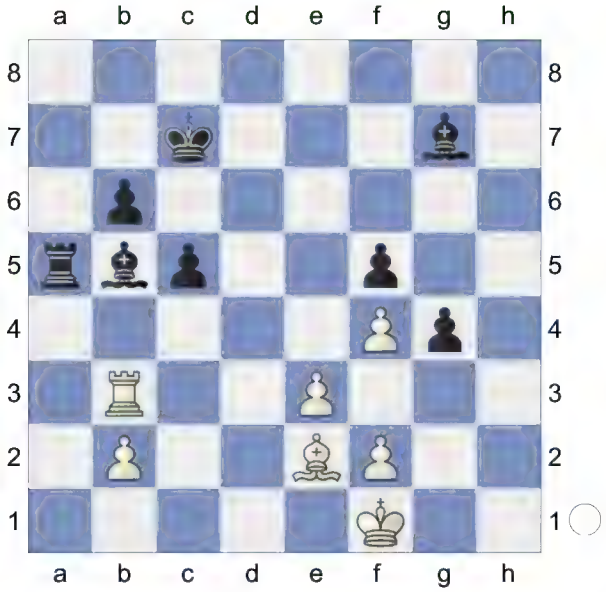
[36...Rxa3!∓ -1.46/27 37.Bxe6 Rxb3 38.Bxb3 b5 *(38...Bxb2 39.Be6∓)*]

37.Be2 -1.09/22

[37.Bd3!= 0.01/20]

37...Bd7 38.Nb5+ Bxb5

[R.Scherbakov: 'After' 38...Bxb5 39.Bxb5?? -6.76/23 *(39.Rxb5∓* -1.06/25 *Ra1+ 40.Kg2)* 39...Ra2? -0.54/24 *(39...Rxb5-+* -6.76/23 *40.Rxb5 Kc6)* 40.Bd3!= R.Scherbakov: 'Black's pawns also drop.']



R.Scherbakov: 'A draw was agreed.'
Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'After'.
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235 **D52**

□ **Euwe,Max**

■ **Reshevsky,Samuel Herman**

Nottingham International Masters (1.6)
[Alekhine,Alexander]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
Montag, 10. August 1936, 14:00 Uhr
Bedenkzeit: 2:00/36 Züge + 1:00/18

Züge

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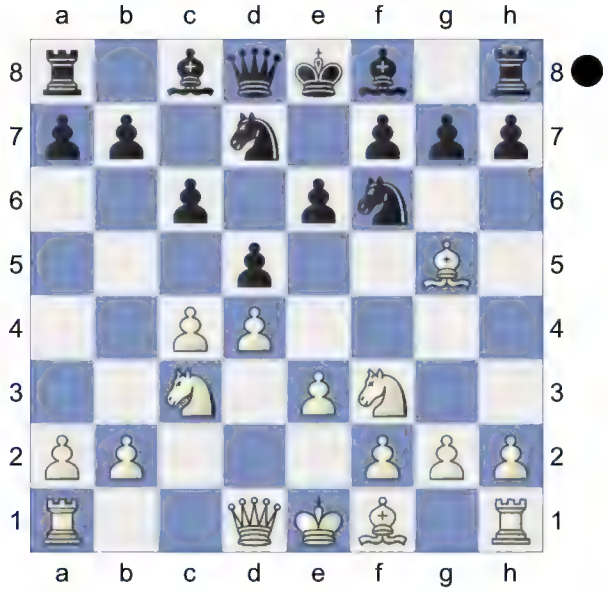
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3



Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 Nicht das beste, weil es dem Weißen gestattet, die Herrschaft über das wichtge Feld e4 zu gewinnen.

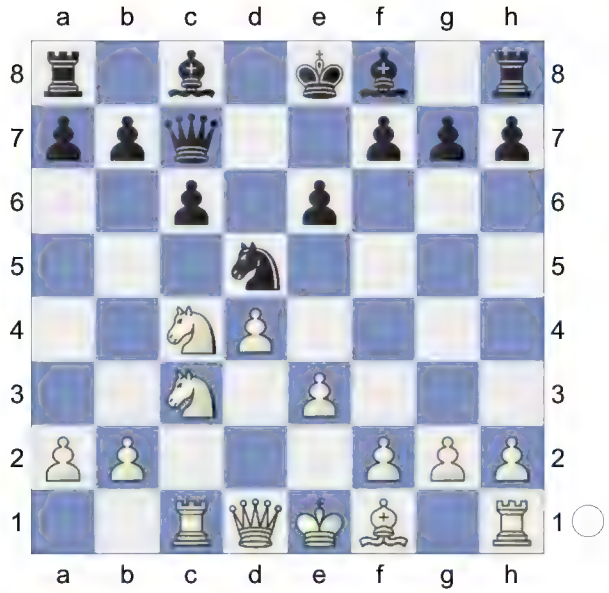
8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.Rc1

[10.Bd3 und so weiter.]

[Vielversprechender und in Übereinstimmung mit den vorherigen Zügen war 10.g3 -- um 11.Bg2]

10...Nd5N

[10...Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Bd7 14.e4 b5 *(14...Rac8 15.e5 Ne8 16.Ne4 c5 17.dxc5 Bb5 18.Ncd6 Bxf1 19.Bxf1* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 15.Ne3 b4 *(15...Qb6 16.e5 Nd5 17.Ne4 Be8 18.Rc2 Nb4 19.Rd2 Nxa2 20.Ng4* 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023*)* 16.Ne2 e5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 exd4 19.dxc6 Bf5 20.Nxd4 Bf6 21.Nxf5 Rxd1 22.Rfxd1 5) Semi-Slav: Cambridge Sprin-Cambridge Springs: 7...dxc4 w Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]



11.Bd3 Nach dem Läufertausch hat Schwarz kaum Sorgen mit der Deckung seiner Schwäche d6.

[Statt den ♙ d6 mit 11.a3 zu verteidigen, zieht es vor, in ein Endspiel einzulenken, in dem Weiß den deutlichen Vorteil der Bauernmehrheit am Damenflügel besitzt. Das einfache 11...Nxc3 war gur genug für ein Remis. Weiß kann den ♙c4 nicht mit 12.Rxc3 wegen]

11...Nxc3 12.bxc3

[12.Rxc3 Bb4 13.Qh5 c5∓ *(13...Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 c5 15.Ne5∓)*]

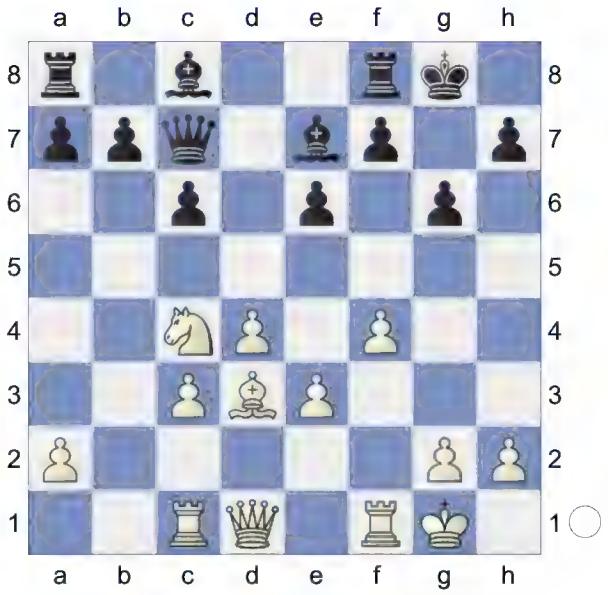
12...Be7 The position is equal. **13.0-0 0-0** Ein wichtiger Tempogewinn.

14.f4

[14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 und so weiter? Falls dann -- 0.35/19 so *(15...Bf6=* -0.09/19 *)* 16.f4 mit ausreichendem Gegenspiel. -- 0.70/21 könnte mit *(16...Bf6=* 0.03/19 *)* 17.Rf3± beantwortet werden um das beabsichtigte 17...--? 5.71/23 *(17...f5±* 0.70/20 *)* 18.Rh3 zu verhindern.]

[14.Ne5 with more complications. c5 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6]

14...g6? Ein gekünstelter Zug, der sich als günstig für Weiß herausstellt.

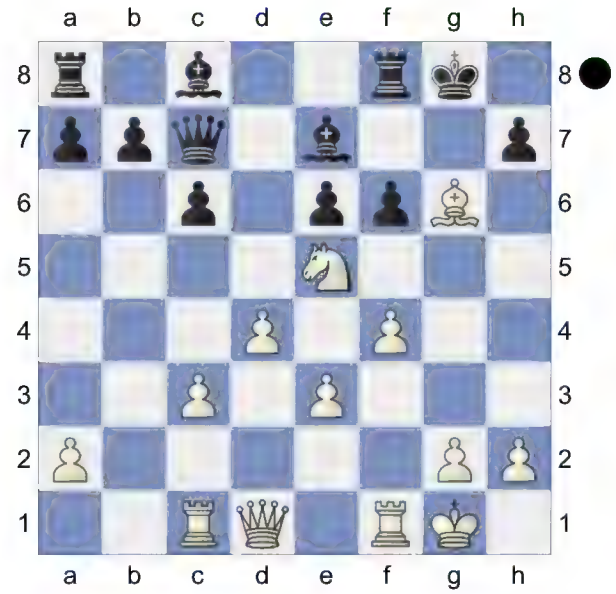


15.Ne5!

[15.e4 -0.28/19 15.Qd1-g4 0.13]

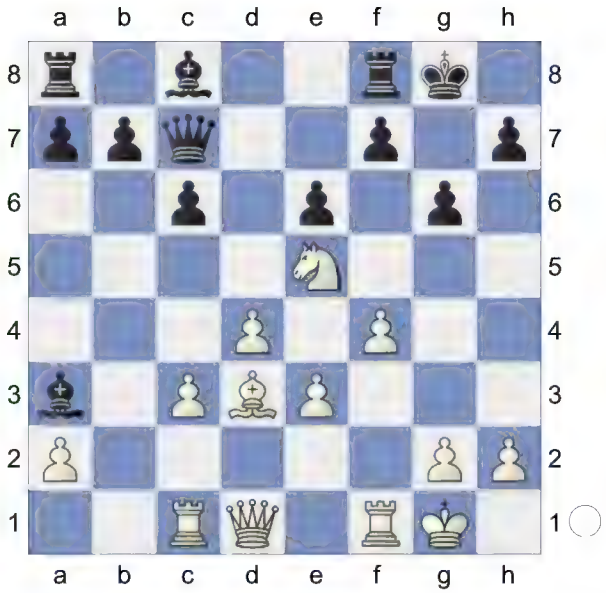
15...Ba3

[15...f6 16.Bxg6 -1.18/22 *(16.Nxg6* -0.16/21 16.Ne5-g4 0.20 *hxg6* Die einzige Gewinnchance bestand in *17.Bxg6* Hier war beispielsweise *17...Kg7* der natürliche Zug, um den ♙e2 gegen den Randbauern zu tauschen und - wie in der Partie, aber forciert - zwei verbundene Freibauern zu erhalten. Besser war sofort *18.Rf3* Threatens to win with Rf3-h3! Warum nicht einfach *18...Rh8!; 16.Ng4!=* 0.17/20 *)*



16...hxg6 -0.03/22 und Schwarz hat nichts besseres als ewiges Schach. *(16...fxe5* 0.01/22 16...Be7-a3 -0.82 *17.Bxh7+!; 16...Ba3!∓* -1.18/22 *17.Rb1 fxe5)* Es droht 17.Nxg6= Hoping for Rf1-f3! Rf7]

(Diagram)



Obschon beide Möglichkeiten vermutlich ausreichten, um die Partie zu retten, war die erstgenannte zweifellos sicherer.

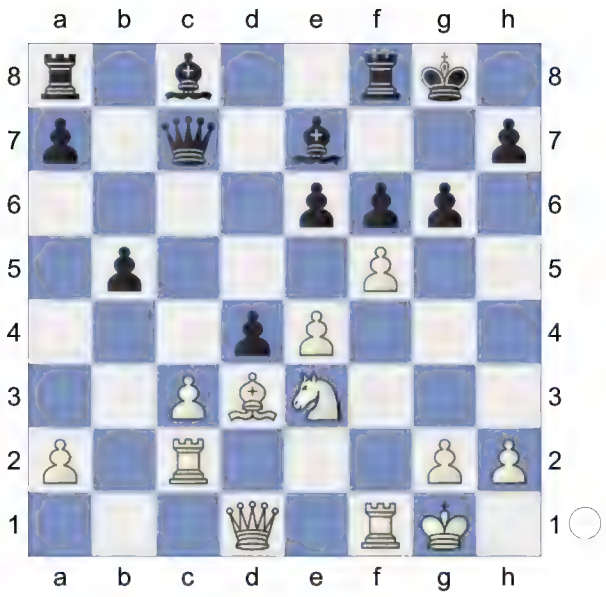
16.Rc2 f6 17.Nc4 Schwarz, der auf diese Weise einer seiner Chancen im Zentrum beraubt wird, nämlich der Kontrolle über die Diagonale a8 - h1, hat diesen sehr wichtigen Zug wahrscheinlich übersehen.

17...Be7 18.e4 c5 19.f5 -0.28/23
[19.h3 -0.31/19 19.Nc4-e3 0.16 -- 0.15/20 *(19...b5∓* -0.31/19 feels stronger. *20.Nd2 c4)* 20.f5]
[⌓19.Ne3 0.14/21]

19...b5= Es gibt nichts besseres.

20.Ne3 cxd4

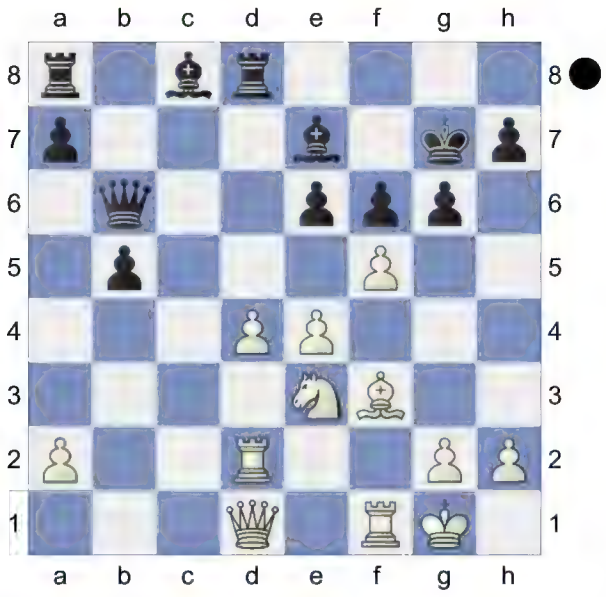
(Diagram)



21.cxd4 Qb6 22.Be2 Rd8 23.Rd2 Kg7

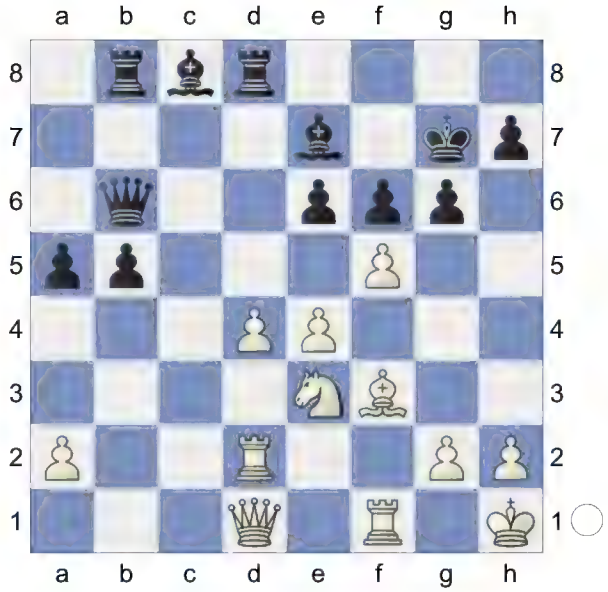
[23...a5 0.77/21 23...Kg8-g7 -0.06 24.--! -0.62/19 *(24.fxg6± 0.77/21 Bb7 25.Ng4)* 24...Ra7 0.54/21 *(24...Kg7∓ -0.62/19 25.Kh1 Bb7)* 25.--? -1.15/21 *(25.fxg6± 0.54/21* keeps the upper hand. *hxg6 26.Bh5)* 25...Rad7]

24.Bf3



Rb8? Und auf andere Züge nähert sich der schwarze König dem Zentrum. Das Turmendspiel sollte für Weiß nicht zu gewinnen sein.

25.Kh1 a5



26.g4 a4 -0.02/18

[26...b4∓ -0.38/18 was preferrable.]

27.e5! fxe5

[27...gxf5?! 28.gxf5 Kh8 29.fxe6 Qxe6 *(29...Bxe6? 30.Be4+-)* 30.Be4±]

28.dxe5 Rxd2

29.Qxd2 0.00/21 Beide Spieler produzieren ungenaues Schach.

[29.f6+± 0.44/24 Kf7 30.Qxd2]

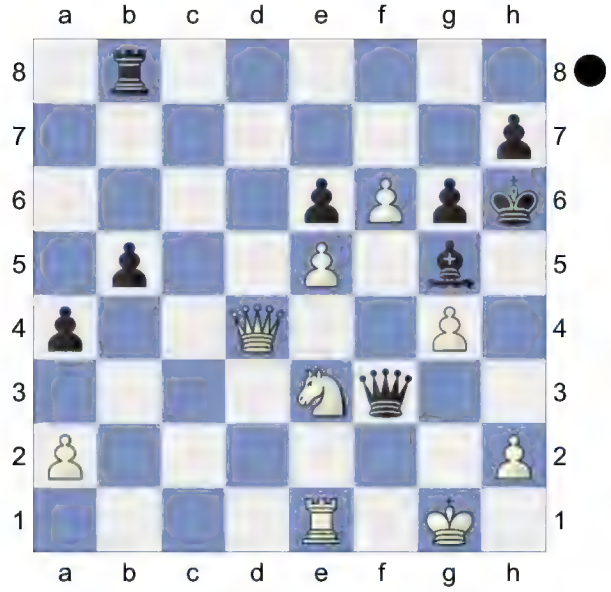
29...Bg5 0.41/24

[29...Bf8= 0.00/21]

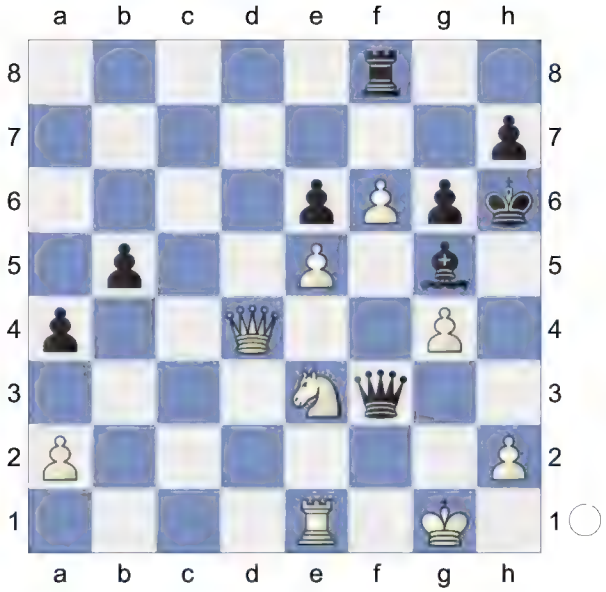
30.Re1 -0.84/21
[30.f6+± 0.41/24 Kf7 31.Qb4]
30...Bb7 -0.30/23
[30...gxf5?! 31.gxf5 Kh8 32.f6=]
[30...Kg8∓ -0.84/21 White must now prevent ...b5-b4. 31.fxg6 hxg6]

31.Bxb7 -0.98/21
[31.f6+ Kh6! 0.61/26 müßte Weiß sehr genau spilen, um nicht selbst in Schwierigkeiten zu geraten. Die überzeugendste Remismöglichkeit wäre dann *(31...Kg8∓ -1.00/22 32.Bxb7 Rxb7)* 32.Bxb7 0.01/26 *(32.Qg2± 0.61/26 Bxf3 33.Qxf3)* 32...Qxb7+= 33.Kg1 Strongly threatening h2-h4! Qe4 0.93/26 *(33...Qf3= 0.01/27* keeps the balance. *)*]
[31.Qd7+= -0.30/23 Kh6 32.Bxb7 *(32.Qxe6 Bxf3+ 33.Kg1 Bxe3+ 34.Kf1 Qd4)* 32...Rxb7 33.Qd3 *(33.Qxe6? Bxe3 34.Qd5 Bg5-+)* 33...Qc6+ 34.Ng2]
31...Qxb7+∓
[31...Rxb7?! 32.fxe6 Qxe6 33.Qd5 Qxd5+ 34.Nxd5=]
32.Kg1 Qf3 -0.38/23
[32...gxf5 -0.30/23 32...Kg7-g8 -1.12
A) 33.gxf5? -2.80/24 33.Ne3xf5+ -0.46 und so weiter Es ist verwunderlich, daß ein "Blitz"-Spezialist wie Reshevsky, auch wenn er nur sehr wenig Zeit hatte, die vorzügliche Chance 33...Kh8! übersehen konnte. Nach 34.--? -13.99/26 - am besten - *(34.Qg2 -2.04/22 Bxe3+ 35.Kh1 Qxg2+ 36.Kxg2)* 34...Rg8;
B) Einfacher war 33.Nxf5+ Kg6! 34.Ne3? -1.97/24 Falls dann *(34.Qd3? -3.61/23* 34.Qd2-d6 -0.29 *exf5 35.Qxf5+ Kh6* mit der Drohung *; 34.Qd6= -0.28/24* and White is okay. *Qb6+ 35.Nd4)* 34...Qe4 so]
[32...Kh8∓ -0.97/22 And now ...g6xf5 would win. 33.fxe6 Qb6]
33.Qd4? -2.36/23
[Richtig war 33.f6+ mit der Drohung Kh6 0.01/26 *(Black should play 33...Kh8∓ -0.65/22)* 34.Qd4 Ne3-g2 is the strong threat. In diesem Fall könnte Weiß kaum den Tausch eines seiner Freiauern gegen den schwarzen e-Bauern verhindern, und das sich ergebende Endspiel wäre nur noch sehr schwer zu gewinnen. Genauer als 34...Rd8 *(34...Rc8!? 35.Qd3□ Bxe3+ 36.Qxe3+ Qxe3+ 37.Rxe3 g5∓)*]
[Better is 33.f6+!∓ -0.38/23 Kg8 34.Qd4]
Nach dem Textzug sollte Schwarz leicht Remis erzielen.
33...Kh6? -0.17/19
[33...gxf5 34.--? -8.59/22 *(34.gxf5 -2.42/20 Rg8 35.Qg4 Qxg4+* Remove Defender *36.Nxg4)* 34...Kh8]
[33...exf5 34.e6+ Kg8 35.gxf5∓

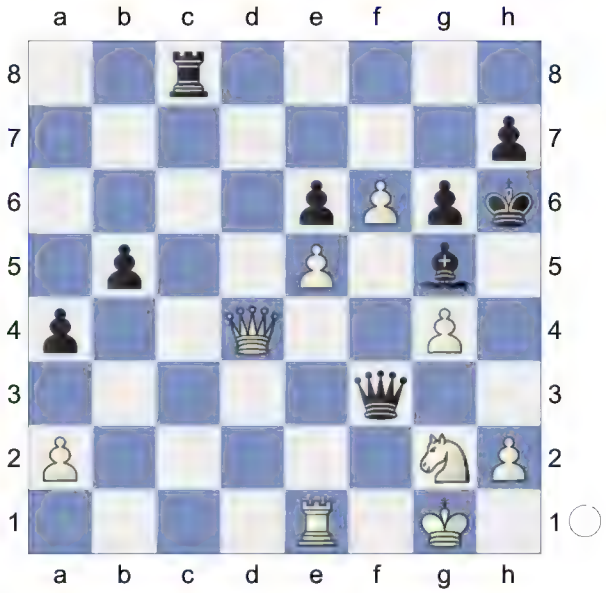
(35.Nd5? Qxg4+ 36.Qxg4 fxg4∓)]
[33...gxf5-+ -2.36/23 34.gxf5 Kh8
(34...exf5 35.Nxf5+ Qxf5 36.Qa7+∓; 34...Bxe3+ 35.Rxe3 Qc6 36.f6+ Kh8 37.Qf4=)]
34.f6!=



Rf8? 3.13/22
[34...Rd8 35.Qa7? -1.78/25
(35.Qc3= 0.01/24 Bxe3+ 36.Qxe3+ Qxe3+ 37.Rxe3) 35...Bxe3+? -0.02/5
Der letzte Fehler, der nicht mit Zeitnot erklärt werden kann.
(35...Rd7? 0.01/25 35...Bg5-f4 -1.57 36.Qc5! Intending Qc5-f8+ and mate. *Bh4 37.Rf1* Wards off Bh4-f2+ *Rd1!; 35...Bf4-+ -1.78/25 36.Nf1 Qxg4+ 37.Kh1 Rd1 38.Rxd1 Qxd1)*
36.Qxe3+= Das entscheidende Tempo.
Qxe3+ 37.Rxe3 g5 38.-- -0.53/24
*(*White should try *38.a3= 0.01/23)*
38...Rb8 -0.01/22 Zu spät.
(38...b4∓ -0.53/24 *39.Re2 Rb8)* 39.-- -0.65/23 *(39.Ra3=* -0.01/22 *)* 39...b4]
[34...Rc8= -0.01/26 35.Qd3 Bxe3+
(35...Rc1? 36.Nf5+ Discovered Attack *gxf5 37.Qxf3+-)* 36.Qxe3+ Qxe3+ 37.Rxe3 b4]



35.Ng2!+- Jetzt aber!
35...Rc8? 7.88/25
[35...Bxf6 3.03/21 36.exf6 Qxf6 37.Qxf6 Rxf6]



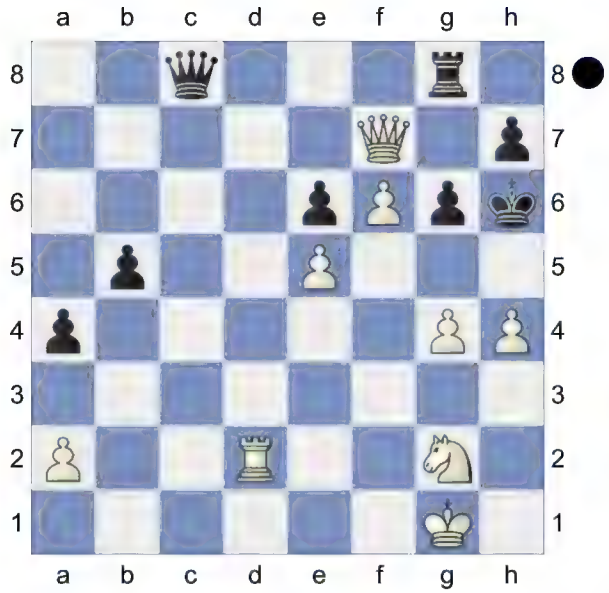
36.Qd7 Mit Übergang zu der Stellung, die er shon im 29. Zug erreichen konnte.
36...Rg8 Dodges Qd7-g7+ **37.Qf7?→** -0.01/22 White has some attack.
[37.Qxb5 Qxg4 38.Qe2 Qd4+ 39.Qf2 Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Rb8±]
[37.h4+- 7.47/20 Bxh4 38.Nxh4]

37...Qa8? 7.08/20
[37...Bd2= -0.01/22 38.g5+ *(38.Qxg8 Bxe1 39.Qf8+ Kg5=)* 38...Kxg5 39.Qxg8 Bxe1 40.Nxe1 Qg4+ 41.Kf2 Qh4+ 42.Kf1 Qf4+ 43.Kg2 Qe4+ 44.Kf2 *(44.Nf3+ Kf4=)* 44...Qh4+ 45.Ke2 Qe4+ 46.Kf2 Qd4+ 47.Kg2 Qd2+ 48.Kf3 *(48.Kf1 Qf4+ 49.Kg2 Qg4+ 50.Kf2 Qd4+ 51.Kf3 Qf4+ 52.Kg2=)* 48...Qd5+ *(48...Qxe1 49.Qxe6 Qh1+ 50.Ke3=)* 49.Ke3 *(49.Kf2 Qd4+ 50.Kg2 Qd2+ 51.Kf1 Qf4+ 52.Kg2 Qe4+ 53.Kf2=)* 49...Qxe5+ 50.Kd3 Qxe1]

38.h4? Weiß brauchte den Turmtausch nicht zuzulassen.

38...Bd2 39.Rd1 Qc8
[39...Bc3 40.Nf4]

40.Rxd2



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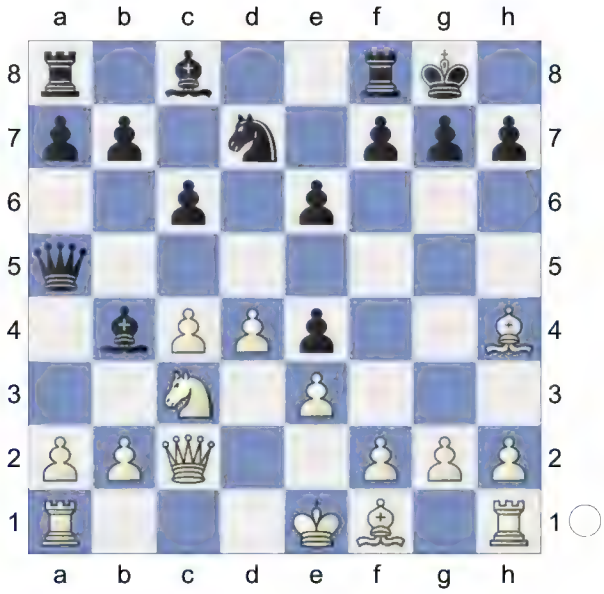
236 **D52**
□ **Daniuszewski,Dawid**
■ **Ilyin Zhenevsky,Alexander**
URS-ch01 Final (11) 18.10.1920
[Kitty Kat]

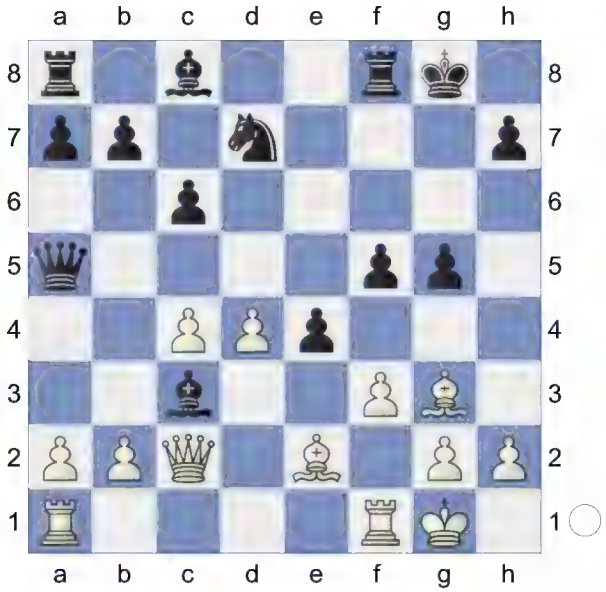
D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.Ndxe4 dxe4 10.Bh4 0-0

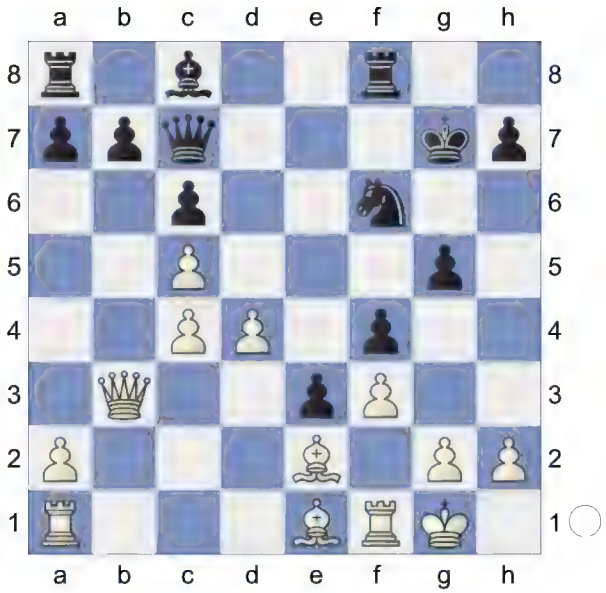


11.Be2 e5 12.0-0 exd4 13.exd4
[13.Nxe4 dxe3 14.a3 exf2+ 15.Bxf2 Be7=]
13...g5 14.Bg3 f5 15.f3N
[15.f4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 g4 17.h3 h5 18.Bh4 Nb6 19.Rfb1 Rf7 20.a4 Be6 21.Rb4 Nc8 22.Rab1 Qc7 23.Qd2 b6 24.c5 Ne7 25.c4 bxc5 26.dxc5 Ng6 27.Bg5 Rd7 28.Qe3 Rf8 29.Kh1 Qa5 ½-½ (47) Pafnutieff,V (2540)-2.g3 (2370) 51/327 Reggio Emilia 1991]
15...Bxc3



White has an edge. **16.bxc3 f4 17.Be1 e3 18.c5 Nf6 19.Qb3+ Kg7** 0.59/19
[19...Rf7!= 0.21/18]
20.c4± Qc7

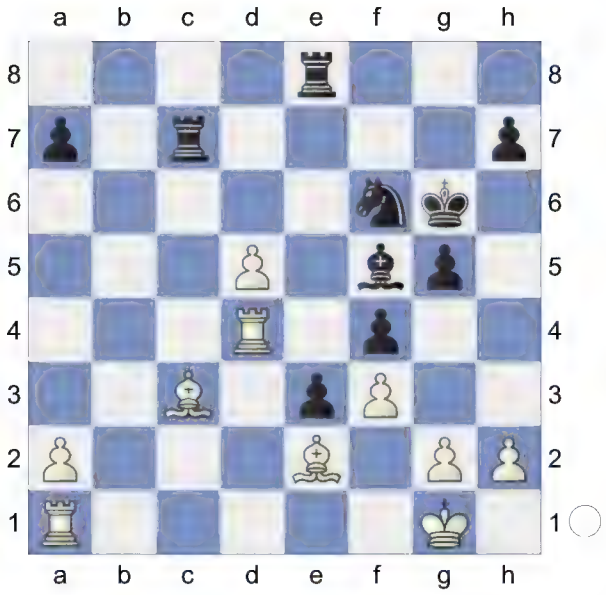
(Diagram)



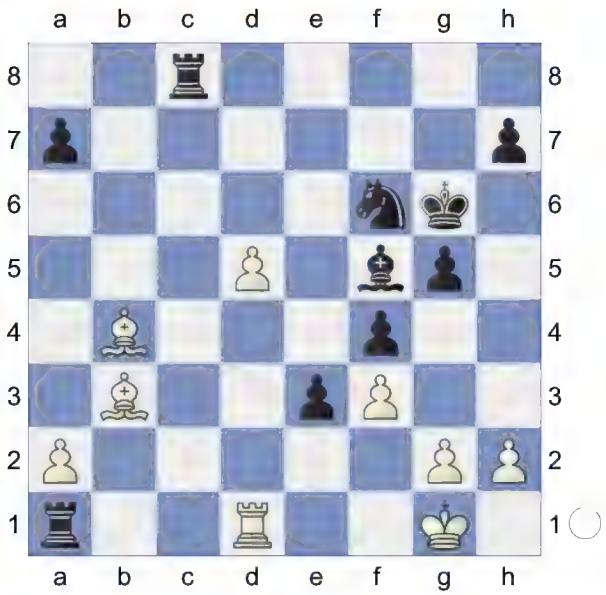
21.Bc3 Bf5 22.Rfd1 b6 23.cxb6 Qxb6 24.Qa3 Rab8 25.Qe7+ -0.01/22
[25.Rac1± 0.64/17]
25...Rf7

26.Qe5 Kg6 27.d5 cxd5 And now ... Rb8-e8 would win. **28.cxd5** -0.50/20
[28.Bd4= -0.09/21 should be considered. Qb4 29.h4 *(29.cxd5 Re8∓)*]
28...Re8!∓ Dancing on a razor blade.
29.Qd4 Qxd4 30.Rxd4 Rc7

(Diagram)

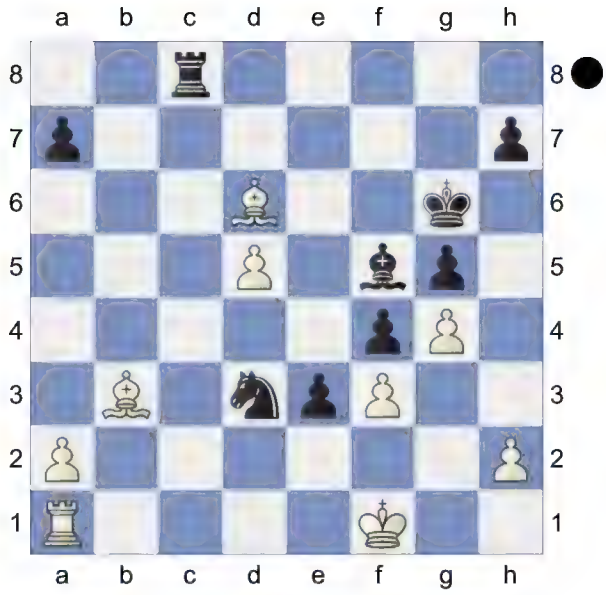


31.Be1 Rc2 32.Bd1 Rc5 33.Bb3 Rec8 34.Bb4 -0.99/20
[34.Rad1∓ -0.35/20]
34...Rc1+∓ 35.Rd1 Rxa1

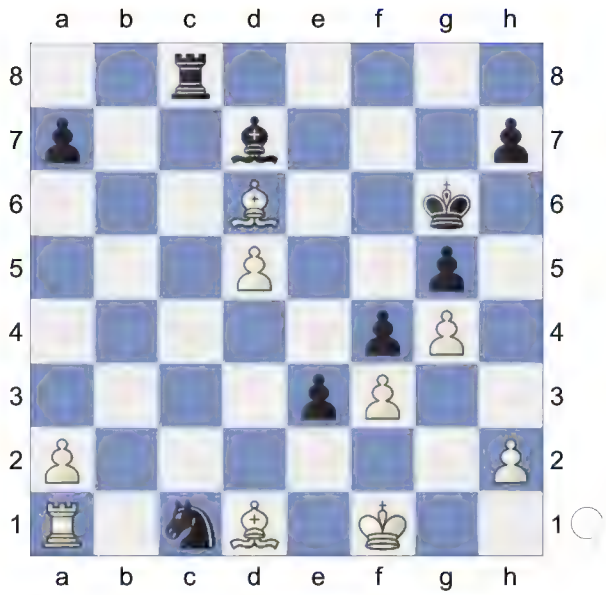


36.Rxa1 Nd7 Black has more active pieces. **37.Kf1** -1.59/19
[White should try 37.d6 -0.91/19]
37...Ne5! 38.Bd6 Nd3 39.g4 -3.05/22
[⌓39.Be7 -1.77/19]

(Diagram)

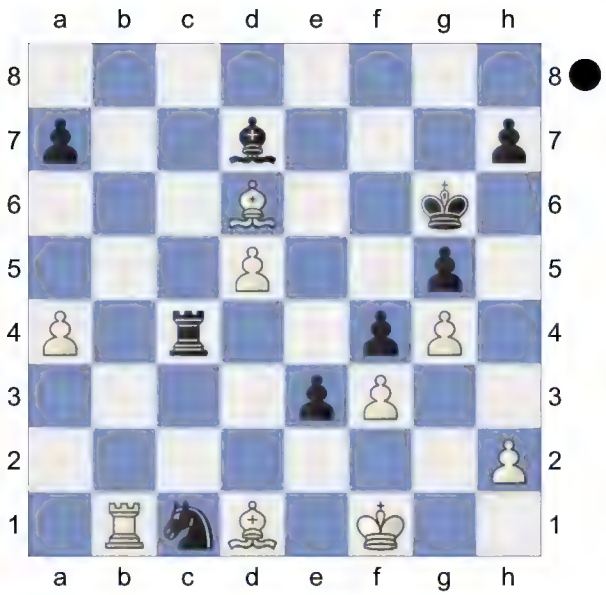


39...Bd7!-+ 40.Bd1 Nc1 -1.17/21
[40...Nf2-+ -2.74/20 41.Be2 h5 42.gxh5+ Kxh5]



41.a4∓ Rc4 ...Bd7-c8 would now be deadly. **42.Rb1** -2.10/20
[42.Be7∓ -1.27/20 might work better.]

(Diagram)



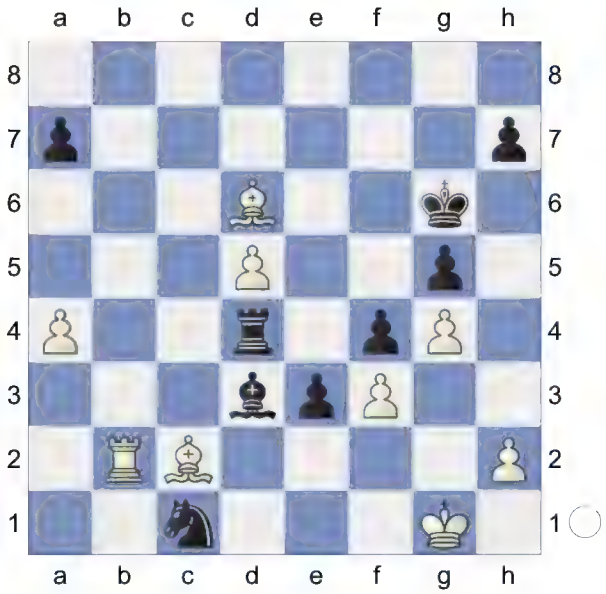
42...Bc8!-+ Threatens to win with ...Bc8-a6.

[42...Bxa4? loses. 43.Bxa4 Rxa4 44.Rxc1+-]

43.Rb2? -4.18/23

[43.Bb8 -2.11/22 was called for. Kf7 *(43...Ba6 44.Kg2∓)* 44.Bxa7]

43...Ba6 44.Kg1 Rd4 45.Bc2+ Bd3



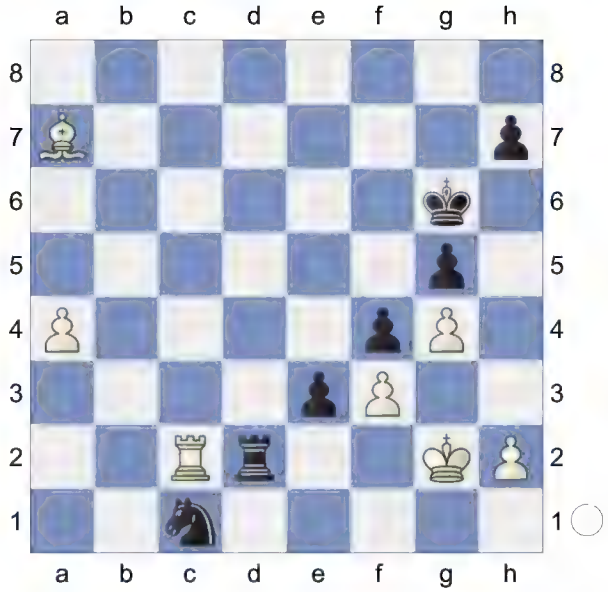
46.Bc5? -7.66/23

[46.Bb4 -3.14/21]

46...Rxd5 47.Bxa7 -11.04/23

[⌓47.Bb4 -4.15/22]

47...Bxc2 48.Rxc2 Rd1+ 49.Kg2 Rd2+



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237 **D52**

□ **Kashdan,Isaac**

■ **Steiner,Lajos**

Match Kashdan-SteinerL +5-3=2 (3)

[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation

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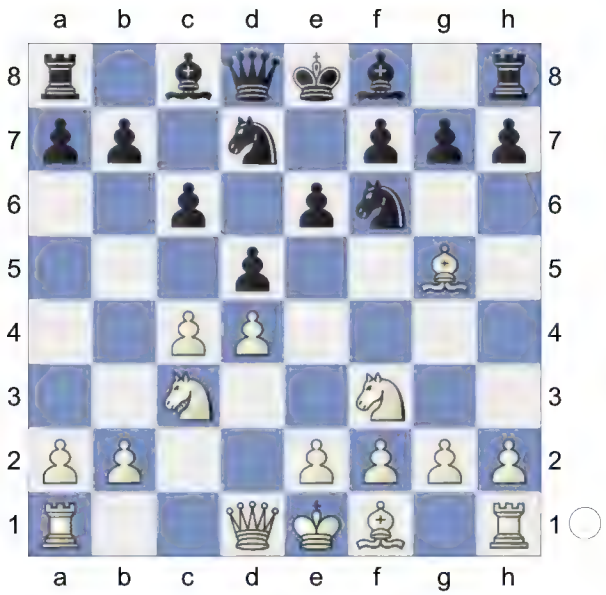
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

(Diagram)



6.e3 Qa5

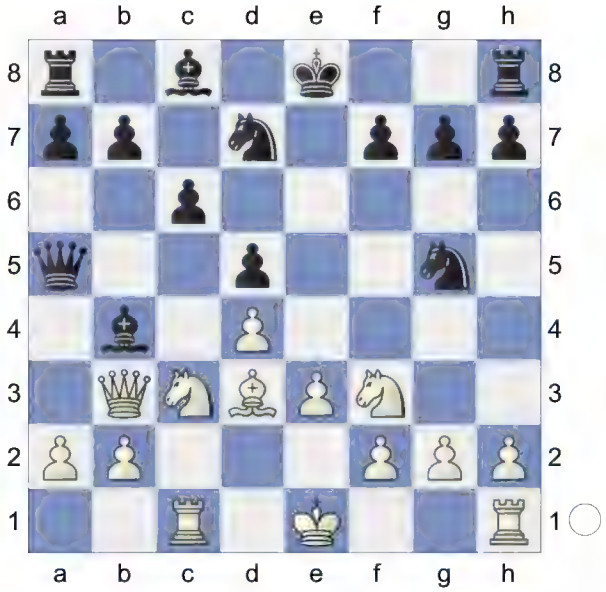
[6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3 g6 12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be5 Ng7 14.Rab1 Bf5 15.b4 a6 16.a4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.Rfc1 Nf5 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 1-0 (43) ♘d7 10. d4_242407 (2728)-Cox,A (2667) 113/ (6) San Sebastian 2011 (5)]

[6...Bb4 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.h3 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nd2 f5 17.a3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be6 19.c4 Nd7 20.c5 Nf6 21.Nc4 0-1 (47) Bokhonok,T (1468)-Haman,M (1881) BRA Amateur-ch U2200 2022 (7)]

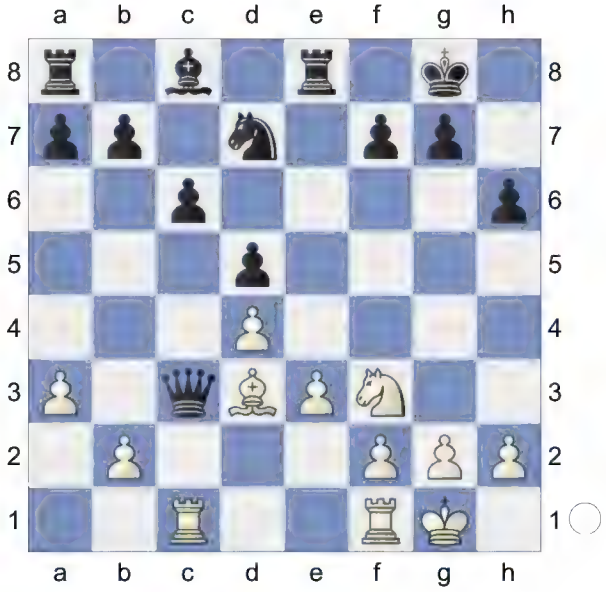
7.Qb3N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 h6 12.Bh4 Qd8 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Bg3 Nf8 15.h3 Be6 16.Ne5 N6d7 17.f4 Nb6 18.f5 Bd7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Bf6 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 (43) Chapter-Games Chapter 49 Game 1 22.Qb3+ Ne6 23.Rfe1 Nd5 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.fxe6+ Kg8 27.Qf5 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Qxd4+ 29.Bf2 Qd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bg6 Ke7 32.Bxe8 Rxe8 33.Qe4 Rc8 34.Qxb7+ Rc7 35.Qe4 Bxb2 36.Bh4+ g5 (43) Part Chapter-Game Part 4 Chapter 5 37.Qh7+ Kd8 38.Qg8+ Ke7 39.Bf2 Bc3 40.Qf7+ Kd8 41.Qg8+ Ke7 42.Re4 Bd2 43.g3 1-0 Short,N (2660)-Andersson, U (2635) Keres Memorial 1998 (9)]

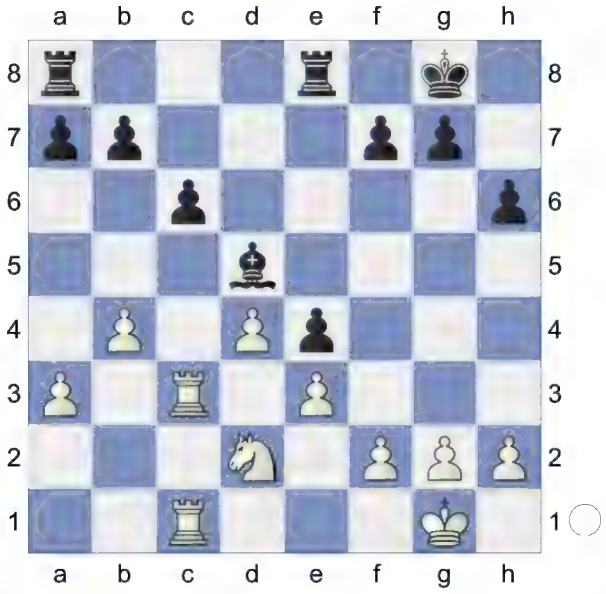
7...Ne4 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Bb4 10.Rc1 Nxg5



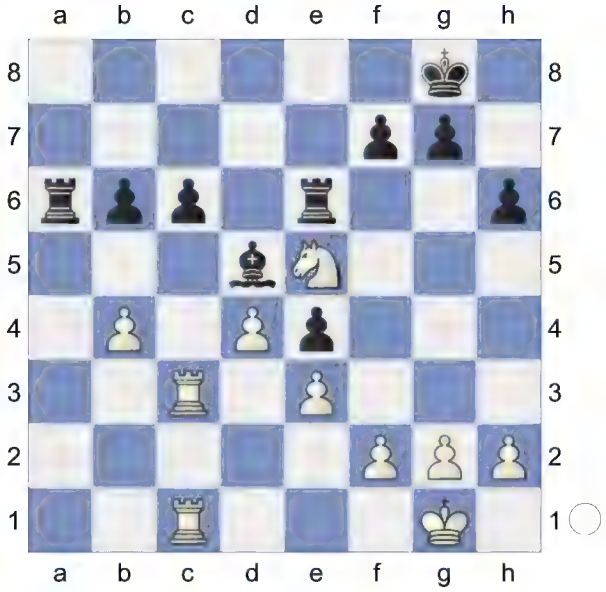
11.Nxg5 h6 12.Nf3 0-0 The position is equal. **13.0-0 Re8 14.a3 Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxc3**



16.Rxc3 Nf6 17.b4 Be6 18.Rfc1 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nd2 Bd5



21.Rc5 b6 22.R5c3 a5 23.Nc4! axb4 24.axb4 Ra6 25.Ne5 Discovered Attack **25...Re6!**



26.b5! cxb5 27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.Rd8 Prevents Re6-d6. White has compensation. **28...Bc4 29.Nd7** Strongly threatening Nd7-f8+. **29...Kg6** 1.06/22

[But not 29...Rc6? 30.Nb8+-]

[Better is 29...Rd6!± 0.42/23]

30.d5!↑ White is on the roll. White is more active. **30...Re7**

[30...Rf6 31.Nxf6]

31.d6 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Hoping for Rd7-e7. **32...Bd3?** 2.85/20

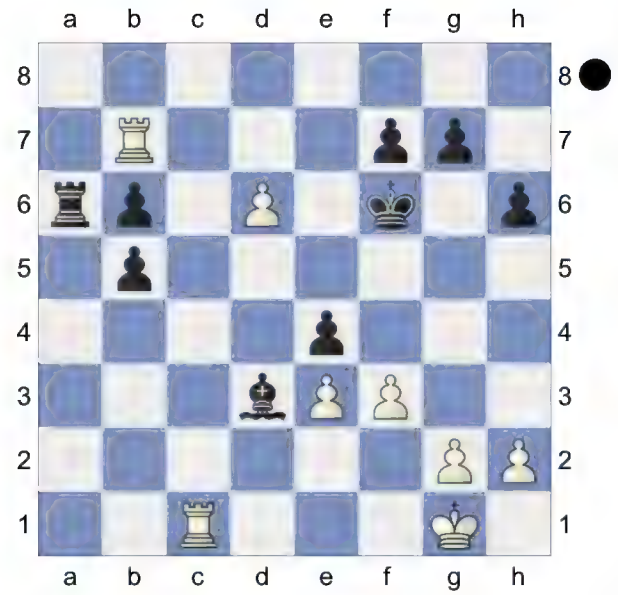
[32...Ra3± 1.15/22 33.Re7 *(33.Rb7 Kf6=)* 33...Rd3]

33.Rb7+- Black must now prevent d6-d7. **33...Kf6?** 6.28/24

[33...Bc4 2.87/22 34.Rd1 Ra8]

34.f3 2.92/23

[⌓34.d7 6.28/24 Ke7 35.f3]



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238 **D52**
□ **Fluvia Poyatos,J**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander**
World Junior Ch 1998
[Nigel Davies]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7

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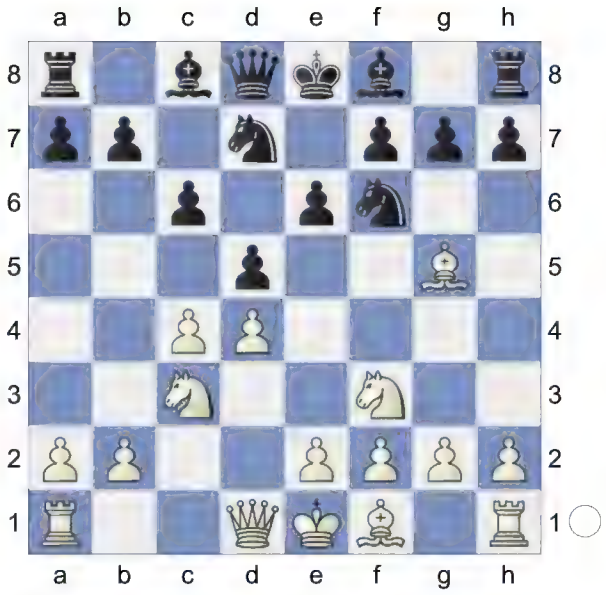
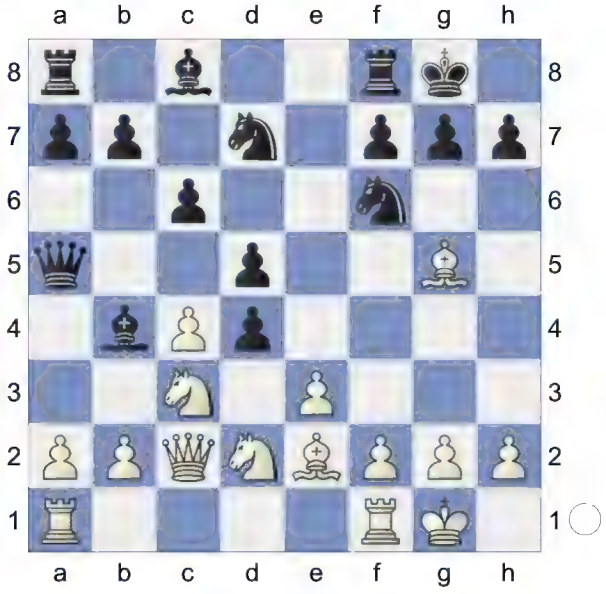


6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2! 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0 exd4



A major parting of the ways... **11.Nb3 Qb6 12.exd4 dxc4** This strange-looking move is clearly the best; Black wants to drive White's queen away from b3. **13.Bxc4** The most natural and best move. **13...a5** The most consistent follow-up for Black. The position is equal.
[Black's best is probably 13...Qc7]
14.Ne4
[14.a3 Bd6 15.Ne4 Nxe4 should be winning for Black in the long

run, but this was White's best chance. Instead 16.Qxe4 Qc7 *(16...a4 17.Bd3 g6 18.Nd2)*

A) 17.Bd3 Bxh2+ 18.Kh1 f5 19.Qe6+ Kh8 20.f4 0.01/21 *(20.g3± 0.44/23 Nf6 21.Qe2)* 20...Nf6= 21.Qe5 -1.17/20 *(21.Qe1∓ -0.67/21 Ng4 22.Qh4)* 21...Qf7;

B) 17.Bd3 0.30/22 might be stronger. Bxh2+ 18.Kh1;

C) 17.Qh4 -0.18/22 leaves Black unable to escape White's rook attacks without allowing perpetual check, since 17...Nb6= 18.Bd3 h6

C1) 19.Rfe1 -0.68/22 19.g2-g3 -0.13 Nd5 -0.16/18 *(19...Bxh2+!∓ -0.68/22 20.Kf1 Bd6)* 20.Nc5 is a draw. Bxh2+ wins after 21.Kh1 -0.95/22 *(21.Qxh2= -0.01/20 Qxh2+ 22.Kxh2 hxg5 23.Bc4)* 21...Bf4;

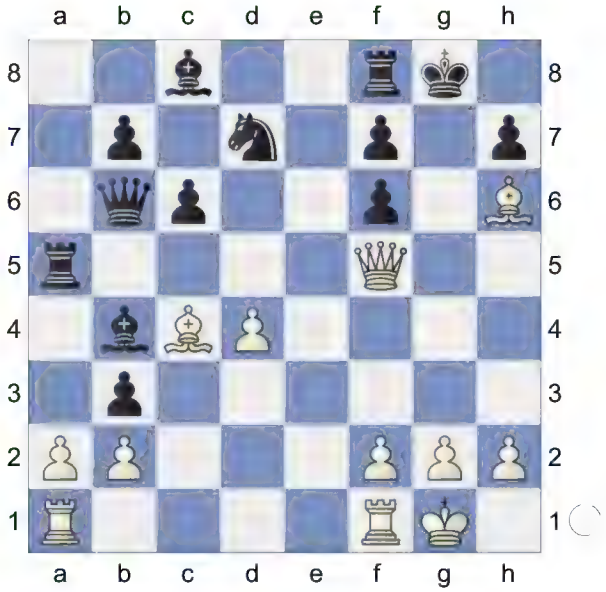
C2) 19.Bd2 Nd5]

[14.a4 Qc7 15.Nd2 *(15.Rae1 h6 16.Bh4 Bd6 17.h3 Nb6 18.Bxf6 Nxc4 19.Ne4 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 Nd6 21.Kxh2 Nxe4+ 22.Be5 Nd6 23.Qc5 Rd8 24.d5 Qd7 25.Nd4 Nf5 26.dxc6 bxc6 27.Nxc6 Re8 28.Rd1 Qe6 29.Rfe1 Bb7* ½-½ (52) Molina,R (2484)-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_7382 (2831) Saint Louis 136/152 2018 (1.1)) 15...h6 16.Bh4 Qf4 etc. But White wants something simpler...if 17.Nf3 Nh5 0.56/19 *(17...Nb6= 0.12/20 18.Bd3 Qd6)* 18.Ne2 -0.01/19 *(18.Rae1± 0.56/19)* 18...Qd6 19.Ng3 Nf4 wins a rook]

14...Nxe4

[14...a4 15.Nxf6+ *(*If *15.Nbc5 Nxe4 16.Nxe4* Hoping for a2-a3. *Qxd4* is deadly. *)*

A) 15...gxf6? 2.09/23 15...Nd7xf6 0.33 16.Bh6 axb3? 7.07/21 *(16...Qd8 1.75/21)* 17.Qf5+- Qf5-g4+ would kill now. Ra5



18.d5! Qd4 Wards off Qf5-g4+ 19.Bd3;

B) 15...Nxf6 16.Nc5 Nd5]

15.Qxe4 This in turn looks like White's best move, though he has tried several alternatives: **15...a4N**

[15...Qc7 16.Bd3 f5 17.Qh4 Nf6 18.a3 Bd6 19.Rfe1 Ne4 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Rxe4 Bf5 N,N-N,N Slav Defense: Springs Variati]

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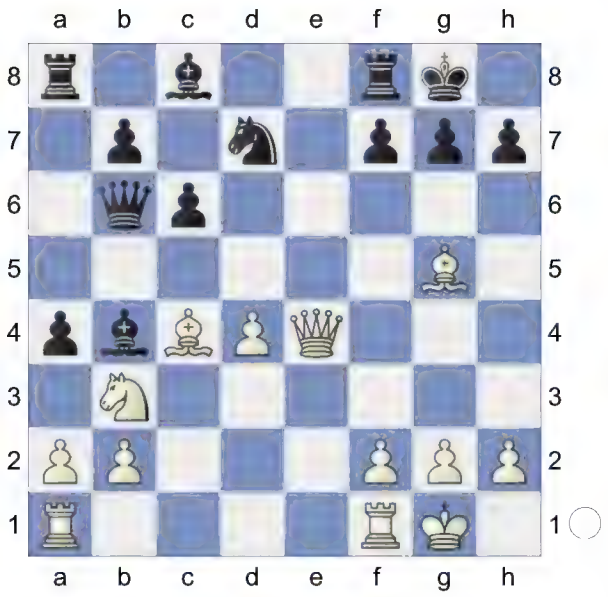

Grischuk doesn't know the theory and plays into a losing line. **16.Nc1** -0.41/20

[16.a3

A) 16...axb3 17.axb4 Rxa1! Giving Black too many bits and pieces for the queen. For White the dream is over. 18.Rxa1 Ra1-a8 would now be deadly. Qxb4 1.73/22 *(18...Nf6± 1.31/23 19.Bxf6 gxf6)* 19.Bd3+- f5 20.Qe6+ Kh8 21.Be7?! Inhibits Nd7-c5.;

B) 16...Bd6 17.Bd3 g6 18.Nd2?? Missing out on a chance for immortality. Qc7 19.Qh4?? This looks like sheer panic after missing Black's last.]

[16.a3!± 0.76/22 Bd6 17.Bd3]

16...Ra5 17.Bh4 Bd6 18.Bd3 -1.08/22

[White should play 18.Ne2∓ -0.49/19]

18...Rh5?!

[And not 18...Qxb2 19.Qxh7#]

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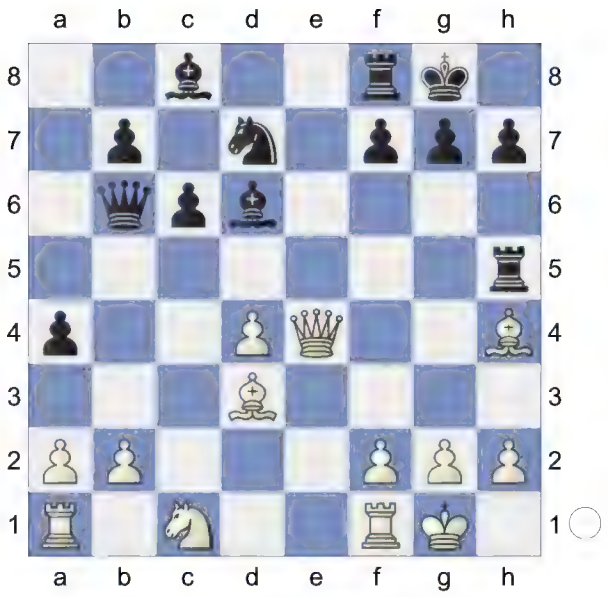

Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.11 (very precise)

0-1

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□ **Khenkin,Igor**

■ **Shcherbakov,Ruslan**

B Sochi (Russia) (6) 1989

[R.Scherbakov]

White completely deprives Black of ...c5 by playing a3 and b4 at an early stage but allows Black to swap a pair of Knights which makes his task easier than usual. Now if White keeps his only Knight on c4 to prevent a possible ... a5 or ...e5 it becomes more difficult for him to make further progress. A rather typical game for this line.

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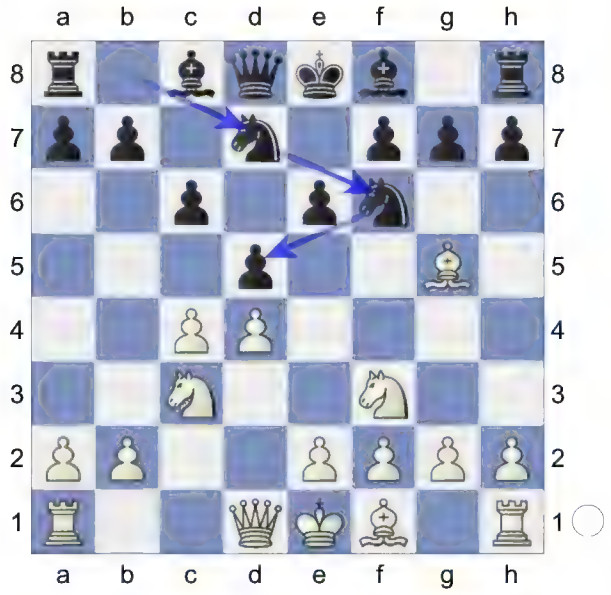
which makes his task easier than usual. Now if White keeps his only Knight on c4 to prevent a possible ... a5 or ...e5 it becomes more difficult for him to make further progress. A rather typical game for this line.' **1.d4** Scherbakov,Ruslan **1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7**



6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Nxc4 Qc7 10.a3

[10.Rc1 Be7 11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Rd8 13.0-0 Nd5 14.Qb3 Bd7 15.Ne5 Qb6 16.Qc2 Be8 17.a3 Rac8 18.Nd3 Qc7 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Qb8 21.b4 a5 22.bxa5 Qa7 23.Rb1 Rc7 24.Rb3 c5 (26) Osnos,V (2741)-Grankin,F (2741) after B23) 19.♗e4]

[10.Be2 Be7 11.a3 0-0 12.b4 Rd8 13.0-0 b6 14.Bf3 Cambridge Springs Novelty,T-Nakamura,H Magnus Carlsen Invitational | Final 4 2020 (13.1)]

10...Be7N

[10...c5 0.57/19 10...b7-b5 0.11 looks risky although after 11.Nb5 Qb8 0.92/21 *(11...Qd8± 0.51/21* was preferrable.*)* 12.dxc5 0.27/21 *(12.Qa4± 0.92/21* aiming for Nb5-c7+. *Nd7 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4)* 12...Bxc5= 13.b4 Be7 14.Ncd6+ Bxd6 15.Nxd6+ Ke7 16.Nc4± White is only slightly better. Bd7 17.Be2 Rd8 18.0-0 Qc7 19.Qb3 Lerner,K-Smagin,S USSR (ch) 41/(500) 1986]

11.b4 White has prevented ...c6-c5 but Black has got an opportunity to exchange the Knights which is desirable in such positions. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'White has p revented ...c6-c5 but Black has got an opportunity to exchange the Knights which is desirable in such positions.' **11...Nd5!? 12.Rc1** Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'An attempt to avoid the exchange was too risky as after'

[An attempt to avoid the exchange was too risky as after 12.Ne4?! Nb6 followed by ...a5 or ... c5 Black could begin active operations while White still has not developed his kingside. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'followed by ...a5 or ...c5 Black could begin active operations while White still has not developed his kingside.']

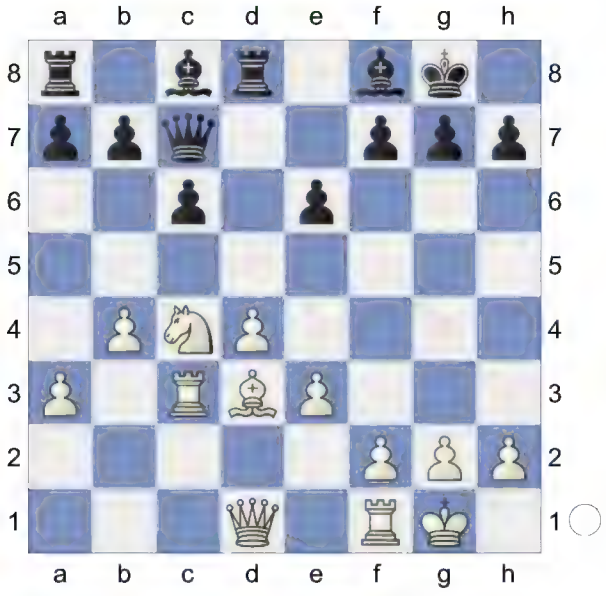
12...0-0 13.Bd3 Nxc3! 14.Rxc3 Rd8

Starting a quite typical regrouping plan for this kind of positions: ... Be7-f8, ... Bc8-d7-e8 and Qc7-e7. Then Black would play ...g6 and use both the a3-f8 and a1-h8 diagonals for the Bishop keeping in mind both the ...a5 and ... e5 breaks. The Queen's Rook can just stay on a8 but can also move to b8 or after ... b6 to c8 to keep in mind ...c5 as well but this connected with some risk as we'll see in the game Janjgava - R. Scherbakov, Odessa 1989. Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'Black could also begin with'

[Black could also begin with 14...g6!? 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Ne5 Qd6 with similar play.]

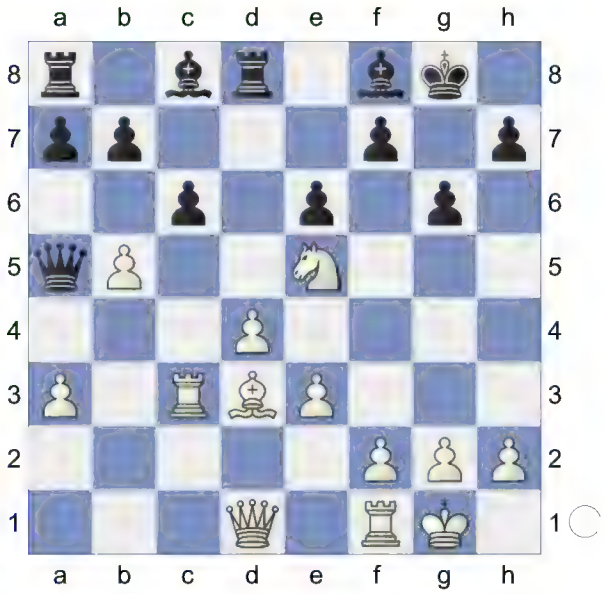
15.0-0 Bf8

[Now 15...g6 was inaccurate as White had the possibility 16.Ne5 Qd6 0.65/19 *(16...Bd6=* 0.27/20 *)* 17.Qf3!?]



Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Now' **16.f4**

[16.Ne5!? deserved attention. Black should have probably played g6 and *(in the case of 16...Qe7?!* White's idea could have been realized: *17.Qc2 g6 18.b5! f6 19.Nf3 cxb5 20.Bxb5* with an initiative*)* 17.b5 could be well parried by *(*now after *17.Qc2* Black had the possibility to decrease effect from possible rook penetration to 7th rank by playing Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'Black had the possibility to decrease effect from possible rook penetration to 7th rank by playing' *Qd6!)* 17...Bd6 *(17...Qa5* 1.20/20 17...Bf8-d6 0.21



did not work because of *18.Qf3!)*

A) 18.f4 -0.69/19 18.b5xc6 0.22 Qa5 0.17/20 *(18...Bxe5!∓* -0.69/19 *19.fxe5 Qa5)* 19.Rb3 c5;

B) 18.bxc6 Bxe5 19.cxb7 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Qxb7 21.Kxh2± and Black has almost equalized. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'and Black has almost equalized.']

16...Qe7

[16...g6!? 17.Ne5 Qd6 also came into consideration. Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'also came into consideration. ']

17.Ne5 Bd7 18.f5?! -0.29/21

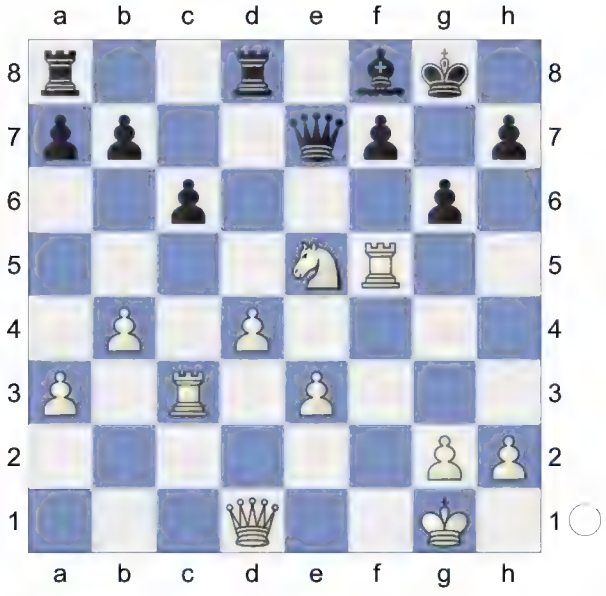
This action makes Black's task easier. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Something like'

[Something like 18.Qb1!? g6 19.Rfc1± was more to the point keeping a typical slight edge. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'was more to the point keeping a typical slight edge.']
[18.Qc2± 0.40/19 g6 19.a4]

18...exf5= 19.Bxf5 -1.61/23
[19.Qf3!∓ -0.37/19]

19...Bxf5-+ Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'A tempting'
[A tempting 19...Be8?! 0.66/20 19...Bd7xf5 -1.63 was too risky at this moment: 20.Bb1 0.25/21 *(20.Bc2± 0.66/20)* 20...f6? 5.55/23 *(20...Rd6=* 0.25/21 and Black is okay. *)* 21.Ba2++- Kh8 22.Qf3? 0.01/20 with the initiative. Scherbakov, Ruslan: 'with the initiative.' *(22.Qb3+-* 5.87/21 *Rd5 23.e4 fxe5 24.exd5)*]

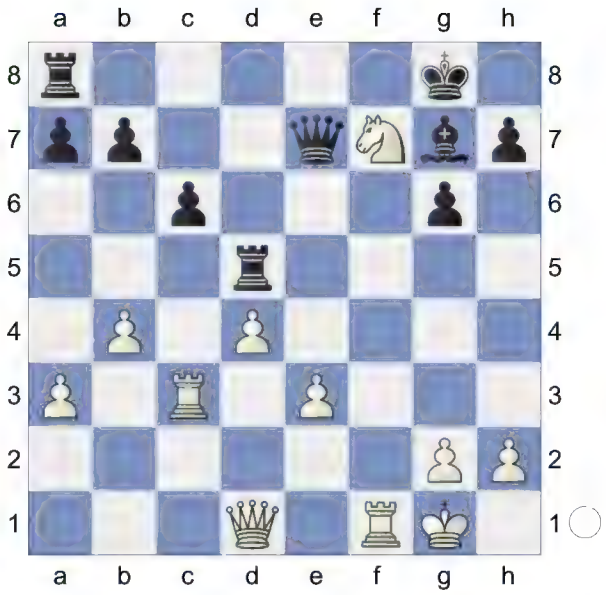
20.Rxf5 g6!
[20...f6? 21.Qb3+ Rd5 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Rxd5+- *(23.Rxc6 Kh8+-)*]



21.Rf1 Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Of course not'. The position is equal.
[Of course not 21.Rxf7?? -1.84/21 21.Rf5-f1 -0.19 Qxe5-+]
[21.Qg4?! allowed Black to get the better of it after f6 followed by ... Bg7 and ...f5. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'followed by ...Bg7 and ...f5.']
[21.Rxf7? is the wrong capture. Qxe5 22.Qb3 Qd5 23.Qxd5 cxd5-+ *(23...Rxd5 24.Rxb7 Rd6 25.Kf2-+)*]

21...Bg7! This strong manoeuvre solves all the problems. **22.Nxf7** Otherwise White is just worse.
[22.Rxf7 Qxe5 23.Qb3 Qd5 24.Qxd5 Rxd5∓ *(24...cxd5? 25.Rxb7 Rf8 26.Re7-+)*]

22...Rd5
[Simple 22...Rf8= was good enough.]
[22...Rf8!? 23.Ne5□ Rxf1+ 24.Qxf1 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Qxe5 26.Qc4+ Kg7=]



Trying to confuse the opponent. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'Simple'. Strongly threatening ...Ra8-f8. **23.Rd3 Rf8 24.Ne5 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Bxe5**
[After 25...Bxe5 26.dxe5 Qxe5 Hoping for ...Qe5-f5+. 27.Rxd5 cxd5 28.Qc1 Kg7 the ending is absolutely drawn. Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'the ending is absolutely drawn.']

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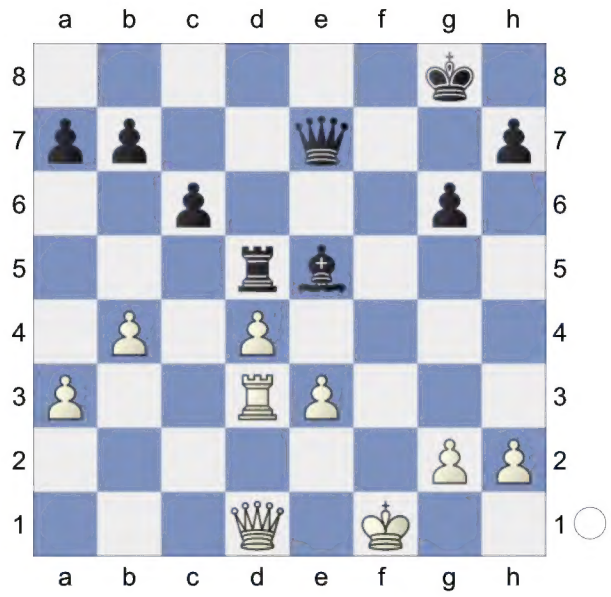

A draw was agreed. In the game I felt myself quite comfortable but was slightly surprised afterwards to hear from my upset-looking opponent that he "failed to realize a big advantage". Scherbakov,Ruslan: 'After'.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

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□ **Gerasimov,V**
■ **Taylor,Te**
Correspondence 2009
[Bryan Paulsen]

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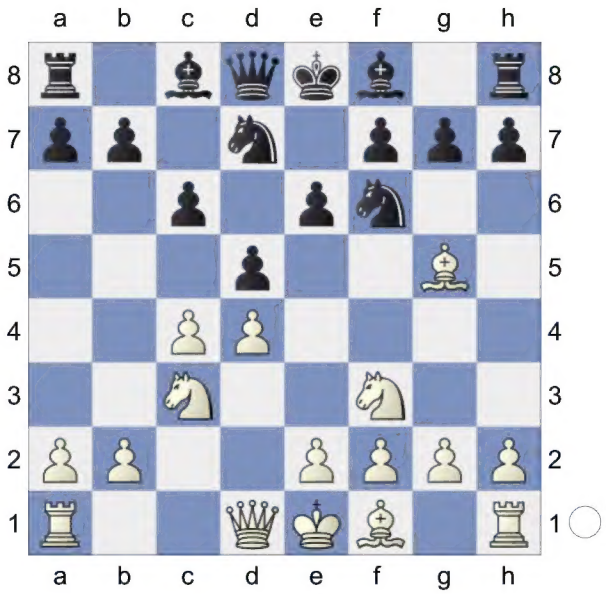
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5
[5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.h3 Ne4 8.Qc2 Bb4 9.a3 Qa5 10.Bd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Be7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.0-0 Re8 15.f4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Qd8 17.Nf3 c5 18.Ng5 g6 19.f5 Bg7 1-0 (35) 21.Qc4 (2584)-Waibel,G (2588) Kautsky mem 6th 1929 (1)]
5...c6



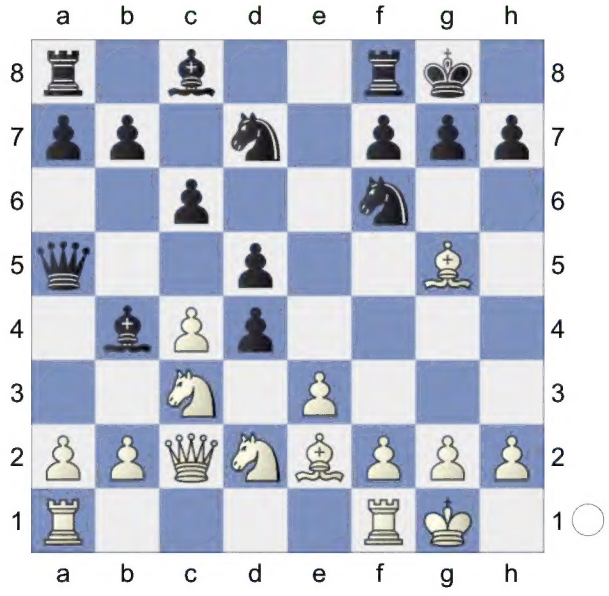
6.e3N
[6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Bd6 *(7...Be7 8.Qc2 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 g6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rab1 Ndf6 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Ng7 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 c5 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Ne6 19.Rfd1 Nxd4 20.exd4 Qa3 21.Rb3 Qd6 22.b6* (54) Queen'S Gambit Carlsbad-Carlsbad Structure Minority 7. Queen's Gambit: Carlsbad (1.d4 d5 2. 2022) 8.Bd3 Nf8 9.Qc2 Ng6 10.Nh4 0-0 11.0-0-0 h6 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Bg3 Bxg3 15.hxg3 Qd6 16.Rhe1 Be6 17.Kb1 Rae8 18.Rc1 Kh8 19.f4 gxf4 20.exf4 Bf7 F-F (59) 10.000 ♗e7 11.g4 5565 (2446)-Duester,T (2436) Wien 41/695 1986]
6...Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 e5 10.0-0! Straightforward development is best in this case.
[Instead, 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.dxe5 Ne4 gives Black just enough counterplay to hold the balance: for example, S.Zylla-P.Daus, correspondence 2007, continued 12.Ndxe4 dxe4 13.0-0-0!?

Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Qxa2 with sufficient counterplay due to the possibility of opening up the queenside.]

[10.dxe5 is a pretty important continuation, but mass simplifications take the sting out of it: Ne4 11.Ncxe4 dxe4 12.Rd1 Nxe5 13.0-0 Bxd2 14.Qxd2 Qxd2 15.Rxd2 Be6 16.b3 . While White eventually managed to win in T.Otterson-P.Stadler, correspondence 1999, the possibility of eliminating the bishop-pair after Ng6! with ...f6 to follow looks completely equal.]

10...exd4

[10...Bd6 allows White to favourably resolve the central tension with 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Nb5 Bb8 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nf3 producing a favourable anti-IQP position. Black's development is poor, and altogether ill-equipped for dynamic play.]



Black attempts to obtain as good a structure as possible as a reward for his impending passivity. **11.Nb3 Qc7** The best that can be said of this choice is that the queen does not present a target here.

[11...Qb6 12.exd4 *(12.Nxd4 Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Bxc4 Qc5 16.Be2 Re8* was satisfactory for Black in G.Tunik-S.Smagin, St. Petersburg 1998; the position has been simplified a bit, and White's kingside pawns are not threatening to mobilize *)* 12...dxc4 13.Bxc4 a5 14.Ne4! Nxe4 15.Qxe4 a4 16.a3 Bd6 17.Bd3 g6 18.Nd2 gave White significant activity and an airy kingside to work against in Zhonghan Ma-Lie Yu, Ningbo 2011.]

12.Nxd4 dxc4

[12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.Bxc4 transposes to the game continuation.]

13.Bxc4 Bxc3 14.bxc3

White's structure has been damaged, but unlike in the variations with 9...c5, Black will find it difficult to exploit. The queenside pawns can still be used as a sort of minority attack, and the unopposed dark-squared bishop is a nuisance. transposes to the game continuation.

[However, 14.Qxc3?! -0.36/20 14.b2xc3 0.21 Ne4 15.Bf4 Qxf4 16.exf4 Nxc3 17.bxc3 would leave White with a structure from which he cannot possibly hope to win.]

[14.Bxf6 simplifies Nxf6 15.Qxc3 Qe7 16.Rfd1]

14...Qe5 The queen aims to find activity on Black's fourth rank while harassing the bishop.

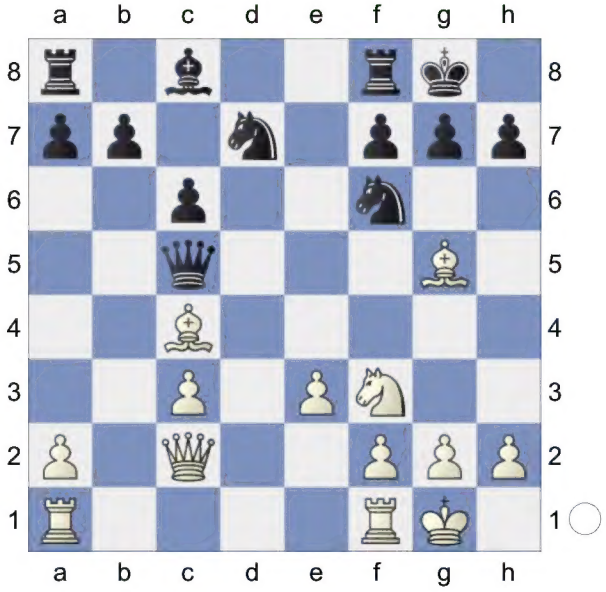
[Instead, 14...Ne5 15.Be2! safeguards the light-squared bishop, and provides for the mobility of the kingside pawn majority: Qe7 16.Rad1 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.f4 Ng4 0.54/22 *(18...Ng6=* 0.03/21 *)* 19.Rf3 Black must now prevent h2-h3. Qh4

20.h3 Nf6 21.Bd3 followed by e4 gave White the initiative in F.Velilla Velasco-M.Seris Granier Gonzales, correspondence 2005.]

15.Nf3 Too slow.

[Instead, the 15.Bf4! Qc5 16.Bb3 of W.Paschall-L.Gonda, Budapest 2006, is quite interesting. After the game's Ne5 worth consideration was 17.h3 providing h2 for the bishop, and preparing the eventual march of the kingside pawns. Relatively passive-looking moves can be strategically beneficial when one possesses the bishop-pair if they safeguard it against threats, or as a means to setting a pawn roller in motion. Of course, this requires the possessor of the bishop-pair to have a solid pawn structure that cannot be targeted. If Black's c-file were open, and he had a pawn on e6, the evaluation would definitely slide more Black's way due to the isolated pawn on c3.]

15...Qc5

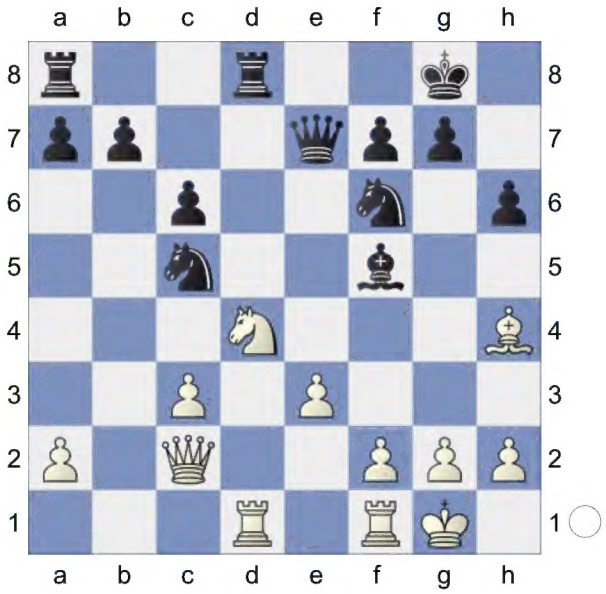


16.Bd3 The most popular retreat, but possessing a slight flaw. On d3 the bishop is exposed, and Black can use this to improve his position.

16...h6 17.Bh4 Qe7 18.Nd4 Nc5 Now the bishop finds itself needing to move again, and Black is more or less okay.

19.Bf5 Acquiescing to equal chances, because without the bishop-pair White can hardly claim anything, and without a mobilized kingside majority the c5 outpost gives Black sufficient chances.

19...Rd8 20.Rad1 Bxf5



21.Nxf5 Qe4 22.Qxe4 The position is equal. **22...Ncxe4 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.f3** The smoke has cleared, and the position is roughly balanced. Despite the simplifications the c-pawn is still not much of a liability.

Inhibits Nf6-e4. **24...h5** Preparing ...g6.

25.e4 Ne8

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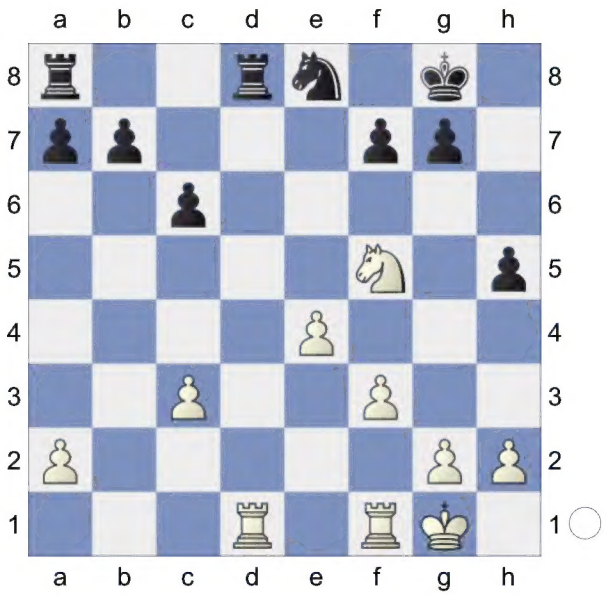
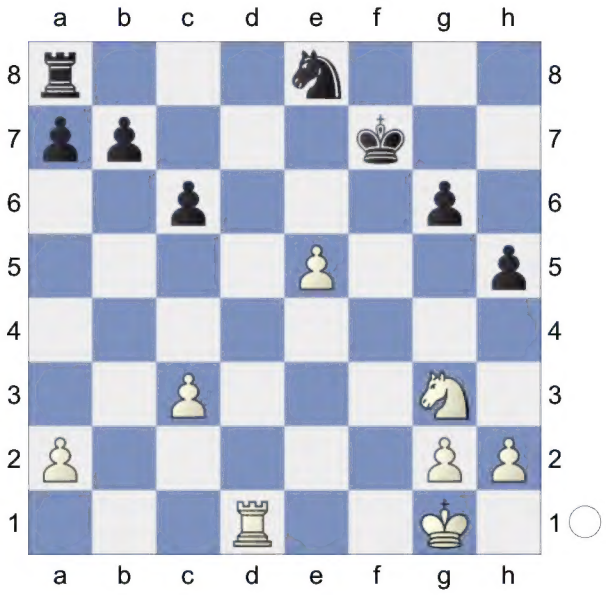
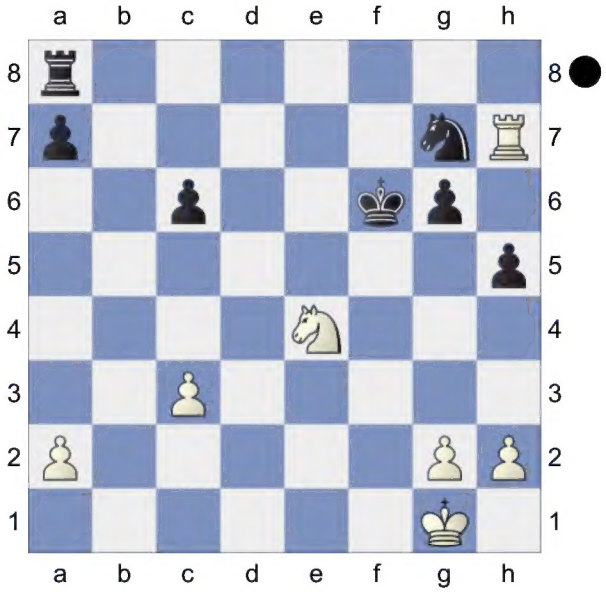


Keeping the white knight out of d6.
26.Ng3 g6 27.e5 f6! Without a strong passed e-pawn it is impossible for White to make anything of his position. The rest of the game is given without comment; Black simply plays actively, and White finds it impossible to generate any significant edge.
28.f4 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 fxe5 30.fxe5= KRN-KRN **30...Kf7!**



31.Rd7+
[31.Ne4!?]
31...Ke6 32.Rxb7 Kxe5 33.Re7+ Kf6
34.Rh7 Ng7 35.Ne4+



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